

Statement by NIHR on International Workers' Day

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On May 1 every year, the Kingdom of Bahrain joins all countries of the world in celebrating the International Workers' Day, in honour of the effective role of workers in the development of countries, and their contribution to their development, as this day is an opportunity to recall the importance of all workers obtaining their rights, in appreciation of their tremendous efforts that contributed to achieving many gains and achievements for their countries.

On the occasion of the International Workers' Day, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) follows-up with appreciation the work environment provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which has worked to preserve and safeguard the rights of all workers without any discrimination, and adopted a number of financial and economic packages that contributed significantly to ensuring the normal continuity of work and promoted the stability of the labour market without any negative effects on workers.

On this occasion, the NIHR highly appreciates the efforts of all the workforce in various sectors in the Kingdom of Bahrain to combat COVID-19, whether by standing in the frontlines within the medical and security teams, or by working in various locations to maintain the continuity of work to ensure the provision of all goods, services and living needs of everyone.

On this occasion, the NIHR confirms the need to continue concerted efforts of everyone, in order to continue working in the spirit of one team to drive the wheel of economic development and overcome difficulties, in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 8 on "Decent Work and Economic Growth", stating at the same time that it will continue to follow-up and monitor adherence to international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are concerned with the promotion and protection of workers' rights.