

## Statement by NIHR on the Human Rights Day

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joins the countries of the world and all human rights organizations and bodies in the celebration of the UN General Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1948, which the UN called "Human Rights Day". The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a historical document that contained a set of inalienable rights, as this Declaration has stated in all its 30 Articles that everyone has the right to enjoy a set of rights regardless of their race, color, religion, gender or language.

On the occasion of the Human Rights Day, this year's celebration comes under the theme "**Recover Better – Stand Up for Human Rights**", in light of the consequences of the spread of COVID-19 suffered by the whole world, focusing on the need to rebuild better by ensuring the essentiality of human rights to recovery efforts, the need to address the failures exposed by COVID-19 pandemic and the need to promote the application of human rights standards to address inequalities, exclusion and discrimination.

On this occasion, the NIHR highly appreciates the responsibility that the Kingdom of Bahrain has taken upon itself to preserve the health and safety of society, and Bahrain's efforts to raise the level of preparedness to confront this virus since its outbreak, by launching a wide range of decisions, precautionary measures and planned preventive measures, which took into account human rights, and which contributed to a large extent in limiting and reducing the negative damage caused by this virus.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it follows-up and monitors the human rights situation during COVID-19, and the commitment to the application of precautionary measures to combat the spread of the virus, through cooperation with all concerned authorities to limit its spread in order to preserve the health and safety of citizens and residents.