



Statement by NIHR on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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The world celebrates the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the March 21 each year to emphasise that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and have the capacity to contribute constructively to the development of their societies. On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) in the Kingdom of Bahrain appreciates the efforts made by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) to bring about lasting peace, which is mainly based upon the right to equality and non-discrimination.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the NIHR in the Kingdom of Bahrain commends the Kingdom's track record in combating all forms of racial discrimination by ratifying and acceding to a number of international instruments and conventions related to combating racism and racial discrimination.

On this occasion, the NIHR in the Kingdom of Bahrain believes that the establishment of King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, which embodies the principles drawn from the history and civilisation of the Kingdom throughout its ages, reveals the wise leadership's interest in consolidating the approach of moderation and rejecting fanaticism through spreading love and peace among human beings.

On this occasion, the NIHR in the Kingdom of Bahrain calls on all parties to cooperate and reduce inequality and combat racial discrimination in all its forms, stating that it is working at the same time to make more efforts with all partners and stakeholders locally and regionally in order to promote and protect human rights, consolidate their values and spread awareness of them.