



Statement by NIHR on the World Environment Day

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On June 5 each year, the world celebrates the World Environment Day in order to urge everyone to carry out activities at the global level to preserve and enhance the environment and increase environmental awareness. This year, the occasion is celebrated under the theme “**Biodiversity**”, which is the basis that supports all forms of life on earth and beneath water, since biodiversity affects every aspect of human health.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) commends the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the field of protecting and preserving the environment and the natural resources, since Bahrain’s Economic Vision and Strategy 2030 states that economic growth should not be achieved at the expense of the environment and the safety of citizens in the long term.

On this occasion, the NIHR appreciates the government’s directives on examining the environmental situation in different regions, verifying air quality levels and the extent of adherence and commitment to the standards and requirements imposed by the government to reduce pollution from factories and industrial facilities and to ensure that they remain within safe global limits, and developing the necessary proposals and recommendations to reduce the risks of any industrial pollution that threatens the safety and health of citizens.

On this occasion, the NIHR calls on all citizens and residents to take the entire responsibility for preserving the environment, especially in light of the current conditions of COVID-19, in order to support all nationwide efforts to address the pandemic.