





## NIHR's Statement On the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons

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On the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, observed globally on July 30th each year, countries including the Kingdom of Bahrain commemorate this day to highlight that human trafficking is a grave crime that exploits women, children, and men for various purposes such as forced labor and sexual exploitation. This day also serves to raise awareness and prompt actions to combat this phenomenon.

For this year's World Day against Trafficking in Persons, the United Nations has chosen the theme "Leaving no child behind in the fight against human trafficking". This theme emphasizes the importance of protecting children and illuminates the various forms of human trafficking, including begging, forced labor, crime, and sexual assault. Recent statistics reveal that one in every three victims of this crime is a child, with a majority of these children being girls.

On this occasion, the National Human Rights Institution (NIHR) acknowledges the significant efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain in combating this crime and safeguarding children, as highlighted by the U.S. Department of State's report that ranks countries on their efforts to combat human trafficking. This report, which assesses the situation in 188 countries, underscores Bahrain's prominent international status in this field, noting that the Kingdom has maintained the first tier status for the seventh consecutive year.

Furthermore, the NIHR reaffirms its commitment to monitoring and ensuring compliance with international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain that pertain to combating human trafficking. It advocates for the continual development of laws and regulations related to combating human trafficking, especially in light of technological advancements that facilitate easier communication between traffickers and victims. The NIHR also stresses the crucial role of families in educating and protecting their children from trafficking, acknowledging their fundamental role in upbringing and protection.

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