

Qatar's NHRC and Tajikistan Partner to Boost Human Rights Cooperation

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Doha, October 11 (QNA) – The National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) of Qatar has formalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Human Rights Commissioner of the Republic of Tajikistan to deepen bilateral cooperation in human rights promotion, public services quality, and good governance. The agreement was signed during the International Conference on the Protection of Journalists in Armed Conflicts, co-hosted by NHRC and Al Jazeera Media Network's Center for Public Liberties and Human Rights. The two-day event drew a broad spectrum of international experts, jurists, and human rights practitioners. Her Excellency Maryam bint Abdullah Al Attiyah, Chairperson of NHRC, emphasized Qatar's dedication to bolstering international partnerships to elevate its human rights engagement globally. She stated that Qatar's recent cooperation agreements have enhanced its role in upholding international human rights norms, including adherence to

the Paris Principles and other key frameworks.

Under the MOU, Qatar and Tajikistan will exchange information and publications regarding protection of fundamental freedoms, including media freedom, and monitor compliance with international treaty obligations. The agreement also commits both sides to joint operational and research initiatives, media and awareness campaigns, applied scientific conferences, seminars, and capacity-building training programmes.

Additional provisions include bilateral consultations on human rights and public service rights, exchange visits, and training to share best practices across bilateral and multilateral platforms. These efforts are intended to reinforce institutional mechanisms at local, national, and regional levels and expand collaboration with national human rights institutions, ombudsmen, and international organizations.

On the margins of the conference, NHRC officials met with prominent figures including Mohamed Al-Obaidi, member of the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances; Abdelmajid Mrari, Director of the MENA Division at the French Development Agency (AFD); Dr. Samia Bouroba, member of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the AU Commission on International Law; and Khaled Miri, Secretary-General of the Federation of Arab Journalists. The international delegates praised the NHRC's initiatives, especially regarding the vulnerabilities faced by journalists in conflict zones.

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