

NHRC Chairperson: Qatar Adopts Many Moves to Implement Right to Food



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Doha, March 18 – The State of Qatar has made significant strides in ensuring the right to food, as highlighted by HE National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) Chairperson Maryam bint Abdullah Al Attiyah. She emphasized Qatar’s National Food Security Strategy 2030, which integrates human rights, sustainable development, and climate change. Al Attiyah made these remarks during an NHRC-organized seminar in commemoration of Arab Human Rights Day, attended by UN offices

in Qatar.

The NHRC has been a strong advocate for humanitarian efforts, partnering with organizations like the Qatar Fund for Development, Qatar Red Crescent, and Qatar Charity to provide food to those affected by conflict and natural disasters. Al Attiyah stressed that these efforts align with Qatar's contributions to the Arab Charter on Human Rights and global treaties, supporting the realization of the right to food.

Highlighting the importance of global collaboration to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2 – ending hunger – Al Attiyah underlined the interconnection between food security and other human rights, notably the right to life. She called for a focus on best practices and addressing challenges through global cooperation.

Dr. Abeer Al Khraisha, Director of the UN Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region, discussed the interconnected nature of human rights and food justice. She explained that UN human rights mechanisms, such as the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, play a crucial role in highlighting state challenges and supporting national efforts.

World Health Organization (WHO) Representative Dr. Rayana Bou Haka expressed concern over the worsening humanitarian crises in Sudan and Gaza, emphasizing the urgent need for global solidarity and humanitarian funding to avoid further food insecurity and famine.

The seminar also saw the release of a book by HE NHRC Vice Chairman Dr. Mohammed bin Saif Al Kuwari on the right to food amid climate challenges. The book offers insights into how climate change impacts food security and provides recommendations for sustainable solutions.