

## Qatar Hosts Ground-breaking Workshop on Combating Human Trafficking



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Experts Highlight Qatar's Human Rights-Based Approach in Addressing Global Challenges

Doha, May 18, 2025 — The National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, in collaboration

with the National Human Rights Committee, hosted its first basic training workshop titled

“Combating Human Trafficking through a Human Rights-Based Approach: Prevention, Protection, and Rehabilitation.” Held under the slogan “Our Humanity is One: Dignity and Justice for All,” the event underscored Qatar’s commitment to eradicating human trafficking through strategic policies and global cooperation.

The workshop targeted a broad spectrum of law enforcement and support professionals, including police officers, public prosecutors, judges, Ministry of Labor staff, as well as doctors, social workers, and psychologists. Key governmental and humanitarian organizations such as the Ministry of Social Development and Family, Qatar Red Crescent, Qatar Charity, the International Institute for Family Development at Qatar Foundation, and the Humanitarian Care House also participated, reflecting Qatar’s collective approach to addressing human trafficking and safeguarding human rights.

In his opening remarks, H.E. Sultan bin Hassan Al-Jamali, Secretary-General of the National Human Rights Committee, highlighted Qatar’s proactive measures to combat trafficking, despite its strategic location as a tourism and labor hub. He emphasized that Qatar remains one of the safest and most effective nations in preventing human trafficking due to advancements in legislation and the establishment of visa centers in labor-exporting countries. Al-Jamali reiterated the NHRC’s role in monitoring developments, providing insights on legislation, and

enhancing public awareness.

Sarah Abdullah Al-Saadi, Deputy Chairperson of the National Committee for Combating Human Trafficking, emphasized that the workshop aligns with Qatar's leadership directives to bolster human rights and combat trafficking. She noted its significance in implementing the National Strategy for Combating Human Trafficking (2024–2026) and the National Human Rights Committee's Strategic Plan (2024–2030). Al-Saadi called for stronger concepts of prevention, protection, and rehabilitation, underscoring the need for well-trained national capacities and enhanced institutional awareness. She highlighted Qatar's efforts in providing a safe environment for migrant workers and vulnerable communities.

Dr. Abeer Khreisha, Director of the United Nations Training and Documentation Centre for Human Rights for South-West Asia and the Arab Region, warned of the increasing risks of human trafficking, especially for marginalized groups. Citing global statistics, she noted that 50 million people live in modern slavery, with illicit profits from forced labor estimated at \$236 billion annually. Khreisha praised Qatar's workshop initiative as a testament to its commitment to global human rights standards and its strategic role in international cooperation.

Jassim bin Yousef Al-Kuwari, Deputy Director of the United Nations Centre for Combating Cybercrime, highlighted the technological evolution of trafficking networks. He emphasized that

Qatar's UN Regional Center for Combating Cybercrime actively supports member states by enhancing digital analysis, legislative development, and international cooperation. He also pointed out that Qatar's robust cybersecurity measures help in identifying and preventing digital exploitation linked to trafficking.

The training workshop reinforced Qatar's strategic commitment to human rights and combating human trafficking, setting a global example of prevention, protection, and rehabilitation through collaboration and innovation.