

Briefing on the National Action Plan (2024-2026) of the National Committee to combat human trafficking

The National Committee to combat human trafficking issues a national action plan every three years based on the outputs of national and international reports and recommendations to combat human trafficking and in line with the laws and legislations in the Sultanate of Oman. The National Committee to combat human trafficking follows up the implementation of the National Action Plan on a semi-annual basis, under the direct supervision of the chairman of the committee and in coordination with all concerned authorities.

The main objective of the National Action Plan to combat human trafficking (2024-2026) is to strengthen the efforts of the Sultanate of Oman in preventing, suppressing and punishing human trafficking in all its forms and providing the necessary protection to victims, based on the Anti-Human Trafficking Law issued by royal decree (2008/126), and the ratified international conventions and protocols.

The National Action Plan (2024-2026) is based on four axes: **Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Regional and International cooperation**. The action plan through the prevention axis aims to strengthen precautionary measures to prevent human trafficking by raising

awareness of the risks of the crime of human trafficking, reviewing national legislation related to combating human trafficking, and developing the capabilities of first responders through training programs in order to identify all forms of victims of human trafficking. In the protection aspect, the action plan aims to identify, protect and assist victims of human trafficking in accordance with the best international standards by providing comprehensive protection and assistance to victims of human trafficking.

As for the prosecution aspect, the action plan aims to strengthen the rule of law for the criminal justice system through an integrated system for collecting evidence, investigating and prosecuting cases of human trafficking. The current plan also focuses on the axis of regional and international cooperation in order to strengthen regional and international cooperation in combating the crime of human trafficking through the signing of bilateral memorandums of understanding in the field of combating human trafficking, as well as highlighting the efforts exerted in the Sultanate of Oman in addressing the phenomenon of human trafficking at the international level, in addition to exchanging experiences and knowledge on best practices in the field of combating human trafficking.