A Reflection on Human Rights

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Each one of us deserves to be born in this world. Each one of us has the right to be aware, care and knowledge and be listened. It is very much disgusting to hear from television news, radios and newspapers regarding human rights abuses, which include the use of extreme violence. Most of our constituent nowadays are very much hostile and tend to ignore the right of other individual by just aiming for their own happiness in spite of all the regulations that we have in our country.

Every individual must be treated equally. As a human being we need love and respect to achieve just and fair treatment. Human right abuse includes murder, rape, child labor, torture, unlawful searches, arrest and violation of the international law. These are some of the examples of human right violation here in our country.

For me, what is happening in our country has something to do with the kind of environment, people and so with the kind of government and leaders that we have right now. We cannot stop this kind of human right abuse but we can lessen this kind of act by means of educating our constituent and by giving proper disciplinary action to those who are culpable of this kind of act and it is also the obligation of the parents to teach/guide their children to the right path.

But somehow, human rights became overprotected to the one who committed the crime. If the victim does not have a good lawyer, human right became invalid to the one who supposed to be benefited of human rights.