

HUMAN RIGHTS AS AN ORDINARY CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY: MY PERSONAL VIEWS

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At this point of my life, I wondered if such rights (HUMAN RIGHTS) really do exist in our country. I mean, yeah it's true that all our rights are documented, but for most of us, it's just a written document and it is never realized. Take for example: our right to live a decent life is even not a reality for many of us Filipinos. How many of our countrymen are living in horrible situation? Like, where in the world can you see that a family exists in the heart of a cemetery when it is supposed to be a place and sanctuary of the dead bodies of loved ones, but many of our countrymen seek refuge from this place. In an interview over a television one of them admitted that it is safe to stay here (in a cemetery) rather than in the community. Why? Asked the reporter. It is because no one violates our right here us individuals. The people here are all quiet and peaceful. It sounds funny but it's true.

What are the rights that are commonly violated when we stay in normal community? Sleeping as a rule of the thumb is a very basic right of a human. But how can you sleep if your neighbors start to tune up his magic sing and start singing till dawn? Huh! What an unmerciful world. Tsk tsk tsk...Human Rights – how elusive you are! My right to access government assistance for community development as a religious tax payer of this country is also very volatile. I need not elaborate it as many of us are victims of ghost officials in their respective offices. In short, you can never avail it unless you do a dramatic action for you noticed, then you will get that access that you need. That's precisely what happened to the Luneta bus hostage taking, getting lives of the Chinese nationals. A dramatic action indeed.

Well, in ending it will take quite a while for human rights to be fully implemented in this Land of Promise.