

Human Rights in the Philippines

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Is there a proper implementation of human right laws in our country? Human rights, particularly the right to life and liberty, are violated In the Philippines. I believe that this prevalent problem is primarily due to political power, positions and riches. It can be observed that it not only brings injustice to people but it also poses Increasing dilemma in our country.

Firstly, violation of human rights has become progressively more frequent and visible for everyone. The Maguindanao Massacre has alarmed the whole world of how political power generated greed that led to 0 horrifying murder of a number of individuals few months ago. The hostage drama at Quirino Grandstand has decreased trust of foreign tourists to visit the Philippines. The extrajudicial killings of criminals and the accused have also increased mistrust to our PNP and military. The unending fights between the Abu Sayyaf group and the military have cost countless lives including innocent civilians. These are but few examples that have scored people not only in this country but also peoples around the globe.

Secondly, the implementation of human rights laws In the Philippines is quite weak. Social Welfare Survey in 2007 revealed that the Philippines ranked top 3 in the world in terms of murder cases. This is just to show that the implementing bodies of the human right laws such as the Department of Justice, Notional Bureau of Investigation; Subsidiary Courts; Trial Courts and Philippine National Police do lack competence and efficiency in carrying out their tasks of implementing these laws religiously and conscientiously. They lack the monitoring system in the enforcement of laws which leads to a reluctant and idle implementation. Thus, violation of human right laws, specifically the right to life and liberty is very conspicuous and evident.

Finally, justice in the Philippines is quite delayed which results to denial of cases. Many rich and powerful personalities who were accused of murder cases, heinous crimes and drug trafficking were freed from imprisonment because they had enough money to use for bail or to pay handsomely to the authority in order to save themselves from shame and questionable reputation. With this system and practice, poor victims are at loss because they are unfortunate enough to have resources to fight for justice. Thus, poor ones are not given what is due to them. They remain clamoring and craving for Justice which seems impossible to take place.

These factors have startling effects. Research studies show that people who become victims of such violation live in fear, depression, and oppression. They no longer believe in the

potentials or capabilities of our government. They remain hopeless and dejected. On the other hand, the powerful and the rich oppressors live in luxury and fame. They manipulate the authorities and the worse of all they accumulate riches from corruption. In effect the Philippines is undergoing crisis which leads to increasing financial constraints, and economic downfall.

In conclusion, there are many reasons for the increasing, number of Filipino suffering from human rights violation. Victims must be given justice, to alleviate their situation from depression. Moreover, the government must be on the go to strengthen the human rights implementation in the Philippines.