

HUMAN RIGHTS AMONG OFW

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What really **HUMAN RIGHTS** means?

The basic rights and freedoms, to which all humans are entitled, often held to include the right to life and liberty, freedom of thought and expression, and equality before the law.

It is the right of every individual to be treated with profound respect, Equalness and protection. Every child born in this nation has the right to be born, to be given shelter and meet the basic needs of the child, and the right to be loved and cared. Every individual in this nation has the right to seek protections against destruction and scrutiny, to be treated with Equalness, appraisal and protection...

But what really means **HUMAN RIGHTS** among OFW

As we know that working abroad means earning a dollar, to work in the foreign land to support their family needs, they are called the bagong bayani in the Philippines, because of the money they can give to our nation, as we know the Filipino are one of the most flexible and adoptable people in the world, for their being accommodated, calm and caring attitude. But what really happen in the foreign land to our fellow Filipino?! It is always been the old scenario when a Filipino being maltreated, abuse and even murder, you see how human rights easily being violated?! What are the actions of our country to stop this and to protect our fellow Filipino abroad? This is the best example that I can share I saw in the television an interview to a domestic helper being maltreated by her employer, accordingly she was abuse, insulted and being starved to death by her employer, to able to escape she jump to the window in a 3rd floor condominium, luckily she survived, she had been amputated in her right knee, but until now her case still on the process.

(Courtesy of GMA)

Human rights violation has been the problem of our nation in the past till at present the government should be vigilant and watchful in this matter because all individual can be the victim of this IN HUMANLY ACT, it can be in other form like discriminations in women, indigenous minorities, against disable patient, religious affiliation and belief, and racial discrimination as well.

We can change this by giving awareness to our fellow Filipino here in Philippines and in abroad, that working in abroad doesn't mean that they should be martyr in this situation, they should seek protection in the Philippines embassy, to be brave to fight this discrimination among the Filipino, it should always be start to our self then the others will follow,

We should always respect the right of every individual, not being bias to their position, and we should really avoid discriminating the cultural practices, and religious affiliation and belief of others. The government should make a move in stopping these human rights violations, by implementing right laws and penalties to those whose offense is liable to crime.

BECAUSE IN OUR GOD EYES WE ARE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, we should not dwells in this inhumanly act.

My Allah blesses us all!!!