

## **PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

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On this day peace and human rights is no longer a fact because if you say peace no one should be fighting. I think you've seen neighbor fighting, almost all of us experience that. Is that what we say peace? In the other country many people die because of war.

We have to work together if peace is really what we want in this world. We must care for each other. Help each other so that no war and fighting will occur. Peace is not attainable if the right of each individual is not respected. When we say right, it is often referred to the human rights as the law maker calls it. The laws of the land may be considered as perfect, it is the implementation and sustainability that I am in doubt of. Not only in the Philippines but in other nation as well, law maker sometimes becomes the law breaker, merely because they know every inch of the provisions that includes the gray areas and loop holes. That's the bitter part of the governance.

In partnership with some civil societies, the commission of human rights (CHR) is trying to put the rights of every individual in correct perspective. But without the government's sincerity in implementing the laws of the land, other agencies like this are useless because everything will just end up in debate. Then after long debate, involved parties will only realize, nothing was done to correct or address the problem or conflict. Hence, the problem remains as is, nothing improved. Instead, some situation becomes worse after debate. The sad part is that, every activity like this, the funds of the government is consumed.

Sometimes, rebel and protesters cannot be really blamed of uprising. Their actions are triggered by a reason or two; something that the government or people with power has done to hurt their emotions or something very demeaning on their part. Then this rebellion causes poverty. Poverty leads to hunger, hunger to illness, and illness to suffering.

Without respect to human rights, where is peace? I hope I can find the answer after obtaining my tertiary education.