

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Peace describes a society or a relationship that is operating harmoniously and without violent conflict. Peace is commonly understood as the absence of hostility or the existence of healthy or newly healed interpersonal or international relationships, safety in matters of social or economic welfare, the acknowledgment of equality and fairness in political relationships.

In international relations, peacetime is the absence of any war or conflict. The study of peace also involves the causes for its absence or loss. These potential causes include: insecurity, social injustice, economic inequality, political and religious radicalism, and acute racism and nationalism.

As a Filipino citizen of the Philippines, I am a proud Filipino. Even though conflicts have happened in many parts of my country still I don't feel me ashamed to be one of its citizens. I came from Visayas and decided to move in Mindanao. I've heard that Mindanao is not an ideal place to live with because of its histories in many brutal killings and the conflicts between the Muslims but I told myself there is only one way to find out, it is to experience it to myself. It's been three/now since I moved in Mindanao, particularly in Ipil, Zambanga Sibugay. I told myself that all the speculations are very far from the truth. I traveled many places around this continent of the country and yet people are very dear compared to my old place. People respect each others' right, and promote a very simple and healthy living compared to the other places in the Philippines.

The recent Maguindanao killings give a very bad image to the whole world but people are being judgmental because for me, the very bad incident that leads to hundreds of people's death doesn't mean that all the places in Mindanao are dangerous. All speculation should be end by means of being open minded for all us, Filipinos. In fact among the lands of the Philippines, Mindanao is a very rich land when it comes to terrestrial, cultures and tradition that every Filipino should be proud of.