

## **Human Rights in news black out**

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News black out has something to do with hiding some information that has not to be published in the public. **Media blackout** refers to the censorship of news related to a certain topic, for any reason.

A media blackout may be voluntary, or may in some countries be enforced by the government or state. The latter case is controversial in peacetime, as some regard it as a human rights violation and repression of free speech. **Press blackout** is a similar phrase, but refers specifically to printed media.

Media blackouts are used, in particular, in times of declared war, to keep useful intelligence from the enemy. In some cases formal censorship is used.

But most probably they tend to block the rights of the people to know what's happening in the society. News is very applicable for every one because through news they help people to be more aware and be updated. In this country transparency should be exercised as to what the government is doing and planning. Especially when we talk about the budget it should be clear and concise. Every person has the right to be informed. But sometimes they tend to block the news by simply having a media black out due to some interference. Something to do with top secrets that they won't allow to the people to know like for instance the hostage taking or some other high profile crimes.