

## **Reaction on Human Rights Issues**

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There are instances when I think that Human Rights issues are used by other people to gain advantage over the authorities and over other people. There are times when human rights violations are so blatant but the authorities are looking through it as if it's not there. There are times the media overdo their broadcasting of human rights issues and this becomes an avenue for other people to develop negative concepts about what human rights really are.

Human rights are inherent in all of us. We have the right to live, the right to property and the right to move in a peaceful and stable environment. We all have the right to live our lives according to how we want it as long as we don't step on other people's feet. But as we see it, there are people controlled by greed and overwhelmed by power that they trample on other people's rights as if theirs is more important than that of the multitude. Human rights violations and other issues concerning the same are popular or shall I say, "Overused." What is worse, in a society where people use it to insist what they want, it becomes a common word, not anymore revered.

Let's say for example, squatters. It is not as if I have something against squatters it is just that, there are legitimate procedures that are being put aside just to accommodate them. Sometimes, it becomes now a trend to squat, anyway they can always use human rights violation as a cushion against reprimands and legal actions. If squatters have rights, don't land owners also have rights? Sometimes people in power who violate human rights are given all the protection and their crimes being profusely denied. There are those victims who are already dead yet no relief for the crime committed against them has cropped up. Even though, all evidences lead to obvious persons yet, are we just playing dumb here or what?

I feel discouraged and depressed because issues like human rights are not to be just tossed around like a piece of bread. My reaction towards those people who create issues using human rights as front are very disagreeable. What gives them the right to do that? We are all bestowed with rights but we should not over use it and abuse it. We should not use it to gain what we want for personal interest. How I wish I can make people listen and tell them to act accordingly. How I wish that my voice, small as it is, be given the right to be heard by them who are culprits in abusing human rights.