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2- What exactly are human rights?

a- Rights to life

b- Right to basic necessities of life

c- Right to freedom of expression

d- Rights of women.

How is the issue of human rights is sensitive and controversial?

a. Violation of human rights in the name of curbing the menace of terrorism.

b. Violation of rights of women

c. Violation of human rights in the name of religion.

d. Violation of rights of children.

3- Suggestions for the protection of Human rights

a- National action plan and violation of human rights.

b- Establishment of military courts.

Human Being is born with certain natural rights. Those rights basic to humanity are ~~termed~~ termed as "Human Rights".

Broadly speaking, they may include right to life, right to food, shelter, justice, practice of religion, education, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and allied practices of customs and beliefs. These rights are everywhere granted ~~to~~ in the name of law.

"Whenever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being whatever may be the sex or complexion"

William Lloyd Garrison

To deny people their human rights is to ~~challenge~~ ~~deny~~ in the name of national pride, political necessity, chauvinism and obscurantist national

agenda is to challenge their humanity.
As Mandela said,

"Injustice is threat to justice every
where".

The Quran upholds the sanctity of human
life for all people for all time to come,
there being no special privilege for those
of noble birth, no royal prerogative, no
diplomatic immunity and no discrimination
on the basis of father or wealth.

If anyone slew
A person - Unless it be
for murder or for spreading
Mischief in the land

It would be as if

He slew the whole people (V-32)

Related to the right of life is the right to
safety of life. Praising the act of saving life
in the verse quoted above, ALLAH adds

And if anyone saved a life
It would be as if he saved

The life of the whole people (V-32)

Saving a life may take many different forms such as providing medical facilities to seriously ill or wounded persons, feeding a starving man or rescuing him from being drowned or burned in a fire etc.

Similarly, The concept of freedom of expression in Islam is much superior to the western connotation, as Islam not only allow freedom of speech but elevates this fundamental right to the position of an obligation. Islam makes the distinction between right and wrong, proper and improper and makes it a duty for every muslim to promote all that is good and eliminate all that is bad and evil, preferably by using force, or failing

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this then by verbal protest, and if
neither be possible, then by condemning
it in the heart, which the prophet
regards as "the weakest" manifestation
of Iman. In Islam enjoying good
and prohibiting evil is not possible
without giving the right to freedom of
expression to its believers.

Another very important human right is
Right of Privacy. As the Holy Prophet (PBUH)
also advised Muslims not to enter even
their own houses suddenly or surreptitiously,
lest they come across their own women-folk
in informal dress. The Prophet (PBUH)
used to say "when you suspect something,
do not investigate". In another tradition
of the Prophet (PBUH), concealing the secrets
of others is highly commended, and the
act has been compared in merit to bringing to

the surface of the girl buried alive.
However, there are some factors that
causes violation of human rights.

Right to life is often violated by the
exploitation of backward sections of the
society especially scheduled caste and
scheduled tribes.

An estimated 5000 women are killed per
year from domestic violence, with thousands
of others maimed or disabled. (endemic in all
social spheres, by Lisa Hajjar)

Similarly, Freedom of speech and expression
is guaranteed to all citizens of Pakistan
albeit with certain restrictions that
include glory of Islam, law and order
and national security. These restrictions
have often been violated against different
groups of people such as minorities, journalists

human right activists etc, It has been (8)
observed that exploitation is resulting
in piling up of cases like blasphemy,
missing persons and targeted killings.
A thorough assessment showed that
there is a dire need to address
ambiguity about certain clauses in the
constitution to avoid any exploitation.

Similarly, sometime the right to practice
religion is violated. As in Bosnia
and Herzegovina, despite being a
secular country, wearing the hijab and
other religious symbols are banned
in courts and other institutions.

Presently, Muslim women employed in
judicial institutions are prohibited
to wear hijab to work (Arfa Javid Article
Jagan Josh)

Abduction, Arbitrary arrests, detentions, assassinations and torture often follow violation of human rights.

However, there are some suggestions which can be useful for protecting human rights

Firstly, maintain a democratic governance and rule of law. The government of Pakistan should guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of all human defenders in Pakistan.

Government should conform in all circumstances to the provisions of the Declaration of Human Rights Defenders adopted on December 9th, 1998 by the United Nations General Assembly. In particular Article 1, which states

that everyone has the right, individually or in association with others, to promote the protection and realization of human rights and fundamental freedom at the national and international levels.

Article ~~12.1~~ 12.2

which states that

"The state shall take all necessary measures to ensure the protection by the competent authorities of everyone, individually and in association with others against any violence, threats, retaliation, de facto or de jure adverse discrimination, pressure or other arbitrary action as a consequence of his or her legitimate exercise of the rights referred to in the present Declaration."

Secondly, United Nations have ~~def~~ to established mechanisms to promote and protect these rights and to assist states in carrying out their ~~responsibility~~ responsibility.

Thirdly, stay connected with social movement is also a good step against human rights violation. Through this everyone can help other or able to get help. Through these social movements one can easily speak up against discrimination or violation and can convey the message to entire world.

In the end, Although the issue of human right is most fundamental, sensitive and controversial but I hope by adopting these suggestions

The issue can easily be
addressed and the entire
world become a peaceful place.