

Human rights are the first casualty
in any conflict

Outline

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II. Why human rights are important

III. How human rights become the
first casualty in any conflict

A. Conflicts lead to loss of human
life (mass murder, genocide)

B. Loss of shelter or house

C. Economic losses i.e. loss of
business, livelihood.

D. Poor law and order and
security situation in war torn
state.

E. Mental health of people is
compromised.

F. Moral corruption in society
takes place

• Equality before the law

G. Threat to democratic government

H. Surge in crime against women

I. Food insecurity and malnourishment.

J. Right to have education is compromised as schools are demolished.

K. Hospitals are demolished, health of individuals are compromised.

L. Internet disruption and ban on medicine

M. (Clean) environment is distorted

N. Clean water and sanitation is not available.

O. War prisoners and hostages

Conclusion

Ramla was an aspiring young girl. She wanted to join NASA's Space Exploration programme as she has already done effective research in this field. She was unable to fulfil her dreams as she was killed in an attack by Israel on Gaza. "Life" is a fundamental human right as many others. No one should be deprived of achieving their dreams. Human rights should be granted to every individual irrespective of their nationality, religion, and gender. Humanity has seen many conflicts since its inception and the first outcome of these conflicts is the casualty of human rights. In this world of moderation and advancement, the gross human right violations are taking place. The constitutions of almost every country and the UN ^{universal} declaration of Human Rights have guaranteed the protection of human rights but in reality, human rights are not protected at large. There are evidences of genocide

to life, livelihood.

inequality, religious exploitation, gender-based violence, ethnic cleansing, lack of freedom of expression and lack of equal opportunities are prevalent. Recent violence (genocide) of Palestinians despite the warning of UN shows that there is a need to reform this character and hold countries accountable.

Human rights are the first casualty in any conflict as it leads to loss of life, liberty and dignity.

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Human rights are the rights such as right to life, livelihood, shelter etc. These rights should be given to everyone irrespective of their nationality, religion or gender. Every human is entitled of these rights and violations of these rights by any individual or country is punishable offense. Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights says, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights." This shows that all human beings are equal and are given equal rights and opportunities.

Human rights are important because they give humans a sense of belonging and protectiveness. Human rights bound countries to follow these guidelines and protect people. The establishment of human rights and the debate to fulfill them has inculcated sense of dignity in humans and elevated the status of humanity. The preservation of human rights has averted many conflicts.

In the world. In Israel war on Gaza South Africa has taken the use of international Court of Justice. The case is still under process. The genocide.

To have shelter is the fundamental human right but in conflicts many people are deprived of their houses and they are bound to live in concentration camps. Due to Israel war on Gaza many Palestinians have lost their homes and belongings and they are bound to live in camps with minimum facilities. In northern areas of Pakistan, fight against terrorists like Zarb-e-Azab has displaced many individuals but this was for the better cause to demolish terrorists, but still people suffer.

Life is a precious belonging and life of every individual should be protected. In conflicts, many innocent people lost their

lines as if their life has no value. It has been seen in the history that how mass murder of people took place or ethnic cleansing took place for worldly aims and aspirations to get power and resources. Many people have lost their lives in global conflicts like, War on terror. Pakistan alone has lost 70,000 people to war on terror, Iraq war, Middle East crises etc. Let alone in Israel war on Gaza 27000 people has lost their lives.

The area that is affected with conflict sees poor law and order and security situation that directly affects the lives of people. People are insecure about their life and belongings that area becomes vulnerable to many criminal activities that affects peoples life. People of the area takes law into their hand and decide matter for

themselves. According to UN, "Everyone has right to life, liberty and security of a person."

People living in conflict zone has (~~important~~) drawback that their mental health is compromised. Mental peace is human right and it is as important as physical health, but unfortunately, this has not given the deserve priority.

People living in conflict zone has effected people in many way, and sometimes a life long trauma is attached to them. Significant proportion of conflict affecties are children. They are robbed of their innocence, and fundamental human rights.

Moral corruption in society takes place where the conflict is present. People use unfair means to meet their need and even oppress others to fulfill their desires. This type of society becomes intolerant and people take laws in

hands. Religious exploitation also happens on the hands of opportunists. Minorities are further oppressed in these areas. They are not allowed to profess their religion and fulfill their religious needs. In Israel vs Hamas war Mosques and churches are even targeted. The people of majority and authority deprive others of their religious and moral rights.

Conflict directly affects the smooth functioning of government. In most of the cases, conflicts result in the transition of democratic government to autocratic government or military dictatorships. This act further oppresses the already oppressed people. Conflicts turn countries into security states and proper civilian governments are unable to govern internally. Military takes over. In countries like Pakistan, due to security state status, Pakistan military is at the driving seat, Pakistan has seen three martial laws.

W Women rights are compromised in conflict torn areas. Crime against women are common in wars. Women are being marginalized community are dual target of oppressors. Women are raped in conflict torn areas. They are made captives, trafficking is common practice. They are inflicted by gender based violence like torture and killing. Moreover, reproductive health of women are compromised.