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We are continuing with our series of contributions on new human rights challenges and new developments affecting political, economic, social and environmental challenges in the 21st Century and what these mean for human rights and capacity building. We invite our readers and alumni to contribute.

- This issue we highlight an article by Jodesz Gavilan, [The Deafening Silence of ASEAN on Human Rights Violations](#). Gavilan describes how the non-interference principle that governs the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leads to inaction on human rights violations rampant among its member-countries. He quotes Human Rights Watch Deputy Director for Asia, Phelim Kine:

“For the foreseeable future, it (... a more aggressive stance against human rights violations) will be a non-starter because the authoritarian and abusive governments that make up much of ASEAN see no gain to advocate for and be subjected to human rights benchmarks”

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PROFILES AND NEWS OF DTP ALUMNI

- [Mirza Satria Buana](#), DTP alumna from the 2011 Indigenous Peoples Program has completed her thesis, *State Courts, Traditional Dispute Resolution and Indigenous Peoples in South Kalimantan*
- [Dev Chandra Rai](#) appointed Coordinator of the National Network for Safe Migration, Nepal
- [Lucille Abeykoon](#) from Sri Lanka reports on her visit to Dili District Court in Timor Leste and what can be learnt from Timor Leste

- [Sumita Rabidas](#) has received an award from UNDP Bangladesh for her contributions as Youth Leader promoting human rights in Bangladesh
- [Subash Mohapatra: NHRC orders Gujarat government to pay Rs 5 lakh to kin of dead tribal man](#)
- [Patricia Rigby](#), Research & Policy Officer at Northern Land Council (2004/2008 DTP Alumna)
- [Prakash Khadka](#), Coordinator for Quality Management & Communications at Caritas Nepal (2011 DTP Alumnus)
- [Ranjan Kurian](#), Project Manager at HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation – Sri Lanka (2015 DTP Alumnus)

WORKING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - NGO PROFILES

- [Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago \(AMAN\)](#) - dedicated to promoting and defending Indigenous Peoples' rights in Indonesia
- [FORUM-ASIA \(Asian Forum for Human Rights & Development\)](#) - dedicated to promoting and defending human rights in Asia

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- [UN Democracy Fund Call for Project Proposals](#)

DTP'S THEMATIC PRIORITIES

Human Rights and Business

- Indonesia: [Anti-gold mine protester faces up to 12 years in jail for allegedly violating anti-communism laws](#)
- Australia: [Government will not move ahead with developing a national action plan on business and human rights](#)
- Indonesia: [Report says Coca-Cola Amatil violates workers' right to organise](#)
- Special Rapporteur: [Enabling environments for businesses and human rights defenders are connected](#)
- [BHP opposes Minerals Council of Australia's war on activist rights](#)

Indigenous Peoples' Rights

- [Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous peoples presented at UNGA Third Committee](#) (video)
- [Impact of climate change on Indigenous peoples](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Development](#) (17 January – 27 February, 2018)
- Minority Rights Group: [Peoples under Threat](#) – map highlighting countries most at risk

Migrant Workers' Rights

- [DTP Monthly Migrant Workers Rights e-Bulletin. Issue No 7 is available here](#)
- [Pacific Islands Civil Society Consultation on Migration Governance and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration](#)
- [ILO clears Qatar over treatment of migrant workers](#)
- [Qatar introduces minimum wage for migrant workers](#)
- ['Civil society statement – Asia and the Pacific' at the ESCAP Regional Preparatory Meeting on GCM](#)
- [Cause of death: Unknown](#) - numerous deaths of Nepalese migrant workers in Malaysia
- [Qatar announces significant labour reforms for migrant workers, technical cooperation agreement with ILO; rights groups call for follow-through on implementation](#)
- [ILO calls on nine ASEAN countries to ratify convention to protect domestic workers](#)
- [ASEAN Leaders commit to safeguard the rights of migrant workers](#) and a response ['Landmark' ASEAN pact for migrant workers may only 'look good on paper'](#)

Women's rights

- Women Peacebuilders from the MENA Region: [Shrinking Civil Society Space due to Countering Terrorism Financing](#)

- UN Resolution on [systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)
- [Shouting their Pain Out Loud: Women Activists Decry Sexual Violence in ASEAN after 50 Years](#)
- [The report of SR in the field of cultural rights on impact of fundamentalism and extremism on the cultural rights of women](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – GENERAL NEWS

- [UN Secretary-General, António Guterres raises the issue of intimidation and reprisals against human rights defenders](#)
- High Commissioner for Human Rights: [‘Peace cannot be obtained in the absence of human rights protection’](#)
- [Australia: UN Human Rights Office Launch Event Global standards for business to tackle LGBTI discrimination](#)

SDGs

- [New report outlines how business can help achieve SDG 16 and build just, peaceful and strong institutions](#)

UPR

- [Application Form for UPR Pre-session 29 \(12-15 December 2017 TBC\)](#)
- March 22 2018 deadline for stakeholder submission for 31st session of the third UPR cycle: [China](#), [Malaysia](#); 21 June 2018 for 32nd session: [Cambodia](#), [New Zealand](#), [Vanuatu](#), [Viet Nam](#)

Development

- [The Right to Development - Report of the Special Rapporteur](#)
- Philippines: [Citizen groups file historic complaint against World Bank for allowing funding of coal-fired power plants despite social, environmental & climate commitments](#)
- [World Bank Guidance Leaves Rights Loopholes](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – REGIONAL NEWS

- [ICSW Declaration on Climate Induced Displacement](#)
- [UN experts urge ASEAN summit to address regional human rights concerns](#)
- [Regional civil society movement upset over ASEAN leaders’ inaction on human rights abuses, territorial conflict and people’s rights](#)

HUMAN RIGHTS – COUNTRY SPECIFIC NEWS

Australia

- [UN calls refugee policies "shocking" and "disturbing"](#)
- [UN Human Rights Office Press Briefing on Manus Island](#)
- [Humanitarian emergency at 'Australia's Guantanamo'](#)
- [UN takes Australia to task over archaic fines laws that resulted in Ms. Dhu’s death in custody](#)
- [High Court strikes down Tasmania’s excessive anti-protest laws](#)
- [Statement of Support for an Australian Modern Slavery Act](#)
- [National Survey on Exploitation of Temporary Migrants in Australia](#)
- [Australians vote in massive numbers for marriage equality](#)

Bangladesh

- **Take action:** [Disappearance of human rights defender Dr. Mubashar Hasan](#)

Burma/Myanmar

- [Experts of the Independent International Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar conclude visit to Bangladesh](#)

- HRW: [Drop Case Against Kachin Religious Leaders](#)
- Fortify Rights: [End Judicial Harassment of Journalist Swe Win](#)
- [Rights experts 'deeply disturbed' after Burma fact-finding mission](#)
- [Release 14-Year-Old Ethnic Ta'ang Boy Wrongfully Convicted, Allegedly Tortured](#)
- **Take action:** [Murder of land rights defender Mr. Htay Aung](#)

Cambodia

- [Rights Group Blasts Facebook Over Testing of New Feature in Cambodia](#)
- [Government stifles labour movements, proposes law to rid of special labour councils](#)
- [Cambodia Supreme Court dissolves opposition CNRP party](#)

China

- **Take action:** [Human rights defender Li Yuhan detained incommunicado by Shenyang police](#)

Malaysia

- FIDH: [Release Anwar Ibrahim, arbitrarily detained for 1,000 days](#)

Pakistan

- [Enforced disappearance of Baloch human rights defender Mohammad Nawaz Atta](#)

Philippines

- **Take action:** [Six Indigenous rights defenders arrested during military raid](#)

Thailand

- Fortify Rights: [Release Asylum Seekers Detained in Raids](#)

Vietnam

- HRW: [Drop Charge Against Student Activist Thai Nguyen](#)
- **Take action:** [Three human rights defenders arrested after meeting the EU Delegation in Hanoi](#)

NEWSLETTERS/REGULAR PUBLICATIONS

In this section, we list contributions that appear on a regular basis that may be of interest to our readers

- [Burma Human Rights Network Monthly Situation Updates Registration](#)
- [Vietnam Human Rights Defenders Weekly](#)
- [Bangladesh Human Rights Monitoring Report, monthly from Odhikar](#)
- [AWPA Sydney News](#) from the Australian West Papua Association (AWPA)
- [Australia Asia Worker Links](#)
- [United Nations Democracy Fund Monthly Newsletter](#)
- [Kapaeng Watch](#) from Bangladesh
- [Hurights-Osaka: Asia Pacific Human Rights Information Center](#)
- [INDIA NEWS - A publication of the India Committee of the Netherlands](#)
- [HREA Upcoming E-Learning Courses](#)
- [Stop Child Labour Newsletter](#)

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