

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ERITREA

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UPR Info Pre-sessions

Introduction

- Name: Helen Kidan
- Organisation: Eritrean Movement for Democracy & Human Rights
- Started in 2003
- Registered as an NPO in 2004 in South Africa
- EMDHR has been working with

Human Rights Issues

- No previous UPR recommendations have been implemented from the last cycle
- Deterioration of the human rights abuses inside Eritrea in part because of the impact of the Tigray War
- Look at four thematic issues: Freedom of Association, Assembly, Expression and Religion.
- Look at the Ongoing Human Rights violations
- Situation of Civil Society Organisations

Thematic Areas

- Freedom of Association, Assembly and Expression. These have been vastly curtailed by the Eritrean Government
- Freedom of Religion; Abune Antonios Patriarch of the Eritrean Orthodox Church died 9 February 2022 at the age of 93. Bishop of Catholic Church detained for over two months. Arrests of Muslims and evangelicals
- No due process of law and all those arrested have not had any legal representation or been in front of a court.

Thematic Areas

- Indefinite National Service - The ongoing abuses that continue for those who do national service with no recourse to justice
- Independent Civil Society Organisations: The lack of an enabling environment in Eritrea has meant that there are no independent civil society organisations operating inside the country

Recommendations

- Immediately implement the 1997 constitution
- Repeal Proclamation 145/2005 & allow independent CSO's to operate
- Ensure that National Service is limited to 18 months & conditions are humane
- Permit people to practice their faith without fear and persecution. State to stop interfering in matters of religion

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