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What's at stake: To recognize the UDHR as the common standard for human rights everywhere and the United Nations as the chief structure for their realization. Learn about the UN, urge your representatives to support its good programs for all people.

See: UN/USA, Amnesty International, Human Rights Newsletter, Bill of Rights DAY Newsletter (Dec. 15), Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, Vegetarian Action (animal rights), the numerous newsletters about UN organizations.

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2014 Theme: Human Rights 365

"I call on States to honour their obligation to protect human rights every day of the year. I call on people to hold their governments to account."

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 10 December as Human Rights Day in 1950, to bring to the attention 'of the peoples of the world' the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

This year’s slogan, Human Rights 365, encompasses the idea that every day is Human Rights Day. It celebrates the fundamental proposition in the Universal Declaration that each one of us, everywhere, at all times is entitled to the full range of human rights, that human rights belong equally to each of us and bind us together as a global community with the same ideals and values.

Today is Human Rights Day. For the UN, it's every day.

Chris Whatley, UNA-USA membership@unausa.org via uark.edu
James,

Today—Human Rights Day—people all around the world are gathering in support of human rights for all. But for the UN, every day is Human Rights Day as it works tirelessly to ensure people everywhere are afforded the universal human rights.

This year, the UN has taken important steps for human rights, especially in advancing LGBT rights and gender equality. This includes a new resolution on LGBT rights at the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Free and Equal Campaign reaching more than 1 billion people, and the launch of UN Women's HeforShe campaign.

Here are some ways you can get involved so your community or campus knows about the vital human rights work the UN does and how they can support it:

- Attend a local UNA-USA event in your community.
- Submit an op-ed to your local newspaper for Human Rights Day.
- Raise awareness of the UN's human rights work on social media.

As we mark the 66th anniversary of the UN General Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, let's make sure we all do our part to guarantee, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Thank you for continuing to help us tell the UN's story, today and every day.

Chris Whatley
Executive Director, UNA-USA
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Funding gap looms amid efforts to tackle ‘twin plagues’ Ebola, ISIL, warns UN rights chief
16 October 2014 – Combating the “twin plagues” of Ebola and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), while addressing the largest number of forcibly displaced people since World War II amid budget cuts is like “being asked to use a boat and bucket to cope with a flood”, the United Nations’ new human rights chief told journalists in Geneva today.

In his first briefing to the press since taking up the four-year post on 1 September, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein said he was “shocked” that just six weeks into his job, he already had to look at making cuts and “battle” to find resources.

**The twin plagues of Ebola and ISIL both fomented quietly, neglected by a world that knew they existed but misread their terrible potential**

“Our operations are stretched to breaking point in a world that seems to be lurching from crisis to ever more dangerous crisis,” he said, warning that when the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) “cannot afford to put people on the ground – to monitor, to report, to train, to advocate – the cost may be high.”

“The twin plagues of Ebola and ISIL both fomented quietly, neglected by a world that knew they existed but misread their terrible potential,” Mr. Zeid said.

“Human rights are not an airy ideal,” he stressed, adding that underestimating the critical importance of human rights is what plays in creating crises in the first place.

The global response to Ebola must therefore be focused on the right to health, to education, to sanitation, to development and to good governance. Only a response that is built on respect for human rights will be successful in crushing the epidemic.

We must also beware of “us” and “them”, a mentality that locks people into rigid identity groups and reduces all Africans – or all West Africans, or some smaller, national or local group – to a stereotype, Mr. Zeid said. It is wrong to dehumanise and stigmatise people.

OHCHR is currently drawing up guidelines on quarantine, because, if imposed and enforced injudiciously, quarantine can very easily violate a wide range of human rights.

Turning to what he called, “the antithesis of human rights”, Mr. Zeid said ISIL – or, as he referred to it, the Taqfiri group called “Daech” in Arabic – believes “justice is to commit murder”. It spares no one. Not women, not children, nor the elderly, the sick or the wounded. No religion is safe, no ethnic group.

“The way [ISIL] has spread its tentacles into other countries, employing social media and the internet to brainwash and recruit people from across the globe, reveals it is to be the product
of a perverse and lethal marriage of a new form of nihilism with the digital age,” said the High Commissioner.

As ISIL and Ebola gain ground, it is “deplorable” that the UN office responsible for human rights cannot fulfil the dozens of pending requests for human rights advisors and only receives around 3 per cent of the UN regular budget. The UN human rights office (OHCHR) is at least $25 million short of its needs this year, Mr. Zeid said.

“We are asking for less than the amount Americans are forecast to spend on costumes for their pets at Halloween in a few days, time – and that includes my family who live in New York,” the High Commissioner added.

Prior to 2013, it was unusual for there to be even two “mandated tasks” OHCHR was providing support to. But now, there are “no fewer than six of these under way”, including support missions for the Human Rights Council and an increasing number of fact-finding missions requested by the Security Council.

“In other words, the Office is stretched to its limit,” Mr. Zeid said, adding that some desk officers are obliged to cover seven or eight countries and to support multiple independent human rights experts and committees.

“We are already sparing back everything we can, and services are starting to suffer. States come to us asking for technical assistance programs, but is becoming increasingly likely that we will turn them down,” he said.

These include programmes to help vet security and police personnel and train them to respect human rights and refrain from torture.

The Office is, however, investigating alleged human rights violations and abuses in Iraq, Mr. Zeid said, reiterating his call to the Government to consider acceding to the Rome Statute to accept the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court.

We intend to issue another update count of reported deaths in Syria before the end of the year, he added. As it stands now, over 200,000 deaths have been reported since March 2011.

The High-Commissioner also expressed concern over continuing conflict in Yemen, Libya, and recently in Gaza, and said that his Office is engaged in "serious dialogue" about myriad human rights issues in Bahrain and Egypt.

In Africa, conflicts and violations, including sexual violence continue in South Sudan, the Central African Republic, Sudan, Somalia, Nigeria and Mali, worsening the already chronic poverty.

In Asia, he said that the “appalling and protracted” human rights situation in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) is on international radar thanks to the efforts of the International Commission of Inquiry, established by his predecessor Ms. Navi Pillay.

He also spotlighted the perils faced by migrants in the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and the
Americas, many of whom continue to die in their desperate efforts to find a better, more dignified life.

Meanwhile, there is an alarming increase in the number of major political parties in European and other industrialised countries proposing, and on occasion implementing, regressive and even abusive migration and xenophobic policies.

Mr. Zeid concluded his first press conference on a positive note however, saying: “Notwithstanding everything I have just said…it seems to me that the broad trajectory of humanity is a positive one and that in an increasing number of communities and countries, all human beings are seen as fully equal in dignity”.

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7. ICPD - Human Rights Conference - Join Us

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New Paths for Action to Stop Human Rights Violations in the United States
By Ann Fagan Ginger
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Congress member Barbara Lee will give the House of Representatives in early March reports of 30 types of human rights violations by the US Government since 9/11. And she noted the failure of the Government to report these violations on time and accurately as required by a human rights treaty ratified in 1992 by the Senate at the request of President George Bush: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Activists can use this treaty to strengthen their work against the war, the PATRIOT Act, capital punishment, surveillance by the NSA, FBI, and BICE, torture and illegal detentions at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo, violations of basic rights of Katrina survivors, and on many other issues. They can ask for action by their city councils and
county and state governments against their violations of the human rights set forth in the ICCPR.

We have been doing this in Berkeley, California since 1990, and it has helped on many issues.

Now Representative Lee's statement opens a new path for activists all over the country working for electoral reform, saving Social Security and health care, job training for youths, and every other human rights issue at the local and national levels. Her statement was based on the comprehensive report detailing 180 recent actions/inactions by the US Government compiled by Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and published in "Challenging US Human Rights Violations Since 9/11," in March 2005. The Berkeley City Council voted to submit copies of the reporting book to the US State Department and to each member of the UN Human Rights Committee, the UN Committee Against Torture and the UN Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination. MORE


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Jan 9, 2009 - Find out how to undo the Bush-Cheney legacy and how to use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as law. This book party for “Undoing ...

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destruction, degradation and disruption of Mother Earth, putting life as we know it today at risk through phenomena such as
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convinced that in an interdependent living community it is not possible to recognize the rights of only human beings without
causing an imbalance within Mother Earth;

affirming that to guarantee human rights it is necessary to recognize and defend the rights of Mother Earth and all beings in
her and that there are existing cultures, practices and laws that do so;

conscious of the urgency of taking decisive, collective action to transform structures and systems that cause climate change
and other threats to Mother Earth;

proclaim this Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth, and call on the General Assembly of the United Nation to
adopt it, as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations of the world, and to the end that every
individual and institution takes responsibility for promoting through teaching, education, and consciousness raising, respect
for the rights recognized in this Declaration and ensure through prompt and progressive measures and mechanisms, national
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   www.gaiafoundation.org › Earth Law › Earth Law Network

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9. **World People's Conference on Climate Change - Wikipedia, the free ...**

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   Conference topics included a **Universal Declaration** on the Rights of Mother Earth, a World People's Referendum on Climate Change, and the establishment of a ...

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