

The Status of Human Rights Defenders in Armenia



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The Situation of Human Rights Defenders in Armenia

- In its last UPR in January 2015, Armenia accepted all recommendations specific to human rights defenders (HRDs).
- Defamation campaigns to stigmatize HRDs and discredit their work in Armenia from 2015 to 2018.
- Challenges remain in many areas with respect to guaranteeing the freedom and security of HRDs.

Limited Public Support for Human Rights Defenders

- Freedom of peaceful assembly
- Freedom of expression
- The lack of response of the State regarding the protection of human rights defenders

Human Rights Defenders Facing Particular Risks

- Women Human Rights Defenders
- LGBT Human Rights Defenders
- Environmental Activists
- Political and Civil Rights Defenders

Recommendations:

- to conduct a high-level public campaign in support of human rights defenders with the official and public condemnation of attacks on human rights defenders and their families when they occur;
- to carry out an independent prompt, effective and impartial investigation into attacks on human rights defenders and end the atmosphere of impunity against human rights defenders;
- to register and compile statistics of threats and attacks against human rights defenders, along with information relating to their investigation and rates of prosecution.

Thank you

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