

# The Illusion of Human Rights

In the last few decades, the world has seen an escalation in calling for equal human rights. World leaders, in order to appease the masses, allocate a day here and there, for the people to shout out their pains and thus cool their fervour. Arise the next morning and its business as usual.

Infringement and usurpation continues from the side of those in power while the masses feel really proud of themselves for standing up for the oppressed nations of the world.

Yet Palestine remains under brutal occupation, Afghanistan rages under the fires of war, innocent victims languish in prisons, and the unwary masses sleep easy, content that they have stood up for Human Rights.

When Allah's Beloved ﷺ came into this world, it was ablaze with every tyranny, corruption and evil that man is capable of. Yet when He ﷺ passed away, His legacy of Sahaabah رضي الله عنهم, showed the world such an exemplary code of rights, that even a non-muslim citizen had the right to take on the Muslim ruler in the court of law.

Rights and justice were tangible realities in glaring contrast to the hollow sentiments they represent today. This Ummah was created to personify and vividly display the meaning of justice and fairness to mankind. But as the poet laments, we have strayed very far from our purpose.

**Wither have you gone O Muslim, the world laments,  
Where are the beacons, the lanterns of spiritual intent?  
Arise from your slumber and sincerely repent,  
For the oppressed are crying and the tyrants hell-bent.**

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