

SDG 16 : Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 16: Peaceful, Just And Inclusive Societies: The Role Of Institutional Reform

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SDG Indicator 16.A.1

National human rights institutions

Definition: Indicator 16.A.1 is the existence of independent national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles.

Are we up to the mark?

-independence

-bite in recommendations and actions?

Reforms to strengthen SUHAKAM is in the pipeline



Target 16.3: Promote the rule of law and ensure equal access to justice

SDG Indicator 16.3.2

Unsentenced detainees

Definition: Indicator 16.3.2 is unsentenced detainees as a proportion of overall prison population.

- **Prison : 73k prisoners. Is 35% over populated?**
 - 40% : remand**
 - 40%: drug related offences**
- **Major policy shift will change the overcrowding issues**



Target 16.5: Substantially reduce corruption and bribery

UN definition: Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms.

-Rohingya contacted me about RM300 (USD70) for a phone call
-Wife of detainee in police lockup asked to “settle “ RM5000 (USD1200) to release husband by an agent. If not threatens more torture will happen.

Serious Efforts in Cleaning Up government agencies :MACC and new Ombudsman Office



Target 16.9: Provide universal legal identity definition: By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration.

More than 1 million undocumented in Sabah?

Its not popular but it must be done for every human being to have a legal identity.

Access to other rights like education and housing are linked

Govt move to legalise 600,000 through temporary passes is a good start



Target 16.B: Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies

UN definition: Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development.

- Race based policies must go and replaced by need based policies (affirmative action still a human right concept)*
- Employment in civil service must be more mixed*
- Inclusive politics must be nurtured and enforced*
- Incitement to hate with violence must be criminalised*



Recommendations :

No picking and Choosing

When people can **exercise their human rights**, they can **stand up for themselves** and for each other, they are **empowered to shape the decisions** that impact their lives. Human rights stand for **equality, for participatory and inclusive societies** that **dismantle the structures of discrimination which drive poverty and inequality**. Empowering people means **moving beyond purely technocratic solutions and treating people as passive objects of aid or charity**. People are empowered when they are able to claim their rights and to shape the decisions, policies, rules and conditions that affect their lives.



-Reform the laws:

Abolish the Sedition Act 1948, Prevention of Crime Act 1959, Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984, and the mandatory death penalty

Abolish draconian provisions in other laws, such as portions of Sosma, the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012, and the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015.

Eradicate racism in Malaysia

- National Harmony Commission
- Incitement to hatred/violence
- Enough of 2nd class citizenship rhetoric

Dignity for all even those unseen

- needs to be treated decently lock ups/prison/immigration centres
- buckets system must end
- custodial medical units available in police lock-ups
- no more torture





Thank You

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