



Freedom of Peaceful Assembly

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UN UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW 40TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY IN UGANDA

INTRODUCTION:

This document contains recommendations excerpted from the joint report submitted to the UN Universal Periodic Review 40th Session of the UPR Working Group submitted on 15th July 2021 by Civicus, Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI), Justice Access Point (JAP) and African Institute of Investigative Journalism (AIJ). The recommendations herewith seek to address concerns relating to freedom of peaceful assembly in Uganda.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Allow peaceful assemblies to take place in line with Uganda's human rights obligations and stop using violence to disperse public gatherings organized by members of the political opposition and civil society groups.
2. Take measures to guarantee the right to peaceful assembly and avoid abuses in police activities and, if such abuses occur, ensure that they do not go unpunished.
3. Amend the Public Order Management Act, 2013 to ensure the freedom of peaceful assembly in line with international human rights standards.
4. Extend a standing invitation to UN Special Procedures, particularly the Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association.

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