



Judicial Persecution

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE UN UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW 40TH SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP ON JUDICIAL PERSECUTION, HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION OF CSO MEMBERS AND HRDS 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 the judicial persecution of Human Rights Defenders in Uganda.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Stop the practice of arbitrarily arresting, detaining and persecuting HRDs in response to their human rights activities.
2. Ensure that government officials and members of the security forces respect the rule of law and guarantee to protect HRDs and their organisations, particularly when they file reports of threats against their lives and organisations.
3. Ensure that CSOs and HRDs can operate in a safe environment and that all allegations of Intimidation, harassment and violence are fully investigated.
4. Review restrictive provisions of the Penal Code that are used to target journalists and ensure they are in line with Uganda's domestic and international human rights obligations.
5. Respect, protect and promote the human rights of all, without discrimination on any grounds, including sexual orientation, gender identity or same-sex relationships between consenting adults.

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