

DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

RIGHTS OF HRDs

The United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders emphasises that everyone **HAS THE RIGHT** to work on or engage in **PEACEFUL ACTIVITIES** aimed at the **PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS**.
(Article 1, 11)

KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER (HRD) IS CRUCIAL. By knowing them, you can take action to protect yourself and your community from rights violations and abuses.

KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS

COMMON FORMS OF HARASSMENT AGAINST HRDs IN ASIA, AND THE ARTICLES IN THE DECLARATION THAT HRDs CAN USE TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS

TRENDS OF HARASSMENT



YOUR RIGHTS

Some states arbitrary arrest people for joining and/or organising peaceful protests



Right to freely assemble in order to address human rights violations (Article 5, 12.1)

It is common for some states to impose lengthy registration processes for NGOs, and arbitrarily revoke NGOs' licenses



Right to participate in any organisations or groups working on human rights (Article 5)

In certain states, people are targeted simply for discussing human rights issues publicly



Right to develop, discuss and promote human rights ideas and principles (Article 7)

There are a few states that restrict HRDs' access to resources that enable them to pursue their human rights work



Right to receive and use resources from anywhere to support human rights work (Article 13)

FORUM-ASIA recognises the need to address the on-going violations against and criminalisation of HRDs, who play a key role in ensuring that everyone's human rights are protected and fulfilled. To this end, on the 20th year anniversary of the Declaration on HRDs, FORUM-ASIA is producing visual materials that emphasise the importance of HRDs and their contributions, the rights they have, and the responsibilities of others towards HRDs, under the Declaration.