

Religious Freedom is a Central Human Right

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Religious freedom is an absolutely central human right. It is a litmus test of all other human rights because, when this central right is abused, other rights are abused as well. Under communist regimes religious freedom suffers the most.

International law defines it as a freedom of thought, freedom of conscience and freedom of religion. When these deepest dimensions of one's personal freedom are not respected, human dignity is disrespected. And the same applies to subsequent freedoms such as freedom of expression, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom of association, and so on. There is a nexus between dignity and religious freedom.

In my mind, heart, and activities I stand with the UPF in its struggle for justice and true religious freedom. I firmly stand with those freedom-fighters who are convinced that "Victory over Communism" is possible and it is inevitable for a more human 21st century. Thank you all for raising your voice in defense of the persecuted, the defenseless and the voiceless.