

Human Rights Day.

Why is this day so important? Many have asked. We do not only celebrate our rights as humans, equally but we also celebrate the icons that made it all possible.

It all started with the Sharpsville massacre, an event held on the 21st of March 1960 at the police station in the South African township of Sharpeville in the Transvaal. A crowd of about 5 000 to 7 000 protesters went to the police station. The police then opened fire on the crowd, killing 69 people. This day is not there to only remember the ones that died for our rights but also to remind us that we should never go back to the times where ones opinion did not matter or when one did not feel welcome or being forced to do something that they feel as if they do not have the right to say no to.

We all have rights, and it is important for us to realise that. Let us lead a life where we do not see skin colour, where we are all brothers and sisters walking in faith and love and in such a way that we never lose hope and we are constant in everything we do.

That is why we, as South Africans should not take this day for granted and dismiss it and say that it is just another public holiday, and do our best to educate more people and tell them why this day is so important.

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