

## **Human Rights Issue: Why Is This Issue So Serious?**

Today the US and other Western countries are increasing the intensity of crackdown on the human rights of the peoples of their countries, including their socio-economic and cultural rights as well as political freedom and right.

In the US, the number of whose population accounts for 5% of the world population, there are prisoners whose proportion accounts for 25% of the total number of prisoners in the world. Today, when the world is dashing to scale a new peak of human civilization, medieval torture and other kinds of human rights violation are being committed in the prison camps in the US.

Racial discrimination in the US, a self-acclaimed model country in the human rights field, is cutting a wide swath under official and open patronage.

The chain murder of innocent young black people committed by white policemen recently threw the whole world into consternation.

Many working people bereft of the rights to existence and labour are wandering about in the streets as unemployed in the US and other Western countries.

Extreme selfishness, misanthropy and such crimes as murder, robbery, rape, prostitution, racial discrimination and discrimination and maltreatment of the American Indians and immigrants are prevalent in the American society, making people live in constant fear and discomfort.

Under the signboard of “defending human rights” the US launches aggressive wars, enslaving peoples of other countries and openly interfering in their internal affairs, and thus violate their human rights. These aggressive wars not only trample upon their sovereignty but also claim the lives of their peoples, threaten their right to existence and restrict their socio-economic and cultural progress. Typical examples are the armed aggression against Grenada, air campaign against the former Yugoslavia and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The US has set up secret prison camps in various parts of the world, abducting people and torturing them in these camps. In the prison camp in the US naval base in Guantanamo Bay 160 persons are still groaning.

The drone attacks committed by the US are claiming many lives in Pakistan, Yemen and other countries.

The indiscriminate phone tapping and e-mail stealing by the US which have been exposed recently are illegal acts of espionage and, at the same time, brazen-faced violation of human rights. Until now the US has set up phone-tapping facilities in over 80 places across the world, and wiretapped the telephone conversations of not only presidents and other high-ranking

officials of their allies but also ordinary citizens by enlisting the National Security Agency and other intelligence organs.

Picking a quarrel with the “human rights issue” in the countries that are following the road of independence, the US and other Western countries are interfering in their internal affairs, toppling their legitimate governments and suppressing human rights in these countries. These days the US and other Western countries are egging on international organizations to kick a fuss about the “human rights issue” in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. This, in essence, is a serious act of aggression aimed at overthrowing its system and government. This is aggravating the situation in the Korean peninsula and the region surrounding it.

Many countries in the world still suffer from internal conflict and unrest, their peoples’ right to life being seriously threatened. One of the major reasons of this is that the US and other Western countries are aggravating the situations and attempting to fish in troubled water by capitalizing on the conflict and unrest. Many countries are experiencing economic difficulties and their peoples’ right to existence is being seriously threatened because of the economic sanctions and blockade imposed by the US and other Western countries.

The human rights issue is getting more serious and complicated as the days go by owing to the US high-handedness, arbitrariness and double standards. These days dialogue and collaboration for the promotion of genuine human rights on the international scale have disappeared, and high-handedness, arbitrariness and double standards produced by the political interests of some countries are cutting a wide swath. In disregard of the principles of mutual respect, trust and benefit and noninterference in other’s internal affairs, they are unilaterally demanding “cooperation” and “collaboration” in the field of human rights so as to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

It is a matter of course that cooperation and collaboration among countries are needed to resolve the human rights issue. However, these cooperation and collaboration must be subject to the commonly recognized principles of international law and must not be used as a precondition for interference in others’ internal affairs.

The US and other Western countries are making this issue more complicated by bringing it not only to UN and other international political organizations but to international economic and trade organizations. International economic and trade organizations are discussing human rights issue, which is irrelevant with economic and trade issues, and this brings about sharp antagonism among countries. This is a stark reality of today.

The fact that US releases a “human rights report” every year and adopts federal laws against other sovereign states shows how far its high-handedness, arbitrariness and double standards have gone. It has made public such report this year again, in which it claimed that China, Russia, Cuba, Iran and some other countries violated human rights of their people and that no other country now makes efforts to defend human rights as the US does.

The international community laments the present reality in which the greatest human rights violator behaves itself as “human rights judge.”