

# - CULTURE OF IMPUNITY -



## EXPRESSION RESTRAINED

The culture of impunity takes many forms. All of them silence free expression.

### INDIVIDUAL

In a culture of impunity, those who speak out may be subjected to threats, attacks and even murder. Many of these crimes go uninvestigated. When human rights are not respected, expressing yourself can have deadly consequences.

### SOCIETAL

A culture of impunity fosters a climate of fear, apathy and suspicion where individuals are afraid to talk about the issues that affect their communities and societies at large. The result? An ill-informed society resigned to the status quo.

### NATIONAL

Weak rule of law and the failure of national institutions are at the root of a culture of impunity. In a country with pervasive corruption, unchecked state power and an ineffective judicial system, justice cannot be served.

### INTERNATIONAL

When international political and economic agendas are prioritised over individual human rights, these interests become driving forces in creating and sustaining an unjust culture of impunity.

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