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Human Rights Day 2025: Our Everyday Essentials in the Caribbean

Human Rights Day, observed every year on 10 December, is more than a commemoration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In the Caribbean, it is a reminder that human rights are not abstract ideals but everyday necessities—shaping how we live, survive crises, and imagine our collective future. As 2025 draws to a close, the region’s human-rights landscape reflects both progress and pressure. Climate disasters such as Hurricane Melissa have laid bare the unequal burden borne by Caribbean communities least responsible for the climate crisis. Displacement, unsafe housing, disrupted education, and threats to livelihoods remind us that climate justice is inseparable from the rights to dignity, health, and security. At the same time, concerns around militarisation, migration, and sovereignty raise urgent questions about the right to life, accountability, and transparency in regional and international decision-making. Human Rights Day 2025, themed “Our Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials,” calls on states, institutions, and civil society to move beyond symbolic commitments. It challenges us to protect women and girls from violence, safeguard children and youth, ensure social and economic rights, and defend civic space across our islands. As we enter 2026, the Caribbean’s message must be clear: human rights are not optional, negotiable, or seasonal. They are the foundation of resilience, justice, and hope—and they must guide every response to the challenges ahead.

UNESCO — Human Rights Day Dialogue in the Caribbean

UNESCO Marks Human Rights Day with Dialogue on Community Violence and Youth Mental Health in the Caribbean. [Read More](#)

CARICOM — Human Rights Day Message

CARICOM Secretary-General’s Human Rights Day Message: “Human Rights – Our Everyday Essentials.” [Read More](#)

UN Secretary - General — Human Rights Day 2025 Message

Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials. [Read More](#)

Bermuda — Human Rights Day Observance

Bermuda Marks Human Rights Day 2025. [Read More](#)

UNICEF — Children’s Rights After Hurricane Melissa

Over 700,000 Children Affected After Hurricane Melissa Slams the Caribbean. [Read More](#)

UNDP — Human Rights and Disaster Response (Jamaica)

More Than 4.8 Million Tonnes of Debris Left by Hurricane Melissa Across Western Jamaica. [Read More](#)

Cuba — Human Rights Day Statement

Cuba Celebrates Human Rights Day. [Read More](#)

The Nobel Peace Prize 2025 was awarded to Maria Corina Machado ““for her tireless work promoting democratic rights for the people of Venezuela and for her struggle to achieve a just and peaceful transition from dictatorship to democracy””.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



Amnesty International Human Rights and the Caribbean at EU-CELAC

Human Rights Must Prevail at EU-CELAC Summit. [Read More](#)

OCHA / Relief Web — Displacement and Shelter Rig

The Caribbean: Hurricane Melissa – Flash Update No. 6. [Read More](#)

OHCHR — Jamaica’s Universal Periodic Review

Jamaica’s Human Rights Record to Be Examined by UPR. [Read More](#)

UNESCO — Gender, Science & Rights Post-Disaster

JUNESCO and UWI Support Women Scientists Affected by Hurricane Melissa. [Read More](#)

Human Rights Watch — EU-CELAC Joint Letter

Joint Letter to Participants of the 4th EU-CELAC Summit. [Read More](#)