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## HUMAN RIGHTS AND ARMED FORCES

This past month our main focus was on creating a database of human rights violations during, both the process of recruitment, as well as the service itself in military units of Tajikistan. In the upcoming month we will begin the process of searching for the most satisfactory platform for sharing the final results of our research as well as studying the structure of institutions connected with armed forces in Tajikistan and the laws distributing power, rights, and responsibilities among officials and conscripts to help to make a clear picture of how the full mechanism is functioning.

## HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

The month of March has been dedicated to strategic planning of the HRD program for the next eighteen months. This has included raising funds for initiatives for human rights defenders and their families at risk, finalizing our project proposal for an upcoming digital security training--which would extend an opportunity for HRD's to improve their knowledge and skills on digital security and enable them to protect themselves. In addition, we successfully temporarily relocated an HRD at risk who was facing serious threats and attacks in Central Asia and walked him through the steps for relocation in Europe. The next month will consist of the preparation of a case of an HRD in the South East Asia region for future submission in the UN Human Rights Committee (HRC). Additionally, two communications will be submitted to the HRC on behalf of two Central Asian HRDs.

## SEEKING ASYLUM IS A HUMAN RIGHT

Our local initiative SAHIR is in full swing; servicing in need asylum seekers with their interview preparation process--which is decisive in their success for being granted asylum. HRM offers trainings, workshops and individual consultations to asylum seekers in the Tempelhof camp on a bimonthly basis. As of this month this will be offered on a weekly basis.



## PAST EVENTS

HRM started an online awareness campaign; #Whatmattersandwhatdoesn't in honor of the international Anti-racism day on March 21st that was celebrated in Pangea Haus--encouraging everyone to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination.

HUMAN RIGHTS MATTER

~~RACE DOESN'T~~

DIVERSITY MATTERS

~~GENDER DOESN'T!~~

JUSTICE MATTERS

~~SOCIAL STATUS DOESN'T~~

## UPCOMING

Human Rights Matter is currently undergoing some exciting changes! Our website is on its way to getting a much needed update and will be showcasing more of our litigation work and sharing some exciting news and opportunities. We have also added a Twitter account, so please follow us @RightsMatterHRD and check out our tweets!

Please subscribe to our blog, and stay posted for our monthly newsletter where we will be sharing some highlights of our work areas in the past month as well as sharing some upcoming work and events.