

# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

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Come and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre

The 21st of March 1960 marked a turning point in the history of South Africa, when dozens of people were killed and injured during the Sharpeville Massacre. Fifty years later, South Africa pays tribute to these heroes and heroines of the liberation struggle who sacrificed their lives for the benefit of all South Africans.

The massacre was a watershed moment for South Africa. As a result of this day, the liberation movements were banned by the apartheid government, the first State of Emergency was also declared and the politics of protest were replaced by the armed struggle. To honour this day, 21 March was declared national Human Rights Day.

Government invites all South Africans to come and be part of this year's national Human Rights Day commemorations.

There will be a range of activities, including a prayer service, a wreath-laying ceremony and the handing over of a Torch of Peace. Entertainment will be provided by various local artists.

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