

HUMAN RIGHTS

PROBLEMS IN POLAND

In recent years, we have been witnessing many problems in our country. We are witnessing unequal treatment of assemblies; surveillance of protestors; judges-human rights defenders are harassed and accused, women still do not have effective protection against sexual or economic violence and access to legal and safe abortion. Refugees on Polish borders are not provided with basic things needed to survive. We can see that the leading party use fear and hatred to talk about minorities in society.

Currently government is working on changes to the education law. The proposed changes may lead to the politicization of schools and pose a threat to freedom of views. These changes create a space for the abuse of power and the elimination of politically inconvenient attitudes or topics from schools, while limiting the number of activities considered by government as controversial, i.e. anti-discrimination education, human rights education, and reliable sex and climate education.

From attempts to ban abortion completely, through the threat of termination of the convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, to limiting access to emergency contraception and sexual education - Polish women face increasing discrimination and violation of rights by the state.

Statistics show that the vast majority of victims are women and girls.

LGBTQ + free zones, hateful, homophobic and dehumanizing statements by public officials, hate speech online and in public spaces, physical violence, intimidation, harassment and other crimes. This is a reality experienced by non-heteronormative people in Poland.

For years, Poland has failed to fulfill its international obligations to provide protection to refugees. The government does not implement the resettlement and relocation program, and systematically refuses to support refugees in Greek camps. For years, the borders have been sealed, which results in the refusal of the right to submit applications for international protection. The number of people who asked for international protection in Poland is systematically decreasing.