

Role of Forensic expert in human right violations

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Human right violations (HRV) take place all over the world. Forensic experts have a humanitarian role as well as a legal role in this context. Nowadays the humanitarian role has become more important than the legal role as the victims and the relatives can develop immense emotional and psychological consequences such as post traumatic stress disorders (PTSD). To counteract such complications, family scientists, burial ceremonies for HRV victims etc. have been developed in forensic arena.

Earlier there had been less international standards for investigation in HRVs such as not using the best available practice (e.g. DNA testing) for the identification of victims or suspects. Now United Nations and International Red Cross have recommended the best practices for HRV investigations and new international laws also have been in force.

Sometimes forensic experts have to perform these investigations under immense difficulties such as political, financial and legislative problems. In some countries, official records (e.g. hospital records) are not being given accurately resulting in deficiencies in findings.

Most of the time, only the justice and rehabilitation of the victim is considered. Sometimes even victims are even victims are not being identified. In most of these cases, suspects are not being identified and the blame is put on a group rather than on a person. Therefore, less prosecutions and accountability are being made in such violations.

One of the future challenges of Forensic experts would be to protect human rights world over. But professionals have to maintain their standards according to their professional, legal and humanitarian framework.