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Rights Deteriorate in Asian Countries in the Context of Elections

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11h00 - 13h00

Room IX (9), Palais des Nations

A number of general elections in Asia have taken place in recent months and are further due over the course of the year. The recent elections in Pakistan drew the particular attention of the international community over the alarming cases of election violence, particularly by non-State forces. Meanwhile, after Malaysia's tightest electoral race to date, the arrest and intimidation of members and supporters of the opposition political party has been a growing concern. Elections in Asian countries have also brought heightened restrictions to the freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly, for instance arbitrary censorship and filtering the contents of websites, increased harassment of journalists and bloggers, the arrest of political activists, blocking or brutally suppressing public assemblies and the disproportionate use of force by law enforcement agencies against political rallies.

FORUM-ASIA cordially invites you to join a discussion with HRDs from Malaysia and Pakistan on the ground situation during and after the election period, as well as to engage in a dialogue on the possibilities towards normative standards and frameworks on protecting the freedoms of expression, association and peaceful assembly in the context of elections.

Panelists

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Refreshments will be served.

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