

United Nations Probes UK's Disabled Rights Violations



United Nations, October 19 (RHC)-- The United Nations is set to send a delegation to the UK within weeks as part of an inquiry into “grave and systematic violations” of the rights of disabled people allegedly taken place under London’s austerity measures.

The visit of the UN Committee Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) is to take place at the request of a campaign group called “Disabled People Against Cuts” using a legal mechanism known as the Optional Protocol. The request was made at the start of 2012. Britain is the first country to face a high-level inquiry by the UN committee.

“This is the first time any country has been investigated by the UN using the Optional Protocol so it will be, if nothing else, a very historic event,” Linda Burnip, co-founder of Disabled People Against Cuts said adding that the process was “long and arduous,” with strict rules for proof of any claims made.

News of the investigation was leaked back in September. UN inquiries are usually kept confidential, but UNCRPD confirmed it would be visiting the UK following the revelation. “The inquiry follows a string of scandals involving disabled people in the UK, including a rise in hate crimes which has been overlooked by police and the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS),” former director of prosecutions Lord Ken MacDonald said.

Disabled people have been affected by cuts nine times more than most other citizens, according to a report by the Centre for Welfare Reform in 2013.

Now, London-based political expert, Rodney Shakespeare says the like many other western governments, the British government is obsessed with a failing economic program. He went on saying that London is controlled by programs mainly developed by the rich people and this trend has undermined the poor class of the society.

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