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Liberals believe that the human being is at the centre of any economic system, but without protecting freedom, dignity and democracy there is no possibility of building sustainable economies.



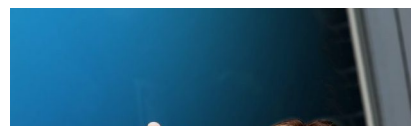
Dr. Hakima El Haité

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President of Liberal International



LI President: 'Duterte's Philippines is exploiting COVID lockdown to gag Liberal senator'

Liberal International President, **Hakima el Haité**, has condemned the Philippine government's decision to exclude **Liberal Party Senator** and **LI Prize for Freedom**



Laureate Leila De Lima from virtual parliamentary sittings. In denying Sen. De Lima's constituents legitimate democratic representation, the LI president called out Duterte as 'the newest member of a crooked club of COVID collaborators.'

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Coronavirus shows healthcare needs global governance



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BUREAU IN ACTION

LI Deputy President Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué: Europe should learn from its mistakes



LI President of Honour Lord John Alderdice promotes political solidarity to tackle COVID-19 pandemic



May 8, 1945 marks the beginning of a grand success

LI President of Honour **Lord John Alderdice** participated in a recent interview with the **Defence**

story of the rule of law, democracy and a market economy. 75 years later, the liberal world order is in danger. LI Deputy President and Chairman of FNF, Prof. **Karl-Heinz Paqué** reminds Europe to learn from the mistakes made 75 years ago. "This should never happen again. May 8, 2020 is an opportunity to remember this. And to take this to heart."

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participates in podcast interview with **Karael Behr**, columnist at The Guardian. They discuss how his formative years living in Northern Ireland and his career as a psychiatrist and then psychotherapist has influenced his political interest and approach. He also gives some advice to any intolerant liberal progressives out there!

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LI President of Honour van Baalen discusses liberal approach to COVID-19



How do we secure democracy in times of crisis? LI President of Honour **Hans van Baalen** participates in the online interview series by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation to discuss the liberal approach to the corona crisis. Together with **Christoph Giesa**, van Baalen talks about the post Covid-19 world, EU and international solidarity and the misuse of the pandemic by governments, among other topics.

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LI President of Honour van Baalen championing liberals to support Taiwan's bid



Next week, the 73rd World Health Assembly will discuss proposals from Canada & others to give Taiwan **WHO** observer status. LI President of Honour & ALDE President **Hans van Baalen** is championing and co-ordinating liberals to support Taiwan's bid.

[RETWEET](#)

LI Vice President Abir Al-Sahlaní raises 5 important points for strengthening EU crisis work



Statement: Liberals strongly condemn the shutdown of ABS-CBN



The Corona crisis teaches us that the EU has an important role to play. It is about securing the internal market, democracy, crisis stocks, transport and information, says European Parliamentarians **Abir Al-Sahalni** and **Fredrick Federley**. EU cooperation has not turned out its most beautiful in recent months. If the Union is to face future crises, which will become the more, we need to learn from our mistakes, says the MEPs.

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ABS-CBN, the largest broadcasting network in the country, was ordered to stop its broadcasting operations by the government's National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) after the network's congressional franchise expired on 4 May. ABS-CBN officially went off the air on 5 May at 7:52pm. **Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats** (CALD) published a statement on the matter.

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COVID-19: THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Police brutality during COVID19 is undermining the rule of law



Governments and legal systems have a duty to uphold the rule of law and protect their citizens. As people and health systems are fighting to reduce the damage done by the virus all over the world, security forces must not make the measures taken to control the virus as damaging to our societies as the virus itself.

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COVID19 does not mean climate action is on hold



Although not as visibly urgent as the pandemic, the warming of our planet past the 1.5-2°C mark is all the more threatening to us; it takes us to an entirely different level of uncertainty, including in terms of health. International governmental organisations are calling for the inclusion of climate principles in COVID19 recovery packages.

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LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

"Sorry, you're on mute"

Freedom of expression in a post-corona world

This webinar forms part of LI's Human Rights Committee's priority: Digitalisation & Human Rights

SORRY, YOU'RE ON MUTE – LIHRC Webinar: 19 May

Today, we are witnessing detrimental crackdowns on freedom of expression across the world. This webinar will explore what can be done, particularly by the global liberal family and the international community, to safeguard the rights to privacy and freedom of expression during this crisis and beyond.



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ONLINE: The Climate Justice Bulletin



The first edition of Liberal International's Climate Justice Bulletin is now online! Over the past 6 months, the climate justice committee and LI's President, Hakima El Haité, have been hard at work promoting a liberal climate perspective - The following are a collection of the highlights of LI's work in this field.

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VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



On Europe Day, **Renew Europe** liberal mayors gather for video conference

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Does Taiwan still want to participate in the WHO after being unfairly excluded in the past? This is President **Tsai Ing-Wen's** answer

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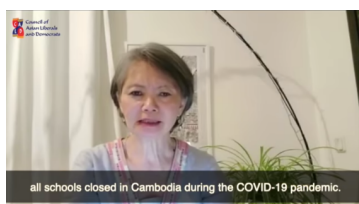
Why place a nonsensical ban on online shopping during lockdown? Watch latest coronacast by **DA**

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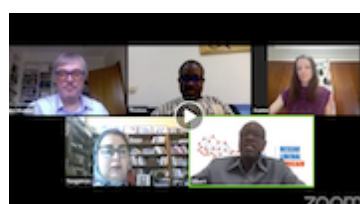
May 14th: AI in the EU: a keynote with Dr. Fredrik Heintz. Organized by Liberal Think Tank **Fores**

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Mu Sochua's, Vice President of the CMRP, statement on the CNRP arrests.

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Results from the survey: Covid-19 and freedom discussions with **ALN/RLA & FNF**.

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HOW OUR MEMBERS ARE FIGHTING COVID

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ALN publishes Results Of The African Freedom & Covid-19

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Survey

Gathered information about the economic effects of Covid-19 in Latin America

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ASIA

Liberalizing trade is the answer to COVID-19, writes FNF Asia

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EUROPE

Global Covid-19 Response: EU sets up a Humanitarian Air Bridge

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MENA

LI Democratic Training Academy goes ahead despite lockdowns

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This weeks tweet comes from the United Nations

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Be sure to double-check your email - Liberal International has sent out communications to the membership.

REPUTABLE SITES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

With the rise of Fake News and Disinformation, Liberal International has listed some trusted sites for information around COVID-19. As liberals, we need to do all we can to minimise the spread of Fake News & Disinfo and contain this pandemic.

If you want to find out more information on data and statistics, please also click the links below.

**World Health Organization
(WHO)**

**International Committee of
the Red Cross**

**Doctors Without
Borders**

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- [Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe \(ALDE Party\)](#)
- [Arab Liberal Federation \(ALF\)](#)
- [Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats \(CALD\)](#)
- [Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom \(FNF\)](#)
- [Red Liberal de América Latina \(Relial\)](#)

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