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 LIBERAL VISION LITE is Liberal International's mid-monthly update of political highlights from the global liberal family.



I write to you today to express on behalf of Liberal International, our deep sadness over the tragedy in Beirut and our condolences to those who have lost loved ones; the liberals in Europe, and indeed across the rest of the world, are mobilised to support the Lebanese people through this emergency.

Leaders from across the liberal family and at every level of government, have been actively fighting for the needs of the Lebanese people by increasing humanitarian aid to the country and asking their citizens to donate to worthy NGOs working to alleviate the suffering.

The people of Lebanon have had to endure crisis upon crisis in recent history, but instead of giving up or turning to apathy, they have, against all odds, remained one of the warmest people I have ever met, full of joie de vivre and life. Beirut in particular, a blooming flower in the Middle East, has been close to my heart ever since my first visit.

I call on our world's leaders to increase their solidarity with the people of Lebanon so that they may rebuild their city from the ashes of this catastrophe. The Lebanese have shown the world time and time again that they are one of the most courageous and patriotic people on the planet, and I am confident that their strength will once again be what saves them.

Finally, to all citizens of the world, liberal or not, I encourage you to show your support for the victims of the explosion by donating to trusted humanitarian organisations who are working in Beirut.

We, as liberals, have a long and rich history with this nation that has given the world so many gifts. I have a great love for the people of Lebanon and great trust in their ability to get through this tragedy even stronger than before. [\[+\] Read PDF version](#)

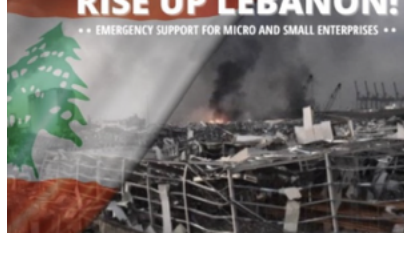


Dr Hakima el Haité  
President of Liberal International

In case you missed our social media activity for the month, here are a few of our political positions you can get behind - share, like and retweet.

- LI HRC Chair Astrid Thors: ["We stand by the people of HongKong"](#)
- LI President of Honour, Lord Alderdice [sends condolences at the passing of John Hume](#)
- LI Vice President Kitty Monterrey [clearly sets out why the liberals are Nicaragua's only viable option for uniting the opposition in the 2021 elections](#)

ARTICLES



**£50,000 to Provide emergency support for Micro and Small Enterprises**

"Rise Up Lebanon" are raising funds for Micro and Small Enterprises affected by the Beirut explosion tragedy.

[‘remain assured of our continued efforts’, UN HR high commissioner responds to LI President](#)



Responding to [the letter sent by LI President Dr Hakima el Haité in July](#), calling for urgent intervention regarding the enforcement of the so-called anti-terror law by President Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights HE. **Michelle Bachelet** expressed her appreciation for LI's coordinated efforts to defend human rights and confirmed her commitment to continuing working with organisations like LI to improve human rights in the Philippines and the world.



[Another peaceful protest in Guinea ends in bloodshed.](#)

The right to protest peacefully is a fundamental value that unites liberals around the world. Liberals around the world will therefore want to unite with LI vice-president and leader of **UFDG** (LI Full Member), **Cellou Dalein Diallo**, and leader of **UFR** (LI Full Member) **Sidya Touré** in condemning the violence which targeted opposition protesters in Guinea in late July 2020, killing or injuring scores of people.

[Momentum takes to the streets for press freedom in Hungary](#)

**Momentum**, ALDE Party member in Hungary, are taking a stand to protect the freedom of the press by organising a protest to express their concerns on the decline of press freedom in Hungary.



[LI President of Honour comments on Belarus election](#)

Commenting on the provisional results of the Presidential election in Belarus, ALDE Party President and LI President of Honour **Hans van Baalen** comments as Europe's last dictator remains in power.



[Speak up for Hong Kong](#)

Leaders of the **Council for Asian and Liberal Democrats**, the **Taiwan Foundation for Democracy** and the **National Democratic Institute** urged like-minded forces to take these steps in a July 28 online forum that addressed the big question: "Is Hong Kong's Present Going to be Asia's Future?"



[LI communicates women's rights violations to the UN CSW](#)

Continuing our long tradition of engaging with the **UN Commission on the Status of Women** (CSW), Liberal International has submitted information about two instances of violation of women's rights to the attention of the CSW Communications Procedure. The submissions were made after consultation with the LI Human Rights Committee and the LI membership.



["New elections are not enough to lead the country into the future, reform is needed."](#)

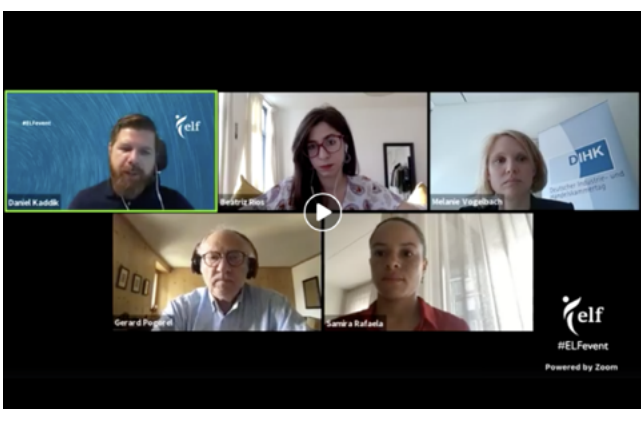
**Kristof Kleemann** Friedrich Naumann Foundation Project Director in Beirut believes that fundamental reforms in Lebanon are necessary and are needed in public services of general interest.

WEBINAR HIGHLIGHTS



**EU's partial suspension on EBA scheme with Cambodia.** Read our article on the live stream with **Mu Sochua, Svenja Hahn, Phil Bennion & Emil Kirjas**, and sign the petition.

READ HERE



**A new international trade order?** European Liberal Forum hosted a webinar in which they discussed trade negotiations between the EU & third countries (Which are still very high on the agenda), Europe's economic revival depends also on how we redefine our relations with partners across the globe.

WATCH HERE

Since the COVID19 pandemic hit, Liberal International, together with our members, has been outspoken about the issues related to COVID & offered new ideas and approaches.

You can find our previous dedicated COVID related newsletters [here](#)

LI'S REGIONAL NETWORKS

- [Africa Liberal Network \(ALN\)](#)
- [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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