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"Liberal democracies must do all they can to help steer the path to a peaceful and democratic future for the citizens of Palestine and Israel."

READ LETTER

Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

Tribute to Hans van Baalen from LI President, Dr Hakima el Haité

President of Liberal Internationa, **Dr Hakima el Haité** shares a heartfelt testimonial to the passing of her friend and mentor, LI president of honour & **ALDE Party** president **Hans van Baalen**.

READ TRIBUTE

Passing of one of Europe's most prominent politicians - In memoriam: Hans van Baalen

On Thursday 6 May, the global liberal family bid farewell to our friend and colleague, LI president of honour & **ALDE Party** president **Hans van Baalen**.

LI has collated messages, photographs and signatures for a book of condolence that will be shared with the Van Baalen family.

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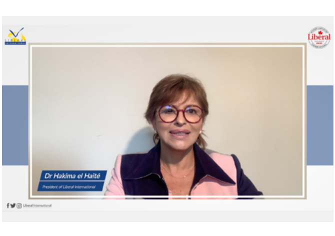
"We have a chance to re-think & re-invent our future", LI President El Haité tells Liberal Party of Canada Convention.



In an introductory keynote, President of Liberal International, **Dr Hakima el Haité**, addressed thousands of liberals at the **Liberal Party of Canada's** largest policy convention in history.

WATCH VIDEO

On World Health Day, Council of Liberal Presidents call for more equitable access to COVID vaccines

Meeting virtually on Tuesday 7 April, the Council of Liberal Presidents convened by the President of Liberal International, **Dr Hakima el Haité**, applauded the speed with which vaccines have been developed to combat COVID19 but expressed growing concern that the rollout has until now been so unequal around the world.

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"The future of Africa will depend on its capacity to empower women" – LI President El Haité speaks at Renew Europe virtual conference

LI President, **Dr Hakima el Haité**, was among 30 distinguished speakers from 20 different nations to speak at **Renew Europe's** virtual conference focused on Europe & African partnerships ahead of the EU-AU Summit in 2021.

Held on Wednesday, 14 April, Dr El Haité spoke on the impact of inequalities on human development focused on empowering women.

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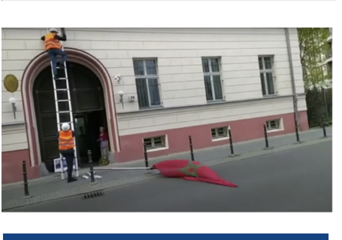
LI President denounces assault on Moroccan embassy in Germany; calls for cooperation to solve crime



Liberal International President, **Dr Hakima El Haité**, has called for the full force of the law to be applied to three unidentified individuals who tore down flags flying in front of Morocco's embassy in Berlin, which prompted online outrage.

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Open Letter: LI President shares message of solidarity over Mount Meron tragedy

President of Liberal International, **Dr Hakima el Haité** has written an open letter in solidarity and friendship to those affected by the Mount Meron tragedy during the Lag B'Omer festivities in Israel on 29 April 2021.

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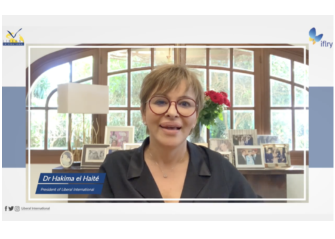
"IFLRY represents hope for a better future", LI president El Haité



Addressing the **International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)** on the occasion of their 48th General Assembly, President of LI **Dr Hakima El Haité** delivered this video address congratulating IFLRY on their achievements and while young people may be at home, it has not translated into them remaining silent, but rather embracing digital technology and campaigning stronger and louder than before.

WATCH VIDEO ADDRESS

Somalia's future is democratic only if we act now to safeguard political inclusivity

The bureau of Liberal International, meeting on Friday 30th April, insists that the process of democratiSation is the only model for bringing lasting peace to upholding the rule of law and human rights standards in Somalia.

READ STATEMENT

India's COVID crisis exacerbated by Modi's missteps

As chaos and despair rises in India as an unprecedented second wave of COVID-19 has now seen millions of people infected with the virus and over 200,000 people dead since the start of the pandemic, the Bureau of Liberal International has released as statement reiterating their call to world leaders: no one is safe until everyone is safe.

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Global powers must step up to help ASEAN implement roadmap now

Liberal International together with the **Council of Liberal Asians and Democrats**, released a joint statement as Monday 10th May marked 100 days since Myanmar's democratically elected leader, **Aung San Suu Kyi**, was ejected from power and control of the country seized in a bloody coup by the ruling military junta.

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Bureau statement on Israel-Palestine violence

The Bureau of Liberal International condemns the recent violent escalation emerging in East Jerusalem in the strongest possible terms and calls for an immediate end of the violence. The Bureau urgently calls for a multilateral-supported peace process.

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Contributions to the betterment of liberalism globally will be sorely missed - In memoriam, Jonathan Fryer

The global liberal family mourns the passing of our friend, **Liberal International British Group** Chair and long-standing **Liberal Democrats** internationalist, **Jonathan Fryer**. He led an incredible life as a journalist, academic, & politician. His work for the betterment of liberalism will be missed.

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BUREAU IN ACTION

A tribute to the Duke of Edinburgh: Immense impact throughout Lord Alderdice's life

Upon the passing of **The Prince Philip,** Duke of Edinburgh; LI president of honour **Lord John Alderdice** paid tribute in the UK House of Lords, sharing memories and lessons learned from their interactions.

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"Unconditional. He was a man of his word", LI president of honour Minoves salutes H.v.B

On Thursday 6 May, at an emotional funeral in The Hague, liberals gathered to bid farewell to LI president of honour and **ALDE Party** president **Hans van Baalen**. LI president of honour, Dr **Juli Minoves Triquell**, shares a eulogy of how Hans was a friend of Andorra and a tireless fighter for the rights of people globally.

READ EULOGY

LI deputy president Paqué welcomes keynote speaker Prof. Baldwin to Kiel Institute conference

LI deputy president & **Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom** Chairman, **Prof. Karl-Heinz Paqué**, together with the president of the **Kiel Institute Prof. Gabriel Felbermayr**, welcomed guests at the online symposium lecture with keynote speaker **Prof. Richard Baldwin** who spoke on the future of globalisation.

VIEW EVENT INFORMATION

LI vice president Diallo welcomes UN resident representatives in Guinea

Discussing the socio-political situation prevailing in Guinea, LI vice president and leader of UFDG **Cellou Dalein Diallo**, met with the **UN** Resident Coordinator in Guinea, **Vincent Martin,** and UN Peace and Development Advisor, **Cynthia Petrigh**, reviewed the various conflicts between the UFDG and Conakry's power

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LI vice president Monterrey continues efforts to achieve unity through Citizen Alliance in Nicaragua

LI vice president and leader of **Ciudadanos por la Libertad**, **Kitty Monterrey**, continues to unify the democratic forces under the **Citizen Alliance** in Nicaragua to defeat despot Daniel Ortega later this year in the elections.

READ ARTICLE

"We need more liberal policies against populism", LI vice president Al-Sahlani

The rhetoric of the populist parties contributes to aggravating the political debate, both abroad and locally in Sweden, looking for scapegoats instead of solutions. LI vice president **Abir Al-Sahlani MEP** and **Centerpartiet** Leader **Annie Lööf** write why Sweden and Europe need more liberal policies to push back against fear-monger's.

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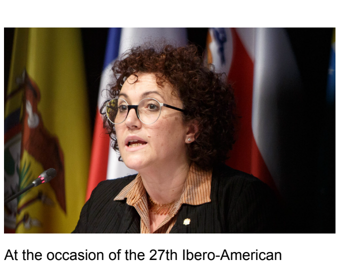
"Free Trade might not be *Fair*", LI vice president Sittheeamorn urges for Fair Trade reform

LI vice president and esteemed Thai politician **Kiat Sittheeamorn,** participated in a series of discussions on Trade, expressing the importance of 'Fair Trade' and the work Liberal International, together with its member parties, are doing in this regard.

READ TRADE SERIES

Milestone agreement in Andorra, LI treasurer Pallarés witnesses eight Ibero-American Pact



At the occasion of the 27th Ibero-American Summit, Heads of State and Government officials met in Andorra to sign a framework agreement between certain countries to facilitate academic and professional movement across their regions. LI treasurer and Minister for Civil Service and Reform **Judith Pallarés** was among the many dignitaries who witnessed this milestone being signed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

28 May
Deadline for Annual WIPP Index Survey

2021
Liberal International's 63rd Congress

30 March - 31 May
LI Prize for Freedom Nomination window

Deadline Extended: Help advance women in politics around the world

Due to the heightened interest from member parties in the last week of April, the LI Secretariat is pleased to inform you that the deadline to complete the Women In Political Parties Survey has been extended until 28 May 2021.

Please take 15 minutes today to help LI understand how we can better support women in politics globally.

International Officer's check your email for the survey link and steps. **Deadline, 28 May 2021.**

COMPLETE TODAY

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

23 May 2021 (confirmed)
Cyprus, House of Representatives

9 June 2021 (confirmed)
Mongolia, Presidential Election

6 June 2021 (confirmed)
Mexico, Chamber of Deputies

13 June 2021 (confirmed)
Finland, Local Election

FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CLIMATE JUSTICE & FAIR TRADE

Deadline approaching: Nominations for LI's Freedom Prize

This year marks the 38th year that the LI Prize for Freedom will be awarded. Do you know of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and promotion of human rights and political freedoms? Submit before the deadline of **31 May 2021**.

READ CRITERIA AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Fighting for Human Rights during COVID - LI HRC annual report out now!

The erosion of human rights over the past year - caused by and a consequence of those who would exploit a global pandemic for their political ends - has compelled liberals around the world to heighten their vigilance, redouble their efforts, and stand up to safeguard basic rights in unparalleled circumstances. LI HRC Chair **Astrid Thors** is pleased to present the 2020 LI HRC annual report, showcasing just some of the actions the hard-working global committee has taken.

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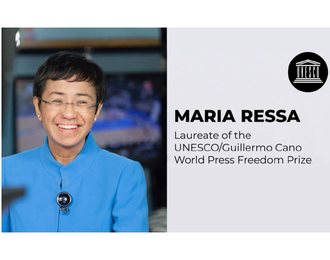

World Press Freedom Prize awarded to a formidable liberal fighter - Maria Ressa

LI congratulates journalist & Rappler CEO Maria Ressa for receiving the 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

In January 2021, Ms Ressa participated at the launch of LI-Radikale Venstre's 'Principles of Digitalisation' Campaign which aims to raise awareness of the human rights issues associated with societies and individuals increasingly conducting themselves in the online sphere.

CONGRATULATE MARIA RESSA

LI's Climate Justice Committee release statement ahead of Biden's Climate Summit

On Wednesday, 21 April 2021, the day before the world leaders gathered, this Earth Day at the Climate Leaders' Summit hosted by President Joe Biden, Liberal International's (LI) Climate Justice Committee (CJC) called on world leaders to increase the ambition to combat the climate emergency.

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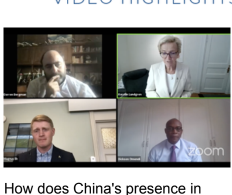
Climate Displacement Initiative - Look out for LI's new Campaign

Liberal International, in partnership with D66 (LI full member), will soon be launching a new campaign which will involve the entire LI network, focused on best practices, challenges and solutions to establish an international liberal framework for climate induced migration.

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS



How does China's presence in Sub-Saharan Africa affect the democratic development in the region? Swedish LI member party, **Centerpariet**, held this seminar and asked how liberal actors should respond to China's regional strategies.

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Democracy responds better to the pandemic, says RELIAL-CALD conference. Global politicians from Latin Americ and Asia came together to discuss key learnings over the past year and charted a democratic way forward post COVID-19.

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'Europe of the Citizens' - the conference on the future of Europe. With a focus on young people, MEP Ilhan Kyuchyuk & LYMEC host a session asking their members: 'What their vision for the Future of Europe looks like?'

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POLITICAL UPDATES FROM THE REGIONS

AFRICA	**Human rights lawyer Beatrice Mtetwa talks violations in Zimbabwe**	WATCH INTERVIEW
AMERICAS	**Joe Biden's first 100 days in office**	READ ARTICLE
ASIA	**CALD's 2020 Annual Report - "The Future of Democracy."**	VIEW REPORT
EUROPE	**LYMEC adopts range of key resolutions during 2021 Online Spring Congress**	READ HERE
MENA	**FNF MENA: The dwindling shadow of Iran**	READ ARTICLE

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Democratic Taiwan charters path to achieve 'net-zero' by 2050

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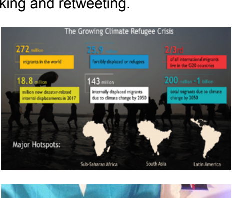
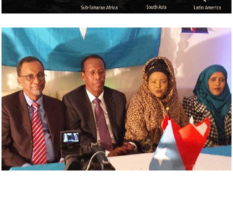
Engage Liberal International on social media.

POLITICS ONLINE

In case you missed our social media activity for the month, get behind our political positions by sharing, liking and retweeting.



Member of LI's Climate Displacement Working Group, **Christian Ottosson**, provides actionable points to assist those currently displaced due to climate change.



The Somali liberals reject the undemocratic & indirect tribal selection process and welcome its nullification.

DID YOU CATCH OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS?

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

You can find our previously published newsletters here:

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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 (Médecins Sans Frontières)

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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