Here you will find the latest on human rights topics and events from the worldwide network of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), as well as the 'ISHR Newsletter'. Photo: UN Photo/Marie Frenchon

**Obituary for Maja Caspari: head of ISHR-Romania**

After 30 years of membership in the International Council, Maja Caspari, Chairperson of the ISHR-Romania-Section, one of the pillars of ISHR-Council, left us in March 2020 at the age of 88 after a long illness. We will honor her memory.

**China moves towards total alignment**

The principle of "one country, two systems" is a hollow phrase. According to the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), the decision of the Chinese People's Congress to enact a so-called security law, shows that
Hong Kong’s freedoms will soon become a thing of the past.

**Report on Semilleros and Peace Makers in Venezuela**

Our Peace Makers programs has managed to have an impact on the population of children and adolescents in the country of Venezuela. It is currently held in 13 venezuelan states with 211 churches, 7 educational institutions. 1,702 adults committed to working with children and adolescents.

**The International Society for Human Rights in Colombia**

ISHR Colombia works with organizations such as Fundacion Cristiana Nueva Generacion in Medellin and with Educational Institutions, schools and churches in different cities in Colombia to carry out programs that help the reintegration of these girls into the Colombian society.

**Does Corona interfere with Putin’s New Coup d’État?**

Does Corona turn politics into satire? Not at all, even if it sounds like it. PhD – Carmen Krusch, head of the Eastern Europe section of the International Society for Human Rights, takes a stand on developments and dangers that require our full attention, with a serious wink.
Cuba: Over 100 people on hunger strike

Hundreds of Cubans started fasting for three days. They are calling for the freedom of all political prisoners in Cuba and the end of state repression. One of the central demands concerns Roberto Quiñones, who was arrested eight months ago after reporting on the lawsuit against a couple of pastors.

Ex-Muslim arrested for blasphemy

Frankfurt am Main/Abuja, 29 April 2020 - Mubarak Bala, President of the Humanist Association of Nigeria, was arrested by the police in Kaduna on charges of blasphemy. The arrest of the former Muslim followed a petition by Muslim lawyers to the police commissioner in Kano state, reports the ISHR.

CUBA: HEAVY FINES AGAINST JOURNALISTS

ISHR reports that the Corona crisis is systematically smothered, like any critical reporting about the regime in Cuba. The journalist Mónica Baró Sánchez had to pay a fine of 3,000 pesos and 26-year-old Camila Acosta, who writes for the Cubanet news website, has been interrogated several times.
Covid-19: Amnesty for political prisoners in Turkey

Appeal to President Erdogan: We urge you to release all political prisoners and prisoners on remand from custody immediately. They are particularly at risk due to the Covid 19 pandemic – which is affecting more and more people, as they live in extremely cramped and often unhygienic conditions.
major joint religious freedom project

Leaders from the world’s largest independent Muslim organization and the world’s largest Evangelical Christian organization are beginning a joint effort to respond globally to threats to religious freedom coming from religious extremism and secular extremism.

Schirrmacher visits Memorial Hall in Nanjing

The President of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), Thomas Schirrmacher, visited the Memorial Hall for the victims of the Massacre of the Japanese invaders 1937/1938 in Nanjing (China).

Guest lecture on human trafficking at the University of Cologne

The President of the International Council of the International Society for Human Rights, Thomas Schirrmacher, gave a lecture on “Human Trafficking - The Return of Slavery” in Lecture Hall XII of the University of Cologne at the invitation of the student association ‘campus connect’.
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