The Australian section of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) supports a wide range of humanitarian projects and partners working in Southeast Asia, as well as reports on human rights issues in Australia itself. The ISHR headquarters in Germany also works closely with partners in Pakistan on issues related to the persecution of religious minorities, and also focuses on human rights violations in East Asia, especially in the People’s Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of North Korea, as well as in Vietnam. Another current issue has focused on the persecution of the Muslim Rohingya minority in Myanmar.

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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.

ISHR-Statement on North Korea at the UN

Frankfurt am Main/Geneva, 9 March 2020 - At the 43rd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, ISHR presented a statement on the human rights abuses against North Korean refugees with a particular focus on sexual violence against North Korean women repatriates, thereby exercising its consultative status granted by the UN for the first time.

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).

Modern Slavery: North Korean Overseas Workers

North Koreans workers are regularly sent abroad and suffer from slave-like working conditions.
Hong Kong is no longer the same Hong Kong

Two million peaceful demonstrators and record high police brutality: Hong Kong used to be called the shining pearl of the East. The combination of Chinese traditional culture and the British rule of law made Hong Kong the world’s third biggest financial center ...

Women’s and Children’s Rights in North Korea

The South Korean-based human rights organisation PSCORE is committed to helping defectors and victims of human rights violations in North Korea. ISHR staff member Dooyoung Kim interviewed Bada Nam, Secretary General of PSCORE (People for Successful COrean REunification) about the situation of women and children's rights in North Korea