



Lift the Restrictions on Internet Access

On Saturday 21 June an open-ended internet shutdown was imposed across nine townships in Rakhine and Chin states, affecting over a million people. Together with Freedom of Expression Myanmar (FEM), Myanmar ICT Development Organisation (MIDO) and Phandeeyar, MCRB issued a joint statement to the Myanmar government. In the statement, we argue that Internet restrictions enforced through Article 77 alarmingly sets a dangerous precedent for future moments of 'instability' with the potential of creating wide-scale negative impacts throughout the country.

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Business advocacy against LGBT discrimination – what next?

The tragic suicide of a member of staff of Myanmar Imperial College has thrown into focus the impact that wider legal and society discrimination has on the welfare of LGBT employees, and the role that businesses and employers can play to combat this. MCRB, together with Colors Rainbow and the Institute of Human Rights and Business, will hold a roundtable discussion on business advocacy for LGBT equality on 28/29 August.



We're recruiting for a Digital Rights Programme Manager

The job will lead MCRB's work on digital rights and business, with a focus on regulatory and policy input, and facilitating stakeholder dialogues and forums with partners organisations. Deadline 29 July.

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Engaging Japanese businesses on human rights for Civil Society Leaders

Vicky Bowman spoke about current developments in human rights due diligence and responsible business conduct, on the 18th June, to the [Council for Better Corporate Citizenship](#) of Keidanren (Japanese Employer's Association), whose 2017 [Charter of Corporate Behaviour for the realization of a Sustainable Society](#) includes respect for human rights. She also attended meetings with [Japanese External Trade Organisation \(JETRO\)](#) and spoke to multi-stakeholder research groups on business and human rights convened by JETRO's Institute of Developing Economies (IDE).

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MCRB at Responsible Business and Human Rights week in Bangkok

Hnin Wut Yee was on a panel the **Impact of FDI on Decent Work and working conditions in Myanmar** organised by the ILO during the [Bangkok Business and Human Rights Week](#) from 10-14 June, and Vicky Bowman spoke on a panel organised by Switzerland, one of MCRB's donors on human rights due diligence and supply chains at the ASEAN Inter-governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Interregional Dialogue on Business and Human Rights.

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