

PAX CHRISTI ASIA PACIFIC NEWS BRIEF



ASIA



During its meeting on 3 March, the **Central Committee of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC)**, gathered in Bangkok, expressed deep concern over the escalation of violence in the Middle East and the risk of a conflict with global consequences.

[Read the statement here.](#)

AUSTRALIA



Pax Christi Australia condemns the actions of police in Sydney on Monday 9 February 2026 during a peaceful protest against the visit of the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog. Those present at the protest refused the comfort of silence knowing how this form of silence increases harm. [Read the statement here.](#)

KOREA



Joseph Shin, from Jesu Island, shared his concerns at the Catholic Peace Forum on Pope Leo's call for a 'disarmed and disarming peace' on January 11th, 2026. He is a Board member of Pax Christi Korea.

[Read more here.](#)

SRI LANKA



The **Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)** is a powerful tool which the present government of Sri Lanka promised to repeal on its election. Critics of government policy and actions were often targeted. **Ruki Fernando**, a human rights writer, trainer and defender, was himself detained under this Act. [We reproduce his article written for The Morning paper.](#)

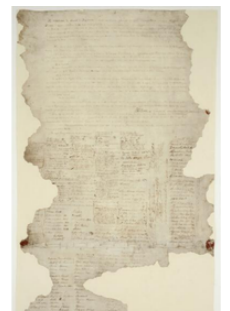
PHILIPPINES



The Center for Peace Education Miriam College, with Pax Christi Pilipinas and partners, held **World Interfaith Harmony Week**. Christian and Muslim students engaged in dialogue and collaboration, demonstrating a key role of youth in promoting peace, interfaith harmony, care for humanity and the Earth. [Discover the full activity write-up.](#)

AOTEAROA

Tiriti o Waitangi



The 6th of February marks the **Treaty, signed in Waitangi between the British and Maori chiefs in 1840**, which founded modern New Zealand. During this season of Lent, Pax Christi Aotearoa invites to reflect on the words of His Eminence Bishop Steve Lowe, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Auckland. [Read the homily here.](#)