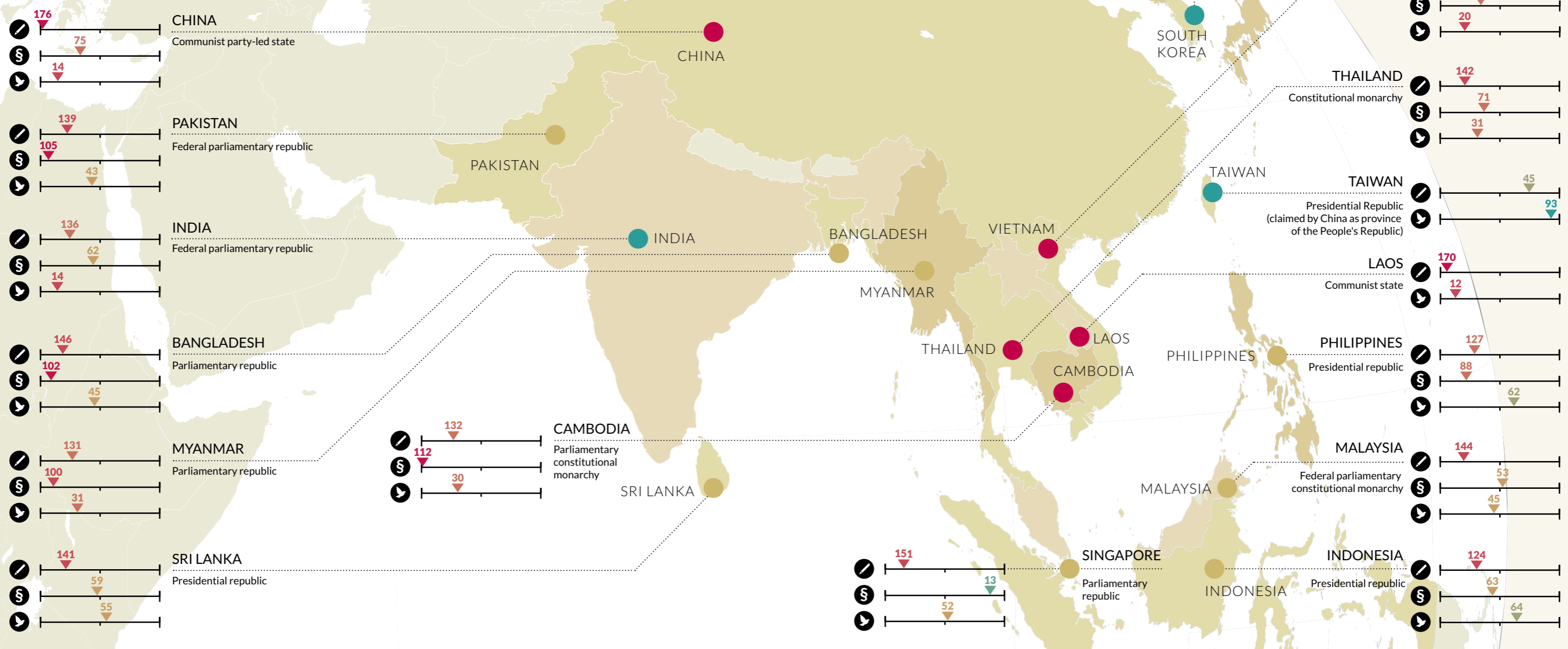
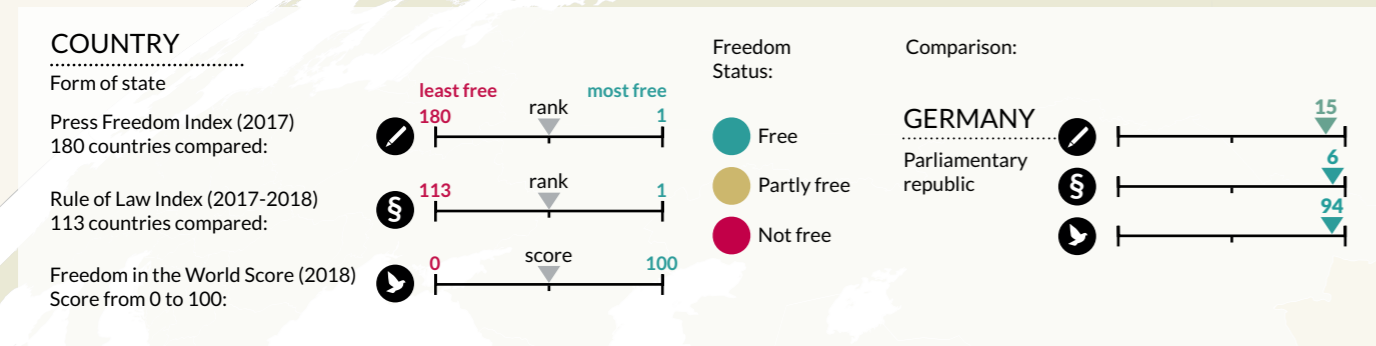


ASIA'S DEMOCRATIC CRISIS

All over the world, democracies are under pressure. In Asia, the situation is particularly bleak. Within all parameters – be it level of press freedom, political rights and civil liberties or the rule of law – there are very few bright spots. Most of the region can be found at the bottom of the rankings.



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