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Kreisky prize to Chinese, Serb and Austrians

- Chinese lawyer spent years in jail.
- Serb activist documented killing.

Vienna. This year's Bruno Kreisky prize for human rights has been awarded to three people and to an anti-racism group.

Gao Zhisheng, a Chinese lawyer, is the founder and director of one of the few Chinese law firms involved in human rights issues. He has spent several terms in jail for what the Chinese authorities have described as subversive activities. Jovan Mirilo, a Serb human rights activist, documented the Srebrenica Massacre of 1995 by Serb paramilitary men.

Manfred Nowak is the founder and co-director of Vienna's Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights. Since 1993 he has worked for the United Nations in a number of capacities in the human rights field. He is presently the UN's Special Representative against Torture. Mr. Novak is also a member of a special human rights committee in the Austrian interior ministry.

Zara is an Austrian anti-racism group which contributes to the prevention of racism through its public awareness campaigns as well as its training and advisory role.

This is the thirteenth time that the Bruno Kreisky prize for human rights has been awarded. Members of the jury this year included human rights experts from the European Union, Amnesty International and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights.

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