**Dear Friends Colleagues and Supporters.**

**A summary of the November 2019 edition of the Caucus for the Persecuted Church Newsletter:**

**At a time when politics and elections loom large in the UK USA and elsewhere, this issue examines some of the political *drivers* to the persecution of minorities.**

**If the *will* was there politicians could provide *solutions* to human trafficking, modern slavery, global displacement, climate change, mass migration, persecution and ongoing genocides – but some play by different rules in which the suffering of countless millions is made to serve monstrous egos.  The articles in this edition lift the lid on some of these players.**

**From both sides of the Atlantic come efforts to engage political leaders in addressing the causes of genocides which are continuing around the world. An international conference has just launched in Budapest.**

**There is a particular focus on ideological drivers in *Europe* which cause politicians to look away and where faith minorities are coming under increasing pressure; despite claims and counter-claims a UK government report shows that Jews are four times more likely to be targets of hate crime than other faith groups. At the same time Humanists are accused of trying to 'airbrush God out' of school assemblies.**

**The newsletter contains an important review of what is happening in the Sahel region of Africa. *Who* is providing the sophisticated weaponry to Islamist militias like Boko Haram is revealed.**

**And a BBC documentary uncovers widespread human traffiking and modern slavery in the Gulf States facilitated by social media.**

**Meanwhile there are successful programmes to overcome divisions and misunderstanding in Lebanon and the UAE.**

**Finally, as the situation deteriorates in China and Hong Kong, Lord David Alton provides a perceptive analysis of what is happening there and how it has implications for the whole world.**

**Please contact me for a copy of the full newsletter.**

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues or use the material for presentations, fund-raising, prayer groups, and writing to your political representatives.

**Kind regards**

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