

**Dear Friends and Supporters.**

The **January 2024** issue of the **Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** and other religious minorities is now available from [c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com](mailto:c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com).

The newsletter opens with a report on the extensive - but largely unreported -persecution of the Baroch peoples by the Pakistani authorities - 50,000 of whom have been abducted in the last 20 years. One of their spokeswomen has now 'disappeared'.

This is followed by an update on the Christmas massacre in Nigeria of over 300 Christians by Fulani Islamists. 20,000 were driven from their homes by this violence; no massed demonstrations, UN resolutions, or handwringing by the mainstream media have been seen in the West over this *real* - and continuing - genocide which claimed the lives of over 4000 Christians in the past year.

There are attacks on churches and believers in Sudan and in Mozambique where Islamists boast of killing ten Christians egged on by their leader who broadcasts "*Kill Them Wherever You Find Them*".

A review of an ongoing "squeeze" persecution in Algeria is published by Christian NGO '*Voice of the Martyrs*'.

From China an annual report reveals that 1,188 Falun Gong Report practitioners were sentenced and 209 killed by the Communist Party last year. Some of those killed were undoubtedly the victims of the disgusting practice of Forced Organ Harvesting – a topic discussed in a conference by *Coordination des Associations et des Particuliers pour la Liberté de Conscience* and reported by Marco Respinti. The CCP also issues guidelines on how various religious organisations should think and speak.

From Myanmar a study reveals that since the military coup in 2021 at least 107 religious buildings, including 67 churches and 5 Buddhist monasteries, have been destroyed by the military.

From Greece but also covering the situation in Yemen and Afghanistan there is a newsletter and appeal by the International Christian Consulate.

From the UK a teacher who was fired from his school for participating, out of hours, in street preaching is exonerated and awarded damages although this hardly makes up for his loss of livelihood and income. A community police officer rebukes a Christian singer for singing '*church songs outside of church grounds*'. Three Jews overheard speaking Hebrew are beaten up by 20 Muslim men in Leicester Square whilst in Golder's Green a man wielding a knife and yelling antisemitic slurs threatens shoppers at Jewish grocery store. The significance of these incidents shows how 'woke' anti-christian and antisemitic memes are being weaponised and becoming the 'new normal'.

The newsletter ends with the usual list of NGOs who provide vitally important aid advocacy spiritual and practical support for persecuted Christians; clicking on their websites reveals the many *positive* things they do, and which represents a welcome antidote to the discrimination and violence within the main report.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support. Do use this information to bring these matters to the attention of your MP or other political representative, to friends and family, and to your churches mosques temples and synagogues.

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