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The Myanmar military continue to persecute and kill Christians including a Baptist Pastor.

The Govt of Nicaragua continues its persecution of Christians by shutting down 250 evangelical ministries.

In Nigeria Islamists abduct another 280 pupils, and murder a Pastor and his young family, whilst Fulani militants murder yet more Christians.

Russia has for some years been targeting Jehovah's Witnesses of whom nine are sentenced to between 3 and 7 years in prison.

In India a report by the EFI shows that the persecution of Christians continues to escalate whilst the state authorities in Assam aim to criminalize 'Praying for the Sick'.

There is a global review of attacks on Christians during February.

Some imagine that all this persecution of religious minorities only affects people living in far-off lands but that is not the case: in France another 58 Christian graves and churches are desecrated with Islamic graffiti.

In the UK a school chaplain who was sacked and reported to a terrorist watchdog for a moderate sermon questioning Stonewall's input to the children in his school is now appealing against a previous tribunal ruling after the same tribunal panel were found to expressed anti-Christian hate on social media.

An antisemitic bias in publishing is revealed – and an article by a Sikh asks why the British police seem uninterested in pursuing hate crimes against Christians whilst other religious groups are privileged?

There then follows an article considering *why* Christians experience hatred and persecuted in the West?

And then an article reviewing a recent psychological study of Compassion Fatigue?

The newsletter ends with a contact list of the NGOs that support the victims of persecution and whose websites document the tremendous work that they are doing – and how one may support their work and/or give donations.

Do feel free to use and/or disseminate the material in the Newsletter to those who might be interested. Colleagues can also contact me if they wish to be added to the confidential and GDPR compliant mailing list.

**Best wishes**

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