

## **Dear Friends and Supporters.**

The **August 2021 Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** is now available from [c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com](mailto:c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com), containing reports of incidents and atrocities that never appear on mainstream media - nor feature in the political protests of recent times. We owe it to the victims to record and honour their names and also to find ways to help them and their families. A list of NGOs who do just this and to whom you can donate and provide support is contained at the foot of this newsletter.

Afghanistan necessarily fills the airwaves at present but it remains to be seen whether the extreme vulnerability that the religious minorities face at the hands of the Taliban will influence Western Govts decision as to who gets rescued.

It is well known that Pakistan (a Commonwealth Country to whom the UK donates millions annually in 'aid') closed its borders to Afghan refugees at the same time as it armed, funded and provided logistical support to the Taliban. From Pakistan this month come a slew of reports of female (and male) children and teenagers being raped, abducted, and forced to 'convert' to Islam whilst the authorities do nothing or look the other way. Bring this to the attention of your MP.

In India brutal attacks on Christians, Dalits and other minorities steadily increases and now becomes a daily occurrence under the influence of Hindu nationalist fervour instigated by the BJP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In Uganda a Muslim father kills his son for converting to Christianity. In Nigeria a Pastor's son is shot dead by the civilian joint task force for attempting to stop the demolition of a church - and in Communist Eritrea, despite releases, around 400 people are still being detained for their faith.

In China more clergy are sentenced to long terms in jail whilst Parliamentary outrage calls on the UK Govt to ban the display, for entertainment, of the dissected bodies of religious minorities and dissidents whilst calling a moratorium on the purchasing of organs forcibly removed from the same (whilst alive). Large crematoria are now being built alongside the Uyghur concentration camps whilst western leaders continue to smile and hurry to complete profitable trade deals.

There is an article on another 'forgotten' genocide – that of Mongolian Buddhists by Communist Russia under Stalin. But the Far Left is also active in

the West – an Antifa mob attacks a Christian prayer meeting and burns churches in Portland USA – whilst, in the UK, systemic antisemitism within the BBC is exposed yet again.

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues, and to use the material for presentations, fund-raising, prayer groups, and writing to your MP. *This* is how ordinary people can make a difference. If a friend or colleague would like to receive this newsletter please invite them to contact me for inclusion in the confidential (GDPR compliant) mailing list.

Kind regards

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