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The **August 2022 Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** and other religious minorities is now available from c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com.

This edition opens with an article by Human Rights Lawyer, Nina Shea, criticising the US administration for abandoning highly vulnerable Afghan religious minorities. The same could also be said for the UK.

There then follows a report of apostasy-hatred in the UK with attacks on Muslims who convert to Christianity.

Raymond Ibrahim, an Egyptian Copt and well-known lobbyist, provides a global overview of recent cases of severe persecution and asks “Where is the media coverage”? Indeed.

A moving Open Doors report examines the lives of 10 Nigerian Christian Martyrs. Also from Nigeria two ‘Chibok’ girls are found 8 years after their abduction by Boko Haram.

As part of a continuing orgy of violence by Islamists in Mozambique two more Christians are beheaded for their faith.

Pakistan continues to be the home of gross persecution and discrimination against Christians and other religious minorities. A Christian woman is raped by her employer then ordered back to work whilst the latest USCIRF report shows that the situation in that country goes from bad to worse.

There is then another report about Forced Organ Harvesting in China targeting religious minorities and profiting from the same. Meanwhile, the authorities close down yet more churches.

Finally, although the situation in Egypt has improved there are two more fatal stabbings in attacks on Coptic Christians.

The newsletter ends with a link to previous Caucus newsletters over the past 10 years - and a list of NGOs who provide support and advocacy for Christians and other religious minorities.

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues. If anyone would like to receive it please invite them to contact me for inclusion in the confidential (GDPR compliant) mailing list.

All best wishes

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