The **February 2022 Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** and other religious minorities is now available from Dr CVR Blacker <c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com>.

The world’s concern is focussed on the developments with Russia and the Ukraine but there is concern, too, within Russia – 300 Russian NGOs appeal to President Putin to stop the hostilities. Meanwhile Christians are charged with administrative offences and some churches are raided by police on a weekly basis.

In Northern India hard-line Hindu BJP supporters attack more Christian pastors whilst in Lahore Pakistan a pastor of All Saints Church is shot dead and another wounded.

In the UK MP Fiona Bruce hands a 140,000 signed petition to the Home Secretary requesting that Pakistan Christian girl Maira Shahbaz be offered asylum.

From within Afghanistan a Christian woman records a video appeal for help. There is also a report on other Afghans requesting help.

There is an update on the longstanding and brutal persecution of Bahais within Iran.

From China comes a report on the longstanding genocide and forced organ-harvesting of members of the Falun Gong. Calls are made for this genocide to be recognised as has proved the case for the much-publicised Uyghurs.

There is then a UK Parliamentary Debate on the phenomenon of Forced Organ Harvesting in China.

In Greece a report by the Government reveals that over 2000 churches have bene desecrated by migrants.

# In the UK a report reveals that Anti-Semitic hate incidents reached a new high in 2021.

And in France Hate crimes towards people of faith is shown to be increasing - with Christians being the most frequently targeted.

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues. If anyone not yet in receipt of the newsletter and who 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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