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

This edition opens with two positive developments for religious minorities living in India and Pakistan.

However, in the Realpolitik Pakistan supports China in global criticism of its human rights record and the OIC to betray fellow Uyghur and other Turkic Muslims.

From Iran comes a review of recent human rights violations of Bahai and Christian minorities and there is an update of the same from 222 Ministries.

In Afghanistan the US Commission on Religious Freedom finds that situation has worsened dramatically for religious minorities. Professor Paul Marshall reflects on this and on the wider implications of the recent stabbing of Salman Rushdie.

Professor Marshall also identifies that something sinister is afoot with serial burning of Egypt's Coptic Churches.

Islamist violence targeting Christians continues in Mozambique where Islamic state have now killed a nun and 4 other believers.

In Libya a convert to Christianity is sentenced to death for 'apostasy'.

Uncontrolled violence continues to be take place in Nigeria where, this month, 25 Christians are killed in Benue State and another clergyman is kidnapped.

This violence is spreading to Uganda where five Christians are thrown off a boat and drowned for sharing their faith.

And in Myanmar, although all the world knows about its treatment of Rohingya Muslims, the military junta continues its longstanding persecution of Christians as another yet another church is desecrated and surrounded by mines.

This edition ends with a link to all the previous newsletters over the past 10 years - and a list of NGOs who provide aid and advocacy and to whom you can donate.

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

Best wishes

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