

The February 2020 edition of the Caucus for the Persecuted Church Newsletter is now available from Dr Russell Blacker c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com, who writes:

Dear Friends Colleagues and Supporters.

This edition contains a report of dozens killed in an attack on churches in Burkina Faso whilst 5 million Christians in Nigeria march in protest against the lack of protection being afforded to them; 45% of Christians who were killed for their faith in 2019 came from Nigeria.

Asia Bibi releases her book describing her ordeals during 10 years imprisonment in Pakistan on trumped up charges of 'blasphemy'.

From the UK we report on a Parliamentary debate on the persecution of Christians - whilst antisemitic hate crimes and violent assaults on Jews reach a new high. The same is also reported in Netherlands. There is a link to a review by Melanie Phillips as to the real underlying cause for the increasing anti-semitism across Europe.

From Russia comes a detailed report on the ongoing crackdown against Jehovah's Witnesses.

And in China where the CCP seeks to dominate every sphere of religion the final report of the China Tribunal into Forced Organ Harvesting is published revealing a practice which goes back decades - targeting prisoners, Falun Gong and now Uyghar Muslims. The report concludes - 'very many people have died indescribably hideous deaths' due to 'extreme wickedness' that 'beyond reasonable doubt... constitute crimes against humanity'. Nothing like this has been seen since the days of Dr Mengele in the Nazi concentration camps.

In Kenya Al-Shabab extremists kill 3 Christian teachers whilst in Iraq, Iran-backed militias are making life hell for the Assyrian Christians.

The edition concludes with two brief overviews of the situation for Christians in Azerbaijan and Bangladesh.

Do feel free to pass on this newsletter to friends and colleagues or use the material for presentations, fund-raising, prayer groups, and writing to your

political representatives. There is the usual list of excellent Aid organisations and Advocacy groups that you can contact and support and through whom you can make a difference to the lives of many who lack a voice at the UN, in our western media, and very often in the Church, too.

Kind regards

Dr Russell Blacker and colleagues:

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