

Dear Friends and Supporters.

The slightly delayed **February 2025** issue of the **Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** is now available from c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com.

A new data-based watchdog documents an *organised* global persecution of Christians whilst the Human Rights Without Frontiers Database documents known FORB prisoners in different countries.

In Thailand more than 60 Montagnard Christian refugees – including women and children - from Vietnam are arrested.

One truly appalling atrocity which did, briefly, attract the attention of our mainstream media comes from an increasingly violent Democratic Republic of Congo where last month Islamists tied up and then beheaded 70 Christians in a Church – children included.

There are two urgent appeals by NGOs – one on behalf of Christians in Syria and Lebanon and the other on behalf of Christians in Iran.

From Iran an HRWF round-up report documents further arrests of Christians and Bahais.

In India the anti-conversion laws which discriminate against Christians continue to spread under the influence of the BJP. Now tourist-rich Rajasthan has complied. Also, in India a Hindu leader calls for mass attacks – including rape and killing – of Christians in Chhattisgarh state.

In Pakistan a Christian Girl who escaped from her Muslim abductor is abducted again. But a 17-yr old Christian boy who was jailed for 17 months under trumped-up blasphemy charges now wins bail

There is a review of destructive ideologies in Europe which weaponize laws to attack Christians.

A review shows that Young British Christians are increasingly antisemitic. An important study in Sweden shows that adherence to Left or Right politics plays a key role in determining attitudes towards Israel and Palestine.

In the USA President Trump creates a commission to protect religious liberty, and combat ‘anti-Christian biases within Government.

The newsletter ends with the usual list of NGOs who provide vitally important aid advocacy plus spiritual and practical support for persecuted Christians and other minorities; clicking on their websites reveals the tremendous things they do, and which is a welcome antidote to the catalogue of discrimination and violence in the main report.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support. Do use this information to bring these matters to the attention of your MP, friends and families, churches mosques temples and synagogues.

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