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GOOD NEWS

FORMER REFUGEE ELECTED AS RECTOR OF EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

Deborah Kayembe, a Human Rights lawyer came to the UK from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She is the first person of colour to hold this position since the post was created in 1858. She has served on the board of the Scottish Refugee Council and is a member of the office of Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN

Ms Mohamed has just become the first ever female to be elected Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain.

At 29 she is also the youngest ever.

She says "I hope my success will dispel some myths about the Muslim community and the place of women in it.

TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Country's drama in a court in the Netherlands.

Friends of the Earth and some Nigerian farmers claimed victory in a 12-year-old case against Shell over oil spills in the Niger Delta.

Friends of the Earth states that "in developing countries people are no longer without rights in the face of transnational corporations#

LIVING IN CORNWALL

We thank God for the privilege of residing in such a beautiful part of the world, when so many live in slums lacking basic facilities or in high rise blocks of flats, especially at this time of Covid 19. We give thanks too for the seasons of the year and that already there are signs of Spring and the emergence of new life.

FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Aid to the Church in Need states that over 12,000 people signed the petition asking Boris Johnson to grant asylum to Maira Shabaz, the 14 year old Christian girl who was kidnapped, drugged and gang raped, then forced to become a Muslim. The head of the Forum for Freedom of Religion and Belief, Fiona Bruce, has now delivered this to the Home Secretary for "urgent consideration".

ACN says "YOUR VOICE MATTERS"

This is a call to action to all of us to stand up for human rights and persecuted Christians, to be people of Prayer AND Action.

FAIRTRADE??

Under a new UK Trade Agreement, Fair Trade banana farmers in Sierra Leone face huge new import tariffs which will take away their livelihoods as they will now sell at a loss. They will not be able to survive and feed their families.

THE BRITISH HAULERS ASSOCIATION

Report a 68% drop in channel crossings. This is disputed by the Government.

REFUGEES AT RISK IN BARRACKS

The Jesuit Refugee Service has said that holding Asylum Seekers in barracks puts the lives of the most vulnerable at risk to make a “cruel political point” in a statement after the fire at the Napier Barracks, which is being used to accommodate asylum seekers and where there has been a significant outbreak of Covid 19, with a lack of basic facilities .

TRADE DEALS and HUMAN RIGHTS

A bill going through Parliament, which called for no trade agreements for countries practicing genocide was narrowly defeated in the Commons. Hence deals have been made with China, which has a million Rohingya Muslims enslaved in camps in the north.

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