

The **September 2024** issue of the **Caucus Newsletter for the Persecuted Church** and other religious minorities is now available from c.v.r.blacker@btinternet.com

Sadly, this newsletter is fuller than usual of specific atrocities as well as several important new reports – one showing that nearly half of the world’s migrants are Christians – another showing that Christians worldwide face increased censorship - whilst the OIDAC Europe Annual

Report shows a growing incidence of hate crimes and secular intolerance which are have a crippling effect on religious freedom for Christians: Muslim converts to Christianity still experience persecution after relocating to Europe.

A Lindisfarne Centre report shows that the situation for Christians in Afghanistan is deteriorating rapidly.

Hindus in Bangladesh may be facing “genocide”? Two evangelists are beaten and imprisoned as Bangladesh as others call for Christians to be driven out from Bangladesh altogether.

In Pakistan a tragic ordeal as a *yet another* young Christian woman is abducted, raped, sold to a brothel and then dies after a forced abortion. Another 28 year mother undergoes a harrowing ordeal whilst a village fair turns into a nightmare for two Christian brothers who find themselves accused of desecrating the Quran.

In Nigeria millions of African Christians are now displaced by violence but “nobody is talking about it”. Fulani Herdsmen kill another six Christians.

In Burkina Faso up to 400 people are massacred in the latest Jihadi attack. 100 Christians have been killed in the last 3 months alone.

In Egypt another Coptic Christian girl ‘disappears’ - a Christian Army conscript is blindfolded, beaten, and sentenced to 3 years imprisonment for “Blasphemy” – and *yet another* massive fire consumes several Coptic Churches.

France continues to experience an epidemic of arson attacks on churches – as previously reported here.

In Ireland a Muslim teenager [stabbed and almost killed](#) a Catholic chaplain.

Italy as experienced many acts of arson, desecration, and Thefts on Churches.

In the USA attacks on Churches have more than doubled in 2023.

The mainstream media continue to turn a blind eye to all these attacks on churches.

There is a link to a video report on the current crackdown on Christians in Nicaragua.

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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