



"Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also."

Hebrews 13:3

Jihad in Nigeria

More than 2,000 civilians have been murdered by Boko Haram terrorists since the beginning of this year alone. Boko Haram Jihadists in Northern Nigeria have forced approximately 650,000 people from their homes, according to the United Nations Humanitarian office (OCHA). Thousands of refugees have fled across Nigeria's borders into Cameroon, Chad and Niger.

Girls Used as Suicide Bombers in Nigeria

On 27 July, a female suicide bomber blew herself up in St. Charles church in Sabon Gari, Kano. The following day, two female suicide bombers blew themselves up at a trade show and petrol station. 30 July, an 18-year old women detonated an explosive device at a college in Kano state polytechnic, killing 16 students as they checked a notice board. The same day another attack was thwarted by police who arrested two Boko Haram Jihadists travelling with a 10-year old girl, who had a suicide explosive belt strapped to her. On 30 July, at least 5 churches were attacked by Muslim Jihadists in Borno state, using petrol bombs and explosive devices.

Mass Extermination of Christians in Iraq

In Northern Iraq, the Slemani Times reports that 2,600 men have been executed and 500 women abducted by ISIS. Missionaries are describing the reign of terror by ISIS Jihadists as "*Ethnic cleansing*"

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and

"*mass extermination*"

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Kurds (descendants of the Medes that we read about in the Bible) and Assyrian Christians in the region have been particularly targeted for extermination by ISIS Jihadists.



Tombs of the Prophets Demolished

The graves of the prophets Jonah and Daniel have been demolished and scores of churches destroyed by the Muslim militants.

Crucified in the Caliphate

ISIS has declared a Caliphate (or Islamic Dictatorship) over Northern Syria and Iraq. Nine people were crucified in Aleppo in Syria at the beginning of July. Some men have reportedly taken up to nine hours to die by crucifixion.

Renounce Christ or Be Exterminated

30,000 people fled the Syrian town of Shuheil as ISIS ordered people to convert to Islam, or be annihilated. Patriarch Louis Raphael I Sako, of the Chaldean Catholic Church stated that he fears that Christian life will be exterminated in the region unless there is a dramatic intervention.

Catastrophic Decline

The patriarch reported that prior to 2003 there were over 1.3 million Christians in Iraq, *"yet within ten years we have shrunk to a community of less than 500,000"*.

If present trends continue, there will be less than 50,000 Christians left in all of Iraq.

Genocide in Iraq

In just one week, a quarter of the Christians in Iraq have been driven from their homes. The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) have gone on the rampage systematically beheading Christians, even children. Christians have been tortured, maimed, mutilated and crucified by ISIS Jihadists in Northern Syria and Iraq.

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the Word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will keep yours also."

John 15:18-20

Carnage in Syria

ISIS and its allies have killed more than 160,000 people in the Civil War in Syria and displaced nearly one third of Syria's 23 million population.



The Dismembering of Iraq

The patriarch fears that Iraq will soon fall apart. *"At present there are three fragments of Iraq: a Sunni one, a Kurdish one and a Shiite one. The Kurds already enjoy autonomy anyway. The Shiites do as well in a sense. Now the Sunnis are following suite. Iraq will therefore be divided up."*

Distracted and Disinterested

The bishop noted that the Western states find football *"more interesting than the situation here or in Syria."*

Radical Agenda Threatens Global Security

ISIS is being perceived as a global security threat as its openly stated intention is to found an Islamic Caliphate with oil wells to fund its campaign to Islamise the world. This should be recognised as a clear and present danger to all religions and all people.

Muslim Mafia Land Grab in Pakistan

Christians in Pakistan are warning that the Punjab government in Pakistan have seized ten large Christian properties, including churches, schools and hospitals, in what is described as a "*Muslim Mafia Land Grab*".

Prominent Church Demolished in China

In China one of the largest church buildings has been demolished by state authorities. The Sanjiang church took 12 years and 30 million Yuan (US\$ 4.7 million) to build. On 28 April the Sanjiang church in Wenzhou was demolished on the orders of the Zhejiang Party Secretary, Xia Baolong, on the basis that the church building was "*too conspicuous*." The church covered 7,928 square meters. 15% of the population in Wenzhou is Christian. The Communist Party stated that the demolition was to "*rectify the problem of too many large churches and crosses corrupting the skyline*."

Church Leaders Arrested and Congregations Targeted

On 28 April, armed Special Task Forces officers blocked the roads leading to the church and moved in heavy equipment to begin the demolition of the sanctuary. Six church leaders were arrested. Orders have been given for removing crosses and "*partial demolitions/rectifications*" at ten, or more, other churches in the area.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18



Churches Attacked in Central African Republic

In the Central African Republic, Muslim rebels attacked a medical clinic run by Doctors Without Borders in Nanga, Boguilla, in North West C.A.R., killing at least 16 people, including 3 Doctors Without Borders staff. Seleka rebels seized the bishop of Bossangoa and killed one of his priests. Churches have been attacked and plundered. The central mosque in Bangui, the capital, has become a powder keg and transformed into an arsenal for the Jihadists.

"And they overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Revelation 12:11

House Churches Raided in Iran

Over Easter, security police in Iran raided House Churches, arresting numerous church leaders and smashing satellite dishes, which they claimed were being used to access Christian broadcasts.

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12

Christian Girls Abducted in Pakistan

The Movement for Solidarity and Peace (MSP) in Pakistan has released a report titled: *"Forced Marriages and Forced Conversions in the Christian Community of Pakistan."* (published April 2014). According to this Report, 700 Christian girls are kidnapped and forced to marry Muslim men in Pakistan every year. MSP notes that this would just be the tip of the iceberg, as most abduction cases go unreported.

A Pattern of Abuse

According to the MSP Report, these forced marriages follow a distinct pattern of Christian girls being abducted from as young as 12-years old and forced to convert to Islam. They are "married" to the abductor, or to a third party. The victim's family files a report with the police. The abductor files a response claiming that the girl converted and married "of her own free will". These abducted Christian girls are subjected to violence, rape, forced prostitution, trafficking and sale.

Kidnapped in Egypt

In Egypt the same pattern of routine abductions and forced marriages of Christian Coptic girls to Muslim men, target many hundreds of Christian girls every year. This human trafficking across religious lines could not endure without the tacit consent and overt co-operation of Muslim Imams, law enforcement officers and government officials.

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:6-7



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