

Dear Friends and Supporters.

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

There are more than 80 countries where Christians face active persecution and this newsletter opens with several that often get overlooked – a tragic case and two reviews of what is happening in Yemen. Sudan follows with a report by SAT-7 and then an example of how Christians in Iraq are *still* being denied full citizenship and legal status.

Inevitably, there is another horror story from Pakistan which is followed by a summary of the report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Pakistani Minorities with particular reference to bonded labour and the brick kiln workers.

Gunmen kill another 3 Christians and a pastor in Nigeria – followed by Lindisfarne analysis of the programme of Islamist abductions. There then follows a review of how the surviving members of St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church, Owo, are dealing with their lives following the 2022 massacre.

A demonstration by 5000 Falun Gong practitioners in New York prompts a review of the continuing persecution of these people in China and its implications for the future of the Communism there.

'Lies, lies and damn lies' – the Turkish Government under Erdogan publish school textbooks which are stuffed with revisionist history concerning the Christians who once lived there and who were the subject of several genocides.

And continuing the series of reviews of antisemitism a new poll reveals that a majority of young Britons think that Israel should not exist.

Lastly, a review reveals how the erosion of freedom of religion or belief (FORB) in the West is already harming persecuted Christians overseas.

The newsletter ends with the usual list of NGOs who provide vitally important aid advocacy spiritual and practical support for persecuted Christians; clicking on their websites reveals the many *positive* things they do, and which represents a welcome antidote to the discrimination and violence within the main report.

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

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