

Market Drayton Churches Together: Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 19 June 2019

Christian Converts from Islam

May 29 - Found by God in Libya: Maizah's story

www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/libya-190529

Maizah [name changed] is a courageous Christian from Libya, whose search for God began when she was very young.

When she was eight years old, she asked her mother, "Where is God? What does He look like?"

"It's not good to ask this," her mother replied. "God has no form."

'THE Way, The Truth and The Life'

Years later, Maizah had a profound spiritual experience – one she couldn't explain away.

She was lying in bed, alone in her room, overwhelmed with personal problems. "I felt someone touch my feet," she said.

"The room had been dark, but all of a sudden there was a man shining like light. He didn't look unreal, but I felt I couldn't touch him. He kept standing next to me. I felt happiness in my heart just because of his presence. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' he said. Then he was gone."

This was only two weeks before the civil war started in Libya. When the bombs started falling close to their home, Maizah's family decided to flee to Egypt.

'A Candle for Libya'

While in Egypt, Maizah came into contact with a Christian neighbour. The woman invited her over. Maizah's relatives warned her against it because of the woman's religion.

"That made me really want to know more. This woman was really honest with me. I asked her to tell me about Jesus. Her words spoke directly to my heart. I believed her, I felt it was true. I asked her to show me a Bible - it was the first time I saw one. I was scared of it."

Maizah began to visit her Christian neighbour daily. "One day, I told her about the man I saw in my bedroom. She told me it was Jesus, and she showed me a Bible verse in which He said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.'"

As time went by, Maizah felt she wanted to profess her new faith in Jesus. "The neighbour blessed me and said, 'You will be a candle for Libya; shine for the people of Libya.'"

During her next visit to Egypt, she was baptised. With help from her Egyptian friend, she got in touch with an Egyptian Christian family in Libya.

Even before the recent sway of Islamic extremist insurgency in the country, attending a church in Libya has always been impossible for Libyans. The official churches are only allowed for foreign Christians.

"We met for two years in secret," remembered Maizah. But then, some of the secret Christians she met with were arrested. A priest brought her into contact with another Christian. Maizah was warned: "The police were searching for you when they arrested your friends; they found notes with your name." She fled to Egypt again.

A Safe House

But Maizah's birth family were looking for her.

"One day, I called my mother on the phone. My sister answered. She said my mother was not well, that she was paralysed. I went home because I wanted to be with her.

"At the airport, my family was waiting for me as if nothing happened. When I entered my home, my mother was standing there. I couldn't believe what I saw. I felt betrayed."

Her brother said there were some people who wanted to talk with her. "I shouldn't be afraid. He would stay with me. The living room was filled with men in white robes and long beards. They started to ask questions.

"One of them hit me with his fist in my face. I didn't answer as I thought my brother would protect me. They grabbed me.

Another hit me with his fist.

"They continued to hit me more and more, but then, somehow, I became aware that I was being protected, I didn't feel the pain anymore. They kept on hitting and hitting me. I am still bearing the consequences of that day."

At last, their leader spoke to Maizah alone: "Your name is on a list of people who should be killed. I can make you an offer – I can marry you. I have three wives; you can be the fourth. If you do this, we will forget about all of this."

Shocked by the offer, Maizah agreed in order to gain time. She said she needed to see a doctor before she could marry him. He agreed to this but didn't want her to go to a Libyan hospital. She was taken to neighbouring Tunisia. "They constantly kept an eye on me. There was no chance to run."

She had memorised the phone number of a pastor in that country, and, with the help of a doctor, she managed to escape. She found refuge in a safe house.

Her outraged family started a search for her, but the safe house proved to be safe indeed.

Today, Maizah lives in another country – she still serves Jesus.

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Who is the leader of Libya?

Prime Minister Fayeza Sarraj is head of the internationally recognised government in Tripoli, but the state of anarchy in the country means no one leader is in full control of the country.

How many Christians live in Libya?

There are 37,900 Christians in Libya, but most of these are migrant workers. Libyan Christians must keep their faith secret, so it is hard to know how many there are in Libya, but we estimate that there are around 150.

Why are Christians persecuted in Libya?

Libya is a deeply Islamic nation, as well as a tribal one, and leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal. The Libyan government claims that all Libyans are Muslims. It is illegal to bring Arabic Bibles into Libya or to share the gospel with Muslims. The state of anarchy and civil war in the country means that the rule of law barely exists in Libya, and Islamist extremists attack Christians freely.

What is life like for Christians in Libya?

Christian migrant workers are allowed to meet together to worship in Libya, but they are always at risk of attack by Islamic extremists, and face discrimination from Libyan society. Churches for Libyans are forbidden, and Libyan Christians must keep their faith completely secret. If they are discovered, they risk being attacked or even killed by their families, communities, or Islamist extremists.

"If I'm honest about my faith now, my brother will kill me."

Secret Libyan believer

Dates of next meetings: Wednesdays 17 July, 21 August, 18 September & 16 October

June 12 - Your faith or your children - father faces impossible choice in North Africa

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/your-faith-or-your-children-father-faces-impossible-choice-in-north-africa

Imagine finding Jesus and not being able to talk about it. And then knowing you were the only Christian in your area and everyone around you, including your family, was hostile to your newfound faith—to the point of violent attack and abandonment. Then imagine finding a community of people who also followed Jesus—a group you never knew existed. This is the beginning of Ibrahim’s faith journey in Algeria. While his and his family’s story is still being written, Ibrahim and Pastor Muslih show us how God is working in North Africa.

“Daddy, daddy, please renounce your Christian faith, and return to Islam, so you can, for always, be our father.”

It is the cry of a confused seven-year-old Algerian child. And they are the words Ibrahim, a young man in his 30s, will forever remember. The day he almost died and was forced to choose between his children and Jesus.

A Secret Faith

Several years ago, Ibrahim began struggling with the Muslim religion he had been raised in—the same one almost all Algerians follow. Living far south in the country, deep in the Sahara Desert, Ibrahim never met non-Muslims. Until one day—the first time he heard about a man named Jesus.

“I met this man who told me about Jesus,” he remembers. “He had my full attention. Later, he took me to meet with Pastor Muslih* and two years ago I came to faith in Jesus.” Pastor Muslih works and lives in a town in south Algeria, far from where Ibrahim lived at the time.

To those around him, Ibrahim’s newfound faith remained a secret. He visited the mosque and continued to say Islamic prayers, making sure to not speak a word about the change in his life.

“I didn’t make my faith known to my wife, nor to my children, I was too afraid they would take away my children,” he says. Pastor Muslih explains that coming to faith in Jesus in Algeria can have large and negative consequences for converts.

“Indeed, they can lose their wife and their children,” he says. “Sometimes families force couples to divorce when one of them becomes a Christian. The converts lose their children because the children automatically stay with the Muslim parent. When conversion from Islam to Christianity becomes public, they are in for big pressure. Often, people literally must flee their homes and villages.”

Ibrahim knows these consequences firsthand.

The Attack

“After being a believer for some time, I felt I had to be open about my faith, to confess my conversion to my family,”

Ibrahim says. “I contacted Pastor Muslih and told him that I wanted to speak up. He promised me he would pray for me.”

The first one Ibrahim told was his father.

“My father just stared at me and kept silent for about 15 minutes,” he says. “He said nothing, did not respond at all. Then he rose from his chair and gathered all my brothers and sisters.”

Ibrahim wasn’t prepared for what happened next. His brothers came at him, fists swinging and shouting, “You will renounce your faith.” His parents threatened to take away his wife and children.

The violent scene unfolded in front of his young children. In desperate shrieks, they begged their father to deny Jesus.

“It was so hard to hear them say that I was about to lose my family, everything,” Ibrahim says, remembering the attack. “But I couldn’t renounce Jesus, I couldn’t renounce my faith. I said to my children, ‘I love you, I love you, but I love Jesus more.’” His family threw him out of the house onto the streets.

A Surprising Call

Eventually, Ibrahim found refuge in the home of Pastor Muslih, many miles from his home and family. The pastor wasn’t surprised to hear about his family’s violent response.

“Last year we had seven people from our region who needed a safe place to stay,” he says.

“We listened to him, we prayed a lot with him. I am very determined about this: believers shouldn’t make compromises. Yes, it is dangerous to become a Christian in our country, but we should trust the Lord when we speak out as Christians. This often means that new believers have to flee.”

Over the next three months, Ibrahim spent time with Christians and learned about the Bible and what it means to live as a Christian. Then unexpectedly, his father called one day.

“Take back your wife and children, but leave the house,” his father told him.

Still amazed, Ibrahim smiles. “They are now with me. I was able to rent a house somewhere else, and I found work; I am so happy that they live with me again.”

The children are still young, both under 12 years old. And they are very happy to be with their father again. His wife is still a Muslim but isn’t against her husband’s new faith.

“For her, the most important thing is that we are together again as a family,” he says.

Ibrahim’s father’s call and the outcome for his family is answered prayer, says Pastor Muslih “God has heard our prayers,” he says. “We expected that Ibrahim wouldn’t see his wife and children again. Through prayer, God has done something.”

The husband and father of two—and part of the family of God—now frequently meets with other believers. He’s part of a church. For him, the time of living as an isolated believer and away from his family has ended.

1,500 Believers Living in Isolation

But Ibrahim’s joyful outcome isn’t common. Pastor Muslih estimates that 1,500 believers in Algeria live in complete isolation, the way Ibrahim once did.

“Some of these believers are known to us, but they live too far away for us to visit,” Pastor Muslih says. “Some come to Jesus because they have dreams. Recently, I heard the testimony of a lady who saw Jesus in her dream. The Lord is at work, and He uses dreams but also Christian television. Especially for a woman, it’s very difficult to have contact with other believers, due to the Muslim culture where women cannot do things on their own.”

When the Algerian churches hear about a new believer somewhere in the country, they attempt to contact them.

“Ideally we would like to visit them, but we haven’t enough people to do that,” Pastor Muslih explains. “Some of them we only see once a year, or even less.”

When possible, Pastor Muslih’s church invites isolated believers to three-day meetings the church frequently organizes. In the past year, his church held three gatherings. He and his wife led two trainings in the south, specifically for women, where they celebrated communion, enjoyed fellowship with other believers and learned from each other.

Back at home, these new believers grow in their new faith by watching Christian television at the moments they can safely switch to a channel, Pastor Muslih explains. “As soon as they have a Bible, they study the Bible. Especially at the beginning, most continue to live as a Muslim, like Ibrahim did. They go to the mosque but instead of praying their Islamic prayers, they pray to Jesus. They will also participate in all Muslim cultural events, mostly out of fear. I am very convinced that one day they should confess they are Christians. The Bible is clear about that.”

Because of growing government pressure on Algerian churches, organizing events for believers is becoming increasingly difficult. Pastor Muslih’s recent encounter with police officials drives home the reality for all involved.

“We had the police asking about the believers in our region,” he says. “They want to know numbers, they want to know about the visits. One of the officials said to me: ‘Don’t lie, we know everything, you are constantly monitored.’”

“I am not afraid, but my wife and son are worried because they know the police come to me and ask me questions,” he says.

“But this also puts pressure on the new believers. There is a lot of suffering, especially for those who lose their family. I sometimes don’t find the words to comfort and encourage them. That is the burden we bear here in Algeria.”

June 3 - 'Jesus is My Saviour, My God': Saudi Muslim's Defiant Search for Jesus Leads to New Life

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/jesus-is-my-savior-my-god-saudi-muslims-defiant-search-for-jesus-leads-to-new-life

After having increasing doubts about Islam—the religion he had known all his life in Saudi Arabia—Mohammed [name changed] began looking for truth online. What he found changed his heart and life as he knew it forever.

“For many years, I had doubts when reading the Quran,” Mohammed shares. “For example, the fact that Allah and Mohammed are considered to be equal. How could Mohammed, a sinful man, be equal to God?”

There were more inconsistencies. Gradually, Mohammed decided to put his Muslim faith to the test. All his life, he had been taught that missing even one of the five daily prayers would cause a Muslim immediate misfortune. Something bad would most definitely happen if you ceased praying.

“So I decided to stop praying for just one day and see what happened,” Mohammed says. “Nothing bad happened. On the contrary, I had an amazingly successful business day.”

Searching for Truth in Saudi Arabia

Mohammed’s doubt continued to mount. He began to look on the internet to learn about other religions. Soon, he learned that the message of the Bible is easy to translate and understand in every culture.

The love of God that he saw in the scriptures he read stuck with him. He continued his search online, even downloading an app on his smartphone. Through it, he learned about the basic foundations of Christianity. Mohammed felt more and more eager to meet Christians, visit a church and own a Bible.

In Saudi Arabia, churches are forbidden, especially for native Saudis like Mohammed. Converts from Islam can face the death penalty. And Bibles are illegal.

But the risk of arrest, discrimination and even death didn’t stop Mohammed. He traveled to two different countries in the Middle East where Christians are openly allowed to visit a church and obtain a Bible.

However, these “open” churches are usually not allowed to minister to Muslims, only to Christians from families that have been believers for centuries. Mohammed wasn’t allowed to step

foot in either church. He walked away, dejected and empty-handed.

‘I Know Jesus Christ is The Son Of God’

But Mohammed knew he had found the truth. He couldn’t let go. He wouldn’t let go. Again, he went online and found a Christian website aimed at the Arab world. At that point, he boldly put into words what he had felt for a while but had never said to anyone.

“I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God,” he typed. “Can I visit you? Please take me to a church and give me a Bible.”

His message ended up with a Christian social media team in the Middle East. Each day, these teams respond to questions and responses from visitors on Christian social media pages, some of them supported by Open Doors. They invited Mohammed to their country.

Finally, after years of doubting and searching, Mohammed attended his first-ever church service and, with other believers around him, worshiped the true God for the first time in his life.

“I felt my heart being filled with joy,” he remembers.

That day and the week following, a whole new world opened for Mohammed. He joined every Bible study meeting available, sometimes up to four a day, and talked a lot with the church’s pastors.

‘Who is Jesus for You?’

After a few days, one of the church leaders asked him:

“Mohammed, who is Jesus for you?”

His response couldn’t have been more clear: “Jesus is my Savoir, my God.”

The pastor continued: “Do you believe He died for your sins at the cross?”

Again, a full confirmation: “Absolutely.”

A few days later, the church leadership baptized Mohammed during a special meeting. In front of a newfound group of friends—brothers and sisters in Christ—he declared with his whole heart be a follower of Christ. The day after, Mohammed returned to Saudi Arabia a newborn Christian, carrying with him his precious possession—his first Bible.

Mohammed now lives as a secret Christian in Saudi Arabia. If the authorities or his family find out about his faith in Christ, his life and his family’s lives could be in danger. Even his wife and children don’t know he has converted. Through social media, the follow-up team of Christians is discipling him.

June 16 - From Persecutor to Proponent

www.persecution.org/2019/06/16/persecutor-proponent-part-1

www.persecution.org/2019/06/17/persecutor-proponent-part-2

Amir began his career as a member of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard (IRGC), a vast intelligence network tasked with protecting Iran’s Islamic identity. He adopted the harsh methods that the organization encouraged to enforce a strict Islamic ideology, especially on Christians. He participated in the beating, torture, interrogation, and imprisonment of Christians. Little did he know that he would eventually become one.

The IRGC controls much of Iran’s economy and military resources. Besides hunting down Christians within Iran’s own borders, it has masterminded bombings in American and Israeli embassies and elsewhere. In May, President Trump designated it as a Foreign Terrorist Group. It is no surprise that many Iranian Christians are fearful of the IRGC and its 250,000 members.

Like Saul, who murderously pursued Christians before becoming a believer himself, Amir’s life was radically transformed by Christ. But he was in too deep with the IRGC – they knew too much about him and his whereabouts for him to

safely stay in the country. He fled Iran and committed himself to ministering to the very ones he once persecuted.

Amir didn't stay out of Iran for long. Today, his own church community is dedicated to traveling throughout Iran and sharing the Gospel with whomever they encounter. He devoted himself to teaching the Church how to grow and survive, despite persecution.

"Informing believers is very important," Amir explains. "Those who enter into this path (evangelism ministry) with readiness from the beginning will be more fruitful."

Amir would often let others choose their cities first, then volunteer for the most dangerous cities. For this reason, Amir often found himself travelling to remote areas near Afghanistan.

Amir believes that some Christians, given the proper training, can avoid persecution. One time, he was detained for the simple fact that his companion had not had this type of training:

"We are a group of addicts, and we gather together and receive this power of the Lord in the community and it helps us being rescued from addiction," he recalls telling his interrogators at the time.

Their interrogators agreed to let them go, but Amir's Christian companion began shouting, "We are Christians!" They were both put in jail, where they remained for 20 days. The pressure was too much for Amir's friend, who renounced Christ. He was released from prison, leaving Amir alone in jail.

Several months later, they were again reunited in Christian ministry. "He [now] stands amazingly for the Lord," says Amir. "He confessed that because he didn't stand for Christ during persecution, he will feel regret until the end of his life."

This is a pattern that he has seen many times. "Those who are under these pressures are divided into two groups: those who stood, and those who fell down. For those who stood, we say Hallelujah! And for those who fell, in my opinion, we eventually say Hallelujah!"

As someone who once was part of Iran's regime of persecution, Amir hopes that these stories will encourage other Iranian Christians about how to avoid—and stand firm during—persecution.

For ultimately, "The persecuted Church wants to use all potential for the glory of the name of the Lord," said Amir.

RECENT PERSECUTION REPORTS

ERITREA

4 June - More Christians Arrested in Eritrea - Renounce Your Faith or Go to Jail

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/30-more-christians-arrested-in-eritrea-renounce-your-faith-or-go-to-jail

The crackdown on Christians in Eritrea continues. Reportedly, more than 30 Christians (members of Pentecostal churches) were arrested by security forces in recent days. This report comes on the heels of recent news of arrests of 141 Christians, mostly women, in the nation's capital city of Asmara.

According to the most recent report, police stopped them in three different places, again in Asmara.

"Police officers carry out continuous raids in private homes where devotees of unrecognized religions, especially Pentecostal Christians, meet for community prayer," the report said. "They are released only if they disavow their faith."

The report also refers to intensifying difficulties between the church and Eritrea's government. Authorities are demanding the "full control" of all religious organizations, such as private schools, medical clinics and orphanages.

"The authorities, in fact, demand the full control of all organizations of religious origin, such as private schools, medical clinics and orphanages" the report indicated—all of which provide needed support to the Eritrean population.

Some 66 percent of all Eritreans live below the poverty line; and there remains an extreme lack of resources and poverty alleviation programs.

Only a couple weeks ago, police rounded up 141 Christians, including 23 men, 104 women and 14 minors from Asmara's Mai Temenai area. Reportedly, officials separated the men and women before taking the women to Police Station Number 4 and the men to Adi Abeito prison, the main prison for Asmara and the surrounding areas. It's not known where the 14 minors were held.

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13 June - Arrests of Christians Continue

www.vomcanada.com/er-2019-06-13.htm

In the days leading up to Eritrea's Independence Day celebrations during the month of May, authorities arrested more than 140 Christians in an attempt to quell any indications of

dissent in the country (see [this report](#)). Unfortunately, the renewed crackdown on Christians does not seem to have abated. In early June, more than 30 Christians were arrested by security forces. Officers raided three private homes in the capital of Asmara where devotees of this "unrecognized religion" had gathered for prayer. According to one report, the believers were promised release only if they disavowed their faith.

In recent months, pressure has also intensified as authorities seek full control of all religious organizations – including schools, medical clinics and orphanages.

BURKINA FASO

June - Christians flee homes as Islamist terrorists murder 29 in Burkina Faso in twin attacks

barnabasfund.org/en/news/christians-flee-homes-as-islamist-terrorists-murder-29-in-burkina-faso-in-twin-attacks

Christians are fleeing for their lives in northern Burkina Faso after twin attacks by Islamist extremists on 9 and 10 June left at least 29 people dead, according to Barnabas Fund contacts.

Nineteen people were murdered in the town of Arbinda on Sunday 9 June and reports are coming in of a further ten slaughtered in nearby Namentenga province the next day.

"There is no Christian anymore in this town [Arbinda]," said a Barnabas Fund contact. He added that 19 people were killed and that the entire population of Christians had fled for their safety.

He said, "It's proven that they were looking for Christians. Families who hide Christians are killed. Arbinda had now lost in total no less than 100 people within six months."

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May 16 - Burkina Faso: 5 leaders killed in 3 months as Islamists continue to target churches

www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/05/5-leaders-killed-in-3-months-as-islamists-continue-to-target-churches-in-burkina-faso

At least ten more Christians have been killed as a spate of attacks on churches continues in northern Burkina Faso. The ten, who died in two attacks on 12 and 13 May, include another Catholic priest, Siméon Yampa.

On Monday, 13 May, a procession of four Catholics was attacked while they returned a statue of Mary to their church in Singa, 25kms from Kongoussi, reported Fides. The armed men let children go before killing four adults and destroying the statue.

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INDIA

June 16 - 'I want to hold on to Jesus' - after husband's stabbing, mother in India finds surprising strength

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/i-want-to-hold-on-to-jesus-after-husbands-stabbing-mother-in-india-finds-surprising-strength

Areefa [name changed] is a Christian from a Muslim background in her late 30s living in India. (In India, the majority religion is Hinduism, but it's estimated that 172 million Muslims live in the world's second-most populous country). She is also a widow—and a mother of two young children.

After the children leave, I sit with Areefa to hear her story. She starts at the beginning.

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June 10 - Christian Families Going Hungry as Villagers in India Deprive Them of Work, Homes

morningstarnews.org/2019/06/christian-families-going-hungry-as-villagers-in-india-deprive-them-of-work-homes

Christians in various villages of Chhattisgarh state, India are going hungry as members of tribal religions deprive them of work and refuse to sell food to them, sources said.

In the southern tip of Chhattisgarh state, villagers who practice tribal religion of ancestor and nature worship attacked the homes of three Christian families in Bodiguda village, Sukma District on May 23, leaving 25 people homeless, including four infants.

“Their homes are in ruins,” area pastor Philip Veeti told Morning Star News. “They dumped food grains sufficient to feed the Christians for the entire year in the drain. The families are hardly able to fill their stomachs with the limited provisions they have.”

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June 6 - Officials Destroy Christian School, Hostel – and Founder's Home – in Eastern India

morningstarnews.org/2019/06/officials-destroy-christian-school-hostel-and-founders-home-in-eastern-india

Authorities seized 12 tearful, fatherless children from a Christian ministry in eastern India last month after local officials demolished the ministry's school and hostel, sources said.

After Hindu extremists persuaded the district collector to demolish the hostel and school serving 250 students, child protection personnel and police on May 21 seized the six orphans and six other children whose fathers were killed by communist guerrillas known as Naxalites, said Vijay Kumar Pusuru, who founded the school near the village of Lichapeta in Odisha state.

“The children wept bitterly and pleaded, not wanting to depart,” Pusuru told Morning Star News. “They caught hold of branches and trees. But ruthlessly they were snatched and taken away.”

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May 22 - India: Supreme Court orders Kandhamal Christian freed on bail after 10 years in prison - World Watch Monitor
www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/05/india-supreme-court-orders-kandhamal-christian-freed-on-bail-after-10-years-in-prison

Gornath Chalanseth, one of seven Christians jailed for life for the murder of a Hindu swami in the Kandhamal district of Odisha state in eastern India, has been freed on bail by India's Supreme Court yesterday, May 21.

The seven – three of whom are Dalits, the other four tribals – continue to maintain their innocence.

However, only Chalanseth's bail application was filed in the Supreme Court – after Odisha High Court had rejected it for a second time last December. Once given bail, there is no deadline to return to jail unless ordered by the Supreme Court.

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NIGERIA & NIGER

June 17 - 30 Innocents Killed in Suspected Boko Haram Suicide Bombing

www.persecution.org/2019/06/17/30-innocents-killed-suspected-boko-haram-suicide-bombing

May 29 - Local Muslims Suspected in Killing of Christians after Sunday Worship in Jos, Nigeria

morningstarnews.org/2019/05/local-muslims-suspected-killing-of-christians-after-sunday-worship-in-jos-nigeria

June 11 - 'Leave or Be Killed' - Boko Haram Issues Warning to Christians in Niger

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/leave-or-be-killed-boko-haram-issues-warning-to-christians-in-niger

UGANDA

June 14 - Part of Christian School in Eastern Uganda Torn Down

morningstarnews.org/2019/06/part-of-christian-school-in-eastern-uganda-torn-down

June 3 - Converts, Pastors Threatened with Death; Gospel Meetings Banned in Town in Uganda

morningstarnews.org/2019/06/converts-pastors-threatened-with-death-gospel-meetings-banned-in-town-in-uganda

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

June 6 - 50+ Tied Up, Executed in Central African Republic Massacres

www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/50-tied-up-executed-in-central-african-republic-massacres

PAKISTAN

June 13 - Family Left Homeless After Attack

www.vomcanada.com/pk-2019-06-13.htm

May 28 - Muslim Employer in Pakistan Kills Christian Farmhand for Working Elsewhere, Relatives Say

morningstarnews.org/2019/05/muslim-employer-in-pakistan-kills-christian-farmhand-for-working-elsewhere-relatives-say

ETHIOPIA & EGYPT

June 17 - Ethiopia: Pressure on churches building with evangelical church told to vacate after ten years

www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/06/ethiopia-pressure-on-churches-building-with-evangelical-church-told-to-vacate-after-ten-years

June 4 - Muslim Clerics Threaten Sudanese Christian in Egypt

morningstarnews.org/2019/06/muslim-clerics-threaten-sudanese-christian-in-egypt

SRI LANKA

June 17 - Sri Lankan Christians Continue to Live in Fear

www.persecution.org/2019/06/17/sri-lankan-christians-continue-live-fear

IRAN

June 14 - Church property confiscated by state

www.meconcern.org/2019/06/14/iran-church-property-confiscated-by-state

Please remember to keep praying for Christian believers in other countries including: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen - all in the top ten on the World Watch List