

# Market Drayton Churches Together: Prayer for Persecuted Christians - 11 Dec 2019

## Various Countries & Popular Protests

### Burkina Faso

#### **2 Dec: 14 Christians killed in latest atrocity in Burkina Faso - Open Doors UK**

[www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/world-watch-191202](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/world-watch-191202)

There has been another brutal attack on Christians in Burkina Faso, West Africa.

On Sunday December 1, armed men stormed a Protestant church in the town of Hantoukoura near the border with Niger. They killed the pastor, Tchintchiéba Ouoba and 13 other worshippers, including five teenagers. The attackers fled on scooters.

This is the latest in a series of attacks specifically targeting Christians. At least 41 Christians have been killed in 9 reported jihadist attacks since the beginning of the year. An unknown number of pastors and their families have been abducted and remain in captivity, and many Churches in the north have been closed to prevent further attacks.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but it is assumed to be the work of an Islamic extremist group. Although there are many factors contributing to unrest and violence in Burkina Faso, clearly some militants are deliberately targeting Christians because of their faith. Extremists have started expelling Christians from their villages, with villagers given an ultimatum: convert to Islam or leave your homes. Many thousands of Christians are now living in IDP camps or seeking refuge with family and friends.

Pastor Samuel Sawadogo, who cares for displaced Christians in the city of Kaya, Burkina Faso, told Open Doors, "We don't know who the attackers are, neither do we know who is sponsoring them. All we know is that they attack Christians. These attacks have shattered the lives of our people. We are troubled and filled with pain over the deaths of our family members."

*Cont/...*

*Also see:*

#### **2 Dec: Another attack in Burkina Faso kills 14 Christians: 'The attacks have shattered the lives of our people' - Open Doors USA**

[www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/another-attack-in-burkina-faso-kills-14-christians-the-attacks-have-shattered-the-lives-of-our-people](http://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/another-attack-in-burkina-faso-kills-14-christians-the-attacks-have-shattered-the-lives-of-our-people)

#### **7 Dec: Burkinabe Pastors Respond to Latest Attack - ICC**

<https://www.persecution.org/2019/12/07/burkinabe-pastors-respond-latest-attack>

### Kenya

#### **9 Dec: Christians Slain in Suspected Al Shabaab Attack in Northern Kenya - Morningstar News**

[morningstarnews.org/2019/12/christians-slain-in-suspected-al-shabaab-attack-in-northern-kenya](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/12/christians-slain-in-suspected-al-shabaab-attack-in-northern-kenya)

Suspected members of Somali Islamic extremist group Al Shabaab intercepted a bus in northern Kenya on Friday (Dec. 6), separated out those who were not local ethnic Somali Muslims and executed them, sources said.

The Medina Bus Co. vehicle en route from Nairobi to Mandera had 56 people aboard when it was intercepted at 5:30 p.m. between Kutulu and Wargadud in Wajir County, where the population is largely ethnic Somali Kenyans, sources said. A witness who escaped told a Morning Star News contact that the assailants separated out 11 Kenyan workers from the interior (assumed to be Christians) from local residents, assumed to be ethnic Somali Muslims.

"One of the Muslim men gave me Somali attire, and when the separation was being done I went to the side of the Muslims, and immediately we were told to get into the bus," the survivor told the Morning Star News contact. "As the locals were getting back into the bus, the non-locals who were left behind were fired upon with gunshots."

The bus was stopped as the workers were returning to their station in Mandera, he said.

"I think the attackers were monitoring our travelling all the way from Nairobi," he said. "The militants knew that we were not armed."

Two of the victims were teachers identified as evangelical Christians, but their names were withheld pending official notification of relatives, another source said.

"We have lost two teachers who used to attend our church," the source from a congregation in northern Kenya (undisclosed for security reasons) told Morning Star News.

A third victim was a doctor who belonged to an Africa Inland Church congregation, the source said, and three others were said to be Roman Catholics. The religious affiliation of five other people killed was yet to be determined at this writing.

Al Shabaab, which is waging war against the government of neighboring Somalia, reportedly took responsibility for the attack, saying victims included "secret security agents and government employees."

*Also see:*

#### **9 Dec: Persecution At Least Nine Christians Murdered in Kenya Attack - ICC**

[www.persecution.org/2019/12/09/nine-christians-murdered-kenya-attack](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/09/nine-christians-murdered-kenya-attack)

### Ethiopia

#### **6 Dec: Persecution Ethiopian Pastors Beheaded by Radicals - ICC**

[www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/ethiopian-pastors-beheaded-radicals](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/ethiopian-pastors-beheaded-radicals)

Recent social upheavals in Ethiopia have resulted in the beheading of two local pastors.

Just over 20 miles Southwest of the capital, Addis Ababa, lies the small town of Sebeta. The settlement is predominantly Islamic with only a handful of Christian institutions active in the area. A local Muslim leader, Jawar Mohammed, recently lost his personal security protection granted to him by the state and responded by stirring up social fervor among his local acolytes.

The town's population erupted, with riots forming and mobs coalescing across the urban center to protest the actions of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government. Eventually, the militant locals made their ways en masse to the homes of Pastors Isaias and Assefa Tesfaye, of Full Gospel Church and Mekane Yesus Lutheran Church respectively. Both men were seized and beheaded following the storming of their residence compounds.

In the end, they were only two of 67 total fatalities and 213 wounded as the unrest continued in protests. Locals were beaten and stoned on horrific scales; town infrastructure and private residences were wrecked by the spontaneous furor. The government summoned the Ethiopian military to restore order to the township over the days following. Such incidents akin to this have been on the rise for the past couple years, and have resulted in the internal displacement of over two million Ethiopian natives.

**Dates of next meetings: 15 January, 19 February & 18 March 2020**

**27 Nov: Refusing to move, an Ethiopian congregation is arrested - World Watch Monitor**

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/11/refusing-to-move-an-ethiopian-congregation-is-arrested>

The authorities in Ethiopia's northern region of Amhara had told the Ethiopian Fellowship of Evangelical Students it no longer could operate in the town of Debarq. They were ordered to move 80 km southwest, to Gonder city.

The Evangelical fellowship didn't budge. Instead, it lodged a complaint. Nothing happened.

That was in May. Earlier this month, the police arrived, this time to make arrests.

They showed up at a 3 Nov. gathering of students, church leaders and a lecturer, and arrested an undisclosed number of people attending the event, according to sources whom World Watch Monitor is not identifying, for security purposes.

The sources said police pressured students in the group to sign an agreement never to gather in Debarq, then released them. Seven church leaders were detained for three days, released after they had signed a similar agreement.

Debarq, town with a population estimated at about 25,000, is religiously contested territory. The dominant Ethiopian Orthodox Church considers the Debarq region to be holy, and pressure on Protestant Christians in the area has been growing for years. Arsonists destroyed a church in 2008, and most Protestants have moved to Gonder, a much larger city of more than 150,000 people.

On paper, the Ethiopian constitution guarantees freedom of religion, which would seem to forbid the police to order the evangelical fellowship to stop meeting. In practice, however, Ethiopia's politics are charged by pronounced ethnic and religious divisions.

*Also see:*

**Evangelical Church Not Allowed - The Voice of the Martyrs Canada**

[www.vomcanada.com/et-2019-12-05.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/et-2019-12-05.htm)

**Algeria**

**17 Oct: Authorities shut down several churches in Algeria - Christian Today**

[www.christiantoday.com/article/authorities-shut-down-several-churches-in-algeria/133456.htm](http://www.christiantoday.com/article/authorities-shut-down-several-churches-in-algeria/133456.htm)

Authorities in Algeria on Wednesday closed the Tafath (Light) church building in Tizi-Ouzou, a day after sealing shut the country's largest church despite resistance, sources said.

A third church in northern Algeria, Source of Light church in Makouda, was also closed on Tuesday (Oct. 15).

Pastor Mustapha Kririche of the Tafath (Light) church in Tizi-Ouzou said he was surprised how rapidly police acted to close the building of his 150-member congregation after summoning him to the police station. From there they quickly drove him to the church site, site, where more than a dozen officers were about to seal the main door.

The pastor asked them permission to gather a few items, he said.

"As soon as I arrived at the scene, seeing that they were going to seal it, I asked the officer, a lady, to give me the time to look for the keys to be able to recover a few items," Pastor Kririche told Morning Star News. "The officer told me, 'I'll give you half an hour; if you're not back then, we go into action and close everything.'"

After he collected items, the church building was sealed within 15 minutes, he said. The pastor had been notified on Tuesday

(Oct. 15) that the church building would be closed, the same day authorities forcibly closed the buildings of Algeria's two largest churches over the objections of protesters.

Authorities had notified the Protestant Church of the Full Gospel of Tizi-Ouzou (EPPETO) that they would seal its building on Wednesday (Oct. 16), but on Tuesday about 20 police officers entered the premises of Algeria's largest church, where more than 300 Christians had gathered in solidarity with local members.

Some of those praying for God's intervention were in tears as police arrived who would beat and drag some Christians from the worship hall. The EPPETO church has about 700 members, with another 300 in seven to 11 smaller churches in Tizi-Ouzou Province, according to advocacy group Middle East Concern (MEC).

Arriving just after Christians there had finished a service of worship and prayer, police at 5 p.m. implemented the closure order issued by the governor of Tizi-Ouzou Province. When they saw that most of the Christians had left, they charged in, leaving a guard to prevent some Christians who tried to return from re-entering, church leaders said. *Cont/...*

*Also see:*

**17 Oct: Churches Shut Down After Protest - The Voice of the Martyrs Canada**

[www.vomcanada.com/dz-2019-10-17.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/dz-2019-10-17.htm)

Video: [www.vomcanada.com/dz-tiziouzou.html](http://www.vomcanada.com/dz-tiziouzou.html)

**Note 10 Dec: Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed receives Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo - Al Jazeera News**

[www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/12/ethiopian-pm-abiy-ahmed-receives-nobel-peace-prize-oslo-191210134203241.html](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/12/ethiopian-pm-abiy-ahmed-receives-nobel-peace-prize-oslo-191210134203241.html)

**Egypt**

**5 Dec: Stabbing of three Christians declared 'a normal quarrel' by Egyptian police - Open Doors UK**

[www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/egypt-191205](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/egypt-191205)

Please pray for three Egyptian Christians who are fighting for their lives after being stabbed. Houda and her two sons, Shenouda and Ishaq, were seriously wounded in an attack outside their home in Al-Nasriyah, Minya, Upper Egypt. Even worse, the local police have declared that the attack was 'just a normal quarrel'. The incident is part of a trend faced by our family in Egypt: authorities turning a blind eye to serious faith-based persecution.

Houda was sitting on her doorstep with her two sons when a Muslim neighbour passed by. He ordered them to move into the house, 'because Christians should not be out on the street'.

"After they responded that they were not going to honour his order, he got angry," a relative told Open Doors. "He ranted that he would 'kill these dog infidels'. He then rushed home, came back with a knife and started hitting and stabbing them."

Shenouda was stabbed in the belly and needed a partial removal of his intestines, while his brother Ishaq required stitches on six different areas of his body. Houda was treated for serious head wounds.

Despite the deliberate attack, which was witnessed by a neighbour who gave their testimony, the police refused to classify it as an attempted murder.

"My brothers balanced between life and death in intensive care for three days," said the older brother of Ishaq and Shenouda. "How can this be 'a normal quarrel'? It's an attempted murder!"

*Previous attack*

This wasn't the first time the assailant had done something like this. He had previously attacked a Christian teacher with a cleaver, and was never punished because the teacher was pressured into dropping charges and taking part in a 'reconciliation session'. This is a meeting between a village's Muslim and Christian leaders that aims to settle conflicts informally, and thus often lets perpetrators of violence against Christians go free without punishment.

While local Muslim elders have been pressuring the family to take a similar route, they are refusing to drop the charges or let a reconciliation session take the place of formal legal proceedings. "Impunity of such acts will only encourage further violence," said a family member.

"This is sadly all too common for Egypt's Christians," says an Open Doors spokesperson. "Serious incidents are downplayed by both police and communities. Forgiveness and reconciliation are important, but not at the cost of justice."

*Also see:*

**19 Nov: Coptic Christian Family Attacked in Upper Egypt; Adult Son in Intensive Care - Morningstar News**  
[morningstarnews.org/2019/11/coptic-christian-family-attacked-in-upper-egypt-adult-son-in-intensive-care](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/coptic-christian-family-attacked-in-upper-egypt-adult-son-in-intensive-care)

**11 Nov: Series of fires in their churches 'not a coincidence', say Copts - World Watch Monitor**  
<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2019/11/egypt-series-of-fires-in-their-churches-not-a-coincidence-say-copts>

### India

**6 Dec: Persecution Persecuted Pastor Counts the Cost of Ministry Among India's Unreached - ICC**  
[www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/persecuted-pastor-counts-cost-ministry-among-indias-unreached](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/persecuted-pastor-counts-cost-ministry-among-indias-unreached)

**4 Dec: Animists Opposing Christianity in India Find Allies in Maoists, Police, Hindu Extremists - Morningstar News**  
[morningstarnews.org/2019/12/animists-opposing-christianity-in-india-find-allies-in-maoists-police-hindu-extremists](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/12/animists-opposing-christianity-in-india-find-allies-in-maoists-police-hindu-extremists)

**2 Dec: Fear of Hindu Extremist Violence Ends Christianity in Village in Northern India - Morningstar News**  
[morningstarnews.org/2019/12/fear-of-hindu-extremist-violence-ends-christianity-in-village-in-northern-india](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/12/fear-of-hindu-extremist-violence-ends-christianity-in-village-in-northern-india)

**22 Nov: Pastor Beaten Unconscious Faces Charges by Hindu Extremists in Jharkhand, India - Morningstar News**  
[morningstarnews.org/2019/11/pastor-beaten-unconscious-faces-charges-by-hindu-extremists-in-jharkhand-india](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/pastor-beaten-unconscious-faces-charges-by-hindu-extremists-in-jharkhand-india)

**21 Nov: Police, Extremists Use Clampdown in Jammu and Kashmir, India to Thwart Christians - Morningstar News**  
[morningstarnews.org/2019/11/police-extremists-use-clampdown-in-jammu-and-kashmir-india-to-thwart-christians](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/police-extremists-use-clampdown-in-jammu-and-kashmir-india-to-thwart-christians)

### China

**25 Nov: Christian Uyghurs Endure Brainwashing in China - Release International**  
[releaseinternational.org/alimujiang-yimiti-update-with-bob-fu-of-china-aid-october-2019](http://releaseinternational.org/alimujiang-yimiti-update-with-bob-fu-of-china-aid-october-2019)

*New report reveals mass detention of Muslims – but Christians such as Alimujiang Yimiti are suffering too.*

Leaked documents from China have exposed the reality of massive detention camps for Uyghur Muslims. It's claimed these are places of brainwashing and even torture, where a million or more Uyghurs have been rounded up and held.

This network of detention camps was exposed on BBC's Panorama and in the Guardian newspaper. One former inmate said she faced constant video surveillance, brainwashing and electric shocks.

But it's not only Uyghur Muslims who suffer persecution. Alimujiang Yimiti is a Uyghur Christian from a Muslim background. He was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for allegedly leaking state secrets to a foreigner.

His charge and conviction were based on two private conversations between Alimujiang and an American friend. Despite the charge and stiff prison sentence, there is no evidence to suggest those conversations included any sensitive information.

Andrew Boyd of Release International asked China Aid's Bob Fu how many Uyghur Christians there are and what kind of persecution they are facing...

*Audio & Transcript of interview available on page.*

**25 Nov: China: Brainwash Camps and HK Democracy Vote Highlight Growing Religious Persecution - Release International**

[releaseinternational.org/china-brainwash-camps-and-hk-democracy-vote-highlight-growing-religious-persecution](http://releaseinternational.org/china-brainwash-camps-and-hk-democracy-vote-highlight-growing-religious-persecution)

**21 Nov: The Voice of the Martyrs Canada | Christians Interrogated for Online Book Purchases**  
[www.vomcanada.com/cn-2019-11-21.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/cn-2019-11-21.htm)

**6 Dec: Persecution Chinese Church Choosing Cross Over National Flag Despite Persecution- ICC**  
[www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/chinese-church-choosing-cross-national-flag-despite-persecution](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/06/chinese-church-choosing-cross-national-flag-despite-persecution)

**10 Nov: Persecution Hong Kong Christians and Their Roles in the Ongoing Protests - ICC**  
[www.persecution.org/2019/10/11/hong-kong-christians-roles-ongoing-protests](http://www.persecution.org/2019/10/11/hong-kong-christians-roles-ongoing-protests)

I could not remember the last time I heard a hymn that's been repeated this many times, until I stepped into the prayer vigil held in front of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong on June 11 around 9:00 p.m. Hundreds swarmed around the government building and filled the air with the hymn "*Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.*"

Among the crowd, some raised up their hands in the air as they sang. Some knelt at the fenced entrance of the Council, saying a prayer for the city. A woman stood with a white cross in her left hand, flowers in the other held up high, as if she was using these items to defend against the anti-extradition law that was scheduled for its second reading the next day.

It did not take long for anyone to feel the weight this solemn song carries. It is Hong Kongers' deepest cry for freedom. As the woman standing beside me silently wiped away her tears as she sang the hymn, tears soon filled my eyes. I could sympathize, because I too come from a place where my forbearers were oppressed in their quest for democracy and freedom.

Three hours passed. Yet the hymn never ceased to ring, in front of riot police with full gear, and in spite of the sudden rain. Whenever a crowd member stopped singing, another would catch on. Praise was what they sang to protect their home.

*Video available on the above page*

*Cont/...*

### Iran

**8 Dec: Persecution Iran Protests Continue Shaking Regime - ICC**  
[www.persecution.org/2019/12/08/iran-protests-continue-shaking-regime](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/08/iran-protests-continue-shaking-regime)

**29 Nov: Death and life under religious apartheid – Article 18**  
[articleeighteen.com/analysis/5132](http://articleeighteen.com/analysis/5132)

The killing of an Assyrian Christian citizen by the Islamic Republic's security forces in Fardis, Karaj, came as another

bitter and shocking piece of news in a series of horrifying reports of hundreds of Iranians being killed and wounded as a sharp rise in fuel prices sparked protests and outrage across the country.

The news of Ashoor Kalta's loss of life becomes even more distressing when one considers that during his life the 37-year-old, like other members of religious-minority communities, had been forced to live as a second- or even third-degree citizen under Islamic rule, deprived of many of his basic rights.

*Cont/...*

**28 Nov: 'He was one of the kindest men I ever met' - Article 18**  
[articleeighteen.com/news/5124](http://articleeighteen.com/news/5124)

A childhood friend of the Assyrian Christian killed during the protests in Iran has told Article18 he was "one of the kindest men I ever met".

Ashoor Kalta, 37, was killed as he passed by the protests in his car in his home city of Fardis, near Tehran, on Sunday 16 November. His family were eventually able to recover his body from the morgue and to hold a small funeral for him last Thursday, 21 November.

His childhood friend, Omid Moloudi, who is now an Anglican priest in the UK, shared with Article18 some of his fondest memories of their days together in Tehran:

**21 Nov: Assyrian Christian among Iran protest dead – Article 18**

[articleeighteen.com/news/5085](http://articleeighteen.com/news/5085)

*See also:*

**2 Dec: Iranian Christian denied medical treatment in Evin Prison - Article 18**

<https://articleeighteen.com/news/5156>

**18 Nov: Christian Begins Sentence of Exile in Remote, Islamist Area of Iran - Morningstar News**

<https://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/christian-begins-sentence-of-exile-in-remote-islamist-area-of-iran>

**18 Nov: Updates to recent prayer requests - Middle East Concern**

<http://www.meconcern.org/2019/11/18/iran-updates-to-recent-prayer-requests>

#### Other Countries

**7 Dec: Iraqi Protests Reject Sectarian Constitution - ICC**

[www.persecution.org/2019/12/07/iraqi-protests-reject-sectarian-constitution](http://www.persecution.org/2019/12/07/iraqi-protests-reject-sectarian-constitution)

**26 Nov: 80+ killed, 16-year-old girl taken in string of Islamic attacks in Democratic Republic of Congo - Open Doors USA**

[www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/80-killed-16-year-old-girl-taken-in-string-of-islamic-attacks-in-drc](http://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/stories/80-killed-16-year-old-girl-taken-in-string-of-islamic-attacks-in-drc)

In the last month alone, our brothers and sisters in the North Kivu Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) have endured a string of at least 10 attacks by the Islamic extremist group (Allied Democratic Forces). Reportedly, the attacks have killed at least 84 people, including men, women and children. Our field has confirmed that more than half (47) were Christians. At least 13 people are missing, thought to be kidnapped—including a 16-year-old girl,

Reportedly, most losses occurred after the government launched Operation Sukola 1, an effort to dislodge Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) forces from the area.

But the operation has come at great cost to the mostly Christian population with at least 10 attacks since the beginning of the

month. The ADF—one of several extremist groups supporting Islamization—is known to carry out atrocities, such as murder (including children), rape, abduction of women and children and subsequent, slavery and/or indoctrination.

Pastor Gilbert Kambale, president of the Beni city civil society organization, has called on Christians in North Kivu and elsewhere to keep praying and looking up to God for deliverance for Beni and the DRC.

*Cont/...*

"Even as the night is long, day will surely dawn," Pastor Gilbert remarked.

**22 Nov: Christian Poisoned by Muslim Brothers in Eastern Uganda, Sources Say - Morningstar News**

[morningstarnews.org/2019/11/christian-poisoned-by-muslim-brothers-in-eastern-uganda-sources-say](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/christian-poisoned-by-muslim-brothers-in-eastern-uganda-sources-say)

**25 Nov: Four Christian Farmers Killed by Muslim Fulani Herdsmen in Kaduna State, Nigeria, Sources Say - Morningstar News**

[morningstarnews.org/2019/11/four-christian-farmers-killed-by-muslim-fulani-herdsmen-in-kaduna-state-nigeria-sources-say](http://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/four-christian-farmers-killed-by-muslim-fulani-herdsmen-in-kaduna-state-nigeria-sources-say)

**15 Nov: Muslim Fulani Herdsmen Kill Two Christians in Kaduna State, Nigeria - Morningstar News**

<https://morningstarnews.org/2019/11/muslim-fulani-herdsmen-kill-two-christians-in-kaduna-state-nigeria>

**21 Nov: Three Pastors Sentenced in Kazakhstan - The Voice of the Martyrs Canada**

[www.vomcanada.com/kz-2019-11-21.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/kz-2019-11-21.htm)

**21 Nov: Officials Demand Worship Activities to Cease in Sri Lanka - The Voice of the Martyrs Canada**

[www.vomcanada.com/lk-2019-11-21.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/lk-2019-11-21.htm)

#### Protests around the World

All videos on Al Jazeera English YouTube Channel.

**9 Dec: World leaders risk anger, more protests over inequality - UN official - Reuters**

[uk.reuters.com/article/uk-un-colombia/world-leaders-risk-anger-more-protests-over-inequality-un-official-idUKKBN1YD28D](http://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-un-colombia/world-leaders-risk-anger-more-protests-over-inequality-un-official-idUKKBN1YD28D)

**Bolivia: Tense calm under interim government - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BM8oInFV804>

**Chile protests: State of emergency declared in Santiago - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpH6eS4ROkk>

**Anger over Colombian president's economic plan - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqyvNgnxVA>

**Ecuador unrest: President imposes curfew on Quito, offers to talk - YouTube**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhwG\\_60cRjc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhwG_60cRjc)

**Algeria unrest: Demands for reform ahead of election - YouTube**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fwt-x\\_vtuD4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fwt-x_vtuD4)

**Lebanon protesters launch campaign against harassment - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8M0GFi-om4>

**Iraq unrest: Escalation of violence in Nasiriya - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tY4fgKTha0>

**Iran acknowledges killings during protests - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqV9yWETBBg>

**European Union calls on Malta PM to resign - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWxfDG1Wn0>

**Tear gas and arrests at 'largest French strike in decades' - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqgAkYz3dos>

**Hong Kong anniversary: Six months since 'million-man' march - YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5hbMXWJWvo>

A PDF version of these notes will be available for download from the P4PC section of the MD Churches Together website:  
[churchestogether-marketdrayton.org.uk/p4pc](http://churchestogether-marketdrayton.org.uk/p4pc) - then follow the link to "Recent Reports"

For more information contact about these sessions Randall Hardy - Tel:01952-540970 or [p4pc@amen.org.uk](mailto:p4pc@amen.org.uk)