



"Carrying the cross does mean following in Jesus' footsteps. And in His footsteps are rejection, broken-heartedness, persecution and death."

~ Hudson Taylor

VIETNAM: Two Christians Detained and Charged

Sources: Christian Solidarity Worldwide, International Christian Concern, VN Express

Two Montagnard Vietnamese Christians – Pastor Siu Yui and church member Siu Dok – were arrested on June 1st for spreading religious propaganda and allegedly instigating talk of independence for Vietnam's Central Highlands. Authorities claim that these men have been "undermining national unity" and associating with illegal organizations. In addition, they were accused of misrepresenting the current state of religious freedom and democracy in Vietnam through comments shared on social media.

The Montagnard people, most of whom are Christians living in the Central Highlands of this Southeast Asian country, have a long history of conflict with the Vietnamese government – primarily due to ongoing harassment from the country's Communist leadership.

Another Montagnard leader, Y Quynh Bdap, fled the country in 2018 and sought refugee protection in Thailand. Regrettably, Thai authorities later extradited him back to Vietnam, where he is now serving a 10-year prison sentence. (See [further details](#) about this Christian leader's detention.) Additional reports addressing persecution in Vietnam are available at our [country profile](#).



A church in Vietnam.
Photo: Unsplash / Tu Tran Anh

- ***Pray for the two recently arrested Christian men as they face these serious accusations, asking God to administer His peace, protection and strength throughout every moment of their sentences – along with the assurance that His truth and justice will ultimately prevail.***
- ***Please uphold Y Quynh Bdap as well, praying that this Christian activist will not only be comforted and sustained as he awaits a hopeful earlier release from imprisonment, but also filled with great anticipation and courage – knowing that God's promises will be fulfilled in and through his dedicated life.***
- ***In general, prayerfully remember the country's many other believers, including the Montagnard Christians living in Vietnam's Central Highlands. Despite the long-term oppression they have endured, may these followers of Jesus be greatly encouraged, deeply rooted in their faith, and upheld by a clear sense of God's abiding presence with them.***

INDIA: Christian Families Denied Access to Basic Resources

Sources: International Christian Concern, UCA News, Catholic Connect

More than 180 Christian families from 32 villages in the Kanker district of Chhattisgarh have reportedly been denied access to communal water supplies and livelihood opportunities for refusing to renounce their faith in Jesus.

Some of the families were restricted from using rivers, ponds or well pumps to meet their daily water needs. Others have been excluded from government-assistance programs intended to support marginalized tribal communities. In a few cases, some families also had their firewood confiscated.

Complaints regarding the denial of these basic life-sustaining resources have been submitted to local police and governing leaders, raising concerns about the lack of equality and protection of the victimized citizens' constitutional rights. Christian leaders from the Progressive Christian Alliance have emphasized that "any denial based on religion, if established, should raise serious constitutional and human rights concerns."



People drawing water in Chhattisgarh.
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Despite such appeals, many believers continue to experience severe hardships in their communities. To review previously posted *Persecution & Prayer Alert* reports concerning the mistreatment of Christians in India, visit our [country profile](#).

- ***Pray that the affected Christian families will reflect God's grace and love even in the midst of hardship, finding daily comfort in His loving presence and provision.***
- ***May the Lord's wisdom, guidance and perseverance be imparted to all who are diligently seeking a just and peaceful resolution to the families' alarming, life-threatening situations.***
- ***Intercede on behalf of India's governing political and judicial representatives, asking that their decisions be moved with compassion and a commitment to fairness, so that all citizens will be treated with equality and dignity.***

REPORT UPDATE

CHINA: Church Building Forcibly Demolished

Source: ChinaAid

In December 2025, the Yazhong Church (also referred to as the Yayang Church) was targeted during an intense government campaign, resulting in the arrests of hundreds of believers. The following month, large numbers of police surrounded the main church building in Wenzhou, setting up barricades to block any views of the worship facility. At the time of the blockage, there were also concerns that the building may potentially risk demolition. (For more details, see [this page](#).)

Five months later, on May 17th, heavy equipment moved onsite. By the morning of May 19th, the church building had been reduced to rubble. Along with the destruction, four church leaders were arrested,



Yazhong Church.
Photo: ChinaAid

joining 18 other members who are currently in prison. The families of those detained have reportedly been warned by authorities to remain silent.

Reflecting on these disturbing events, as well as the broader oppression facing Christians in China, Dr. Bob Fu from ChinaAid stated, "Our sources confirm that this beautiful and sacred place of worship has been destroyed – but our prayers are not reduced to rubble." To access further reports relating to Christian persecution in China, go to our [country profile](#).

- ***Prayerfully uphold the distressed members of this congregation who have sadly witnessed the destruction of their meaningful place of worship, asking God to calm their inner hearts with His perfect peace and console them through His strengthening presence.***
- ***In general, remember the numerous other persecuted believers throughout China, praying that the Lord will also grant them overcoming courage in the midst of oppression, enduring faith in His ultimate sovereignty and righteousness, as well as an unbroken sense of national Christian unity.***
- ***Last, but not least, pray that the international community would respond with wisdom and compassion, advocating for justice and encouraging greater protections on behalf of our Chinese brothers and sisters in Christ.***

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