



## Persecution & Prayer Alert

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*"Blessed are you when others revile  
you and persecute you and utter all kinds  
of evil against you falsely on My account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is  
great in heaven, for so they persecuted  
the prophets who were before you."*

~ Matthew 5:11-12 ESV

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### **KENYA: Murdered for Not Reciting Islamic Creeds**

Sources: World Watch Monitor, The Standard

Two bus passengers were executed on September 14th when they failed to recite Muslim prayers. The men were travelling to the town of Garissa when their bus was pulled over by seven Al-Shabaab militants. The passengers were ordered to show ID and three non-locals were pulled from the bus for questioning.

Once outside the bus, the three men were ordered to repeat the *Shahada* (an Islamic prayer of faith), as well as seven verses from the first chapter of the Quran. One man did so and was allowed back on the bus. The other two men failed to repeat the creeds and were immediately executed.

One of the victims was Fredrick Ngui, a church worship leader from the settlement of Masalini. The other man, known only as Okoth, worked on the bus. After the killings, the attackers fled into the bush. Authorities have searched the area but have not been able to locate those responsible.

Al-Shabaab, an affiliate of al-Qaeda, has targeted Christians in Kenya and Somalia for years. In one of the most violent attacks, militants stormed a university campus in Garissa in April 2015. While targeting Christians in particular, they slaughtered 147 students. For more information on that attack, go to [www.vomcanada.com/ke-2015-04-09.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/ke-2015-04-09.htm).

*Remember the family and friends of those murdered in this horrific attack. Pray for emotional healing on behalf of the surviving passengers who witnessed these murders. May Christians in Kenya be empowered by the strength that comes from having faith in Christ, so they can continue reaching out to others of their East African nation.*

### **INDIA: Hundreds Charged for "Misinformation about Hinduism"**

Sources: Indian Express, AsiaNews, UCANews

Charges have been laid against 271 Christians after a complaint was made by a Hindu activist group. According to the accusations, members of the Pentecostal church in the Jaunpur region of Uttar Pradesh state were allegedly spreading lies about Hinduism and attempting to convert people to Christianity during their services. Allegations were also made that the members were drugging people to forcefully convert them.

Police are investigating the allegations. At last report, only three pastors had been identified: Durga Prasad Yadav, Kirit Rai and Jitendra Ram. The rest of the Christians charged were referred to as associates. According to one source, opposition particularly grew when prayer meetings began attracting crowds and people claimed to be healed through prayer. "The allegation of drugging people to convert people to Christianity is absurd," he adds. "No one would do such a thing in Christianity."

Opposition to Christianity has been increasing in Uttar Pradesh state recently, as well as many other areas of India. For more details, go to [www.vomcanada.com/india.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/india.htm).

*Pray that the truth will be revealed, resulting in the dismissal of all charges against these faithful witnesses for Christ. May those who have come to faith through their ministry grow in the grace and knowledge of our Saviour and Lord (2 Peter 3:18). Also intercede for the accusers who have raised these false allegations -- in hopes that through conviction and repentance, they will wholeheartedly come to faith in Jesus.*

## **PRAISE REPORT**

### **BANGLADESH: Christian Convert Released from Prison**

Source: VOM USA

A Christian convert from Islam, who had been imprisoned for more than two years, was released on bail recently. Sisir Islam became a believer in 2012 and immediately began sharing Jesus with others in his community, leading 17 friends to Christ.

On September 23rd, 2014, after returning home from a VOM-supported training centre, Sisir was charged with the murder of a local business man. He later learned that Muslim leaders in his village had accused him of the murder as retribution for his conversion to Christianity.

While imprisoned, the prison guards and prisoners treated Sisir poorly and he was frequently ill. Finally, in July 2018, the persecuted believer was released on bail and returned home to recover. Thank God for Sisir's faithful witness for Christ and his release. Pray for his full recovery.

*If you would like to post a prayer of praise or petition on behalf of our persecuted family around the globe, visit VOMC's prayer wall at [www.vomcanada.com/prayerwall.htm](http://www.vomcanada.com/prayerwall.htm).*

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