

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Commentary - 2017-10-22 through 2017-10-28

Listed in this week's report ([please click here to read](#)) are the deaths of Christians in Kenya, Nigeria, the Philippines, and Zimbabwe. We also report on abductions, arrests, assaults, detentions, imprisonments, and prosecutions in China, India, Iran, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, and the United Kingdom. A new anti-conversion law has been enacted in Nepal. Christian worship has been suppressed in Indonesia, Pakistan, Sudan, and Ukraine, the last country having two stories of Christian versus Christian conflict.



Annunciation Church, Kolomyia, Trans-Carpathia, Ukraine

We have three accounts of persecution from the United Kingdom, aside from the aforementioned assault case. One involved a Christian education charity names CrossTeach, which has conducted religious presentations in Church of England schools. One church school has partially dismissed CrossTeach (they will still be involved in after school activities) after some parents labeled the charity 'extremist' for discussing subjects such as the crucifixion of Jesus.

The other two stories from the UK both involved court cases in which the non-profit [Christian Concern](#) defended persecuted Christians. Both cases were lost, and Christian Concern is planning appeals.

Christian Concern is led by Andrea Minichiello Williams. A quick survey of the Today's Martyrs archives shows that Ms. Williams now has the third largest entry on our internet site, after those of the Indian Christian activists Sajan K. George and John Dayal (please see page 3 of [this document](#)). Moreover, the entire United Kingdom archive is the largest of any Western democracy save the United States, and unlike the U.S. the UK archive contains far more government actions. It is now quite apparent that the United Kingdom, and in particular London, has become the epicenter of Western-style secularist persecution of the Christian Church. The facts supporting this statement go beyond those normally reported by us: for example, the current Speaker of the House of Commons has said that homosexuals will never be equal until the

government compels *all* churches to perform same sex weddings. Western Christians who wish to monitor – and pray for – their future would do no better than to keep their eyes and prayers directed to the conversion of the British people.

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