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'America. We Are Going to Destroy It':

The Persecution of Christians, November 2025

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The following are among the abuses and murders inflicted on Christians by Muslims throughout the **month of November 2025.**

The Muslim Slaughter of Christians

Nigeria: U.S. President Donald Trump [announced](#) that Nigeria will be designated a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) under the International Religious Freedom Act. He cited the relentless persecution and mass killing of Christians by Muslim extremists, adding that “radical Islamists are responsible for this mass slaughter,” as thousands of Christians continue to be murdered, kidnapped, and displaced while Nigerian authorities largely fail to hold perpetrators accountable. Proponents [say](#) that “a Country of Particular Concern designation could significantly improve the lives of many Christians in Nigeria by raising awareness of the ongoing persecution and exerting pressure on the Nigerian government to take action.” Trump had designated Nigeria as a CPC in 2020. President Joe Biden removed the designation for unknown reasons in 2021.

Hours after Trump’s announcement, Islamic Fulani, continuing as usual, carried out coordinated nighttime attacks, [slaughtering](#) at least another 17 Christians on the Plateau-Kaduna border. Many of those killed were women and children who had gathered for a night vigil ahead of Sunday service. Trump responded by [threatening](#) to halt all aid to and possibly launch direct military action against Nigeria:

“If the Nigerian Government continues to allow the killing of Christians, the U.S.A. will immediately stop all aid and assistance to Nigeria, and may very well go into that now disgraced country, “guns-a-blazing,” to completely wipe out the Islamic Terrorists who are committing these horrible atrocities. I am hereby instructing our Department of War to prepare for possible action. If we attack, it will be fast, vicious, and sweet, just like the terrorist thugs attack our CHERISHED Christians! WARNING: THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT BETTER MOVE FAST!”

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Between Nov. 1 and 2, Fulani terrorists [slaughtered](#) seven more Christians, some in their beds.

On Nov. 6, the Muslim herdsmen launched more [attacks](#) in the middle of the night, killing another 15 Christians as they slept in their beds. “Our peaceful home, where we enjoyed all the comforts, has been turned into a den of armed bandits,” [said](#) one local.

On Nov. 12, Muslim terrorists [abducted](#) seven Christians, including women and children.

On Nov 18, Muslim terrorists attacked a Christ Apostolic Church in Kwara state, [killing three worshippers](#) and abducting several others, including the pastor.

On Friday, Nov. 21, Islamic gunmen stormed a Catholic school in Niger State and [kidnapped at least 227](#) Christian children and their teachers. The report [adds](#),

“Other attacks this week include the kidnapping on Monday of 25 schoolgirls from a boarding school in Kebbi state and an attack on a church in Kwara state, in which a church official told Reuters that 38 worshippers were taken by gunmen.”

On Nov. 26, it was [reported](#) that “Amid a rash of mass kidnappings in Nigeria, an Anglican priest in Nigeria abducted along with his wife and daughter has died in captivity.” The Rev. Edwin Achi was kidnapped on Oct. 28 along with his wife, Sarah, and daughter. Although how he was killed is unclear, the assailants had demanded a ransom of 600 million naira (\$415,216)—an exorbitant sum for most people, let alone impoverished Nigerians.

Finally, Rev. Ezekiel Dachomo, a pastor in Plateau State, faces [death threats](#) for speaking out against Islamic attacks on Christians and calling for protection against what he (and many others) call a genocide. In mid-October, Ezekiel recorded a video standing over a mass grave of Christians slaughtered by Muslim herdsmen. He criticized the Nigerian government for denying the violence and appealed to the U.S. and the U.N. for help:

“My life is in grave danger. Even as I speak, I am on the lookout for attacks. I no longer sleep with my eyes closed. I have been attacked before but escaped... The Nigerian government keeps denying that there’s no genocide [sic] against Christians in Nigeria, but look at the corpses that were killed today. I’m calling on President Trump of America to please save our lives in Nigeria. Just as he intervened in the conflict between Israel and Hamas, I’m calling on his attention to Nigeria. Christians are being massacred. They claim Muslims,

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too, are being killed, but the question is, they're being killed by whom? By Muslims, of course!"

According to a separate report, other Christian leaders in northeast Nigeria have [documented](#),

"systematic persecution in Gwoza, Borno state, where hundreds of churches have been destroyed, Christian land and political representation denied, and 107,000 Christians displaced to camps or refugee settlements. They assert these are not isolated incidents but part of a deliberate pattern of erasing Christians and their heritage."

Uganda: On Nov. 4, Muslims [slaughtered five Christians](#) because they were selling pork too close to a mosque in Yumbe. The Muslims had initially mobilized to protest peacefully, but before long, a cleric incited them and they turned violent and began attacking Christian properties and homes, including several churches, all of which were vandalized and/or burned. Sheikh Kasim Abdalla, of Munir Mosque, was heard [crying](#),

"Yumbe was dedicated to Allah from the beginning. We cannot allow pork shops to operate here. Every Muslim youth must rise and defend the honor of our faith. Let no Christian business that promotes sin remain standing in our land."

At least five Christians were killed in the aftermath, some by stoning; many others were severely injured by Somali sword stabs. "We are in great fear because Muslims are many in the region," a Christian identified only as Bernard [said](#).

General Muslim Abuse of Christians

Pakistan: On Nov. 17, a 21-year-old Christian woman, Monica Jennifer, [disappeared](#) from her home, only to appear later in court claiming she had willingly converted to Islam and married her Muslim neighbor. In an interview, her brother, Raza, [said](#) Jennifer

"was a spirit-filled Christian girl, devoted to her faith. There is no way she would willingly choose to leave her home, her religion and her family without pressure.... [Muslim neighbor Waleed Ahmad] abducted her and manipulated and blackmailed her until she felt she had no choice but to leave."

When Jennifer failed to return from work, her family immediately reported her disappearance:

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“But instead of registering our complaint, [police] told us to come the next morning, Our First Information Report [FIR] was registered on Nov. 23 only after some rights activists intervened, giving the accused sufficient time to marry Monica after forcibly changing her faith.”

Raza [adds](#) that Jennifer’s court statement was made under duress, that she remains under threat, and that Ahmad’s relatives have threatened the family to drop the case or face a blasphemy complaint, a charge widely feared for its deadly consequences. Raza also [said](#) the marriage was fraudulent, claiming the Islamic certificate lacked required identity details and contains forged signatures. Discussing this case, Katherine Sapna, who works with Christian survivors of forced conversion and forced marriage, [said](#):

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“Christians suffer from slavery and constant oppression, and their situation is terrible. The Christian is considered ‘chura,’ which ... is equivalent to saying ‘excrement.’ ... After a life of eating garbage, being treated like garbage, and suffering constant violence, some of them don’t know what it’s like to be human. That’s why we have to get them to where they can live in peace, practice Christianity, and raise their children.”

Syria: The diocese of Valencia published a [statement](#) around the testimony of Brother Fadi Azar, a Franciscan friar currently stationed in Aleppo. It underscores the sufferings of religious minorities under the new jihadist regime:

“The priest says the situation in Syria is getting worse every day: ‘People don’t want food, clothes, or material aid; they simply want to leave the country and escape the fear that grips them, because they fear for their lives and the lives of their children.’ Since the change of power, with a jihadist government at the head of the country, the situation is untenable,

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The [report](#) adds that

“Historians say there are around 100,000 Christians in Turkey today, compared to nearly four million at the start of the 20th century, with the numbers falling significantly due to forced exile or massacres as the Ottoman Empire crumbled and modern Turkey emerged.... Christian minorities have also struggled to achieve representation, with many civil service positions closed to them despite no legal ban on non-Muslim minorities holding office.... For decades after Turkey became a republic, Christians and Jews were regularly described by certain government officials and media outlets as ‘the enemies inside’ and were targeted by discrimination and violence—even into the early 2000s.”

Muslim Attacks on Christian Churches

Bangladesh: On Nov. 7, a Catholic cathedral and adjoining school in Dhaka, were bombed—just hours before a worship event that drew bishops from across the country. According to the [report](#),

“A suspect on a motorbike threw two homemade bombs at the church — one exploded near the gate, and another landed near the property, failing to detonate. No one was injured in the attack.”

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Christian minorities of the Muslim majority nation expressed fears from this and similar incidents: “Anxiety grips many of us while going to church,” one churchgoer [said](#). Before this bombing, the Holy Rosary Church in Tejgaon, located in the capital, was attacked with a similar homemade bomb on Oct. 8. “We Christians are very few in number; we are peace-loving people,” [said](#) another local. “But these incidents are frightening us.”

United States: On Nov. 7, the U.S. Dept. of Justice [announced](#) that Zimnako Salah, a 46-year-old Muslim man, had been sentenced to six years in prison. Earlier, he had visited several churches in Arizona, California, and Colorado “wearing black backpacks”:

“At two of those churches, Salah planted those backpacks, placing congregants in fear that they contained bombs. At the other two churches, Salah was confronted by security before he got the chance to plant those backpacks... The jury’s verdict included a special finding that Salah targeted the church because of the religion of the people who worshipped there, making the offense a hate crime.”

Salah had also tried to construct a real bomb that would fit in a backpack. When the FBI searched a storage unit of his, the bureau took material [that](#) “served as component parts of an improvised explosive device.” The Justice Department [adds](#) that Salah “had consumed extremist propaganda online,” including searching “for videos of ‘infidels dying,’” and watching “videos depicting ISIS terrorists murdering people.” In a cellphone video taken days before the crimes of conviction, Salah [declared](#), “America. We are going to destroy it.” [According](#) to the U.S. Attorney,

“Salah’s seeming ultimate goal to bomb a Christian church would have resulted in many deaths and injuries if his plan had not been thwarted.”

France: On Nov. 5, Muslim teenagers terrorized the cathedral on Pey-Berland Square in the centre of Bordeaux. According to the [report](#),

“a group of teenagers filmed themselves in the nave of Saint-André Cathedral, located on Place Pey-Berland in Bordeaux. In the videos, the five teenagers, aged 16 and 17, repeatedly shout ‘Allah Akbar’. The scene frightened the worshippers who had come to pray, prompting them to alert the local police. Upon arrival, officers apprehended three of the five teenagers; the other two had already fled. Placed in police custody, the three teenagers are accused of condoning terrorism. However, the police are trying to reassure

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the public. ‘This is completely stupid behavior. The terrorist angle has been ruled out,’ asserts the Gironde DIPN (Departmental Directorate of the National Police).”

Italy: A popular Catholic church, and a chapel, both in Rome, were [desecrated](#) with human feces and urine—a well-documented [Islamist tactic](#) against churches. First, on Nov. 25, human excrement was found smeared throughout the St. Nicholas Church in Bari, including its altar. A few days later, more human waste and urine were also found in various areas of a Catholic chapel, including its altar. The report [adds](#) that

“Numerous acts of desecration inside churches have taken place throughout Europe and indeed across the globe within the last year alone. In October, a man urinated on the high altar of St. Peter’s Basilica during Mass. In February, another man jumped onto St. Peter’s high altar and kicked off the historic candelabra along with the altar cloths.”

Sudan: On Nov. 26, Christians discovered [Islamic graffiti](#) on their church wall. CCTV camera captured a man coming out of a vehicle with paint and [writing](#) in Arabic on the wall of the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church-Port Sudan, “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah.” [According](#) to Philip Abdelmasih of the church in question, “This is a deliberate act of the Islamists and might be the beginning of Boko Haram-like acts in Sudan.” Another pastor, whose identity is held for security, [said](#)

“The Coptic Orthodox church was also targeted as well, we have informed the authorities about the incident, and we expect them to arrest the culprit who was captured by the CCTV camera.”

Indonesia: On Nov. 30, around 1 a.m., a large group of Muslims surrounded and [hurled stones](#) at a church. Some of the Muslims also attacked and wounded several Christians with swords, while others shattered windows and set off firecrackers. Accustomed to such behavior, a Christian militia formed, at which point police acted quickly to prevent the conflict from escalating.

Muslim Attacks on Christian Apostates and Blasphemers

Uganda: Sudanese Christian refugee Safaa Abdalla Yousif and her family, who fled Sudan in 2016 due to [religious persecution](#), are now living in fear in Uganda as other Muslims try to kill them. On Nov. 19, she received an Arabic language [text](#) from an unknown number:

“You are infidel because you left Islam, your blood will be shed.”

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In the weeks and months before this death threat, Safaa had been sharing her faith with Muslims, provoking some to anger. One Muslim, during an interfaith debate, [declared](#) that he wished he had burned her vehicle on a prior occasion in Sudan “so that we get rid of you and can get some rest.” Muslims from Somalia have also threatened her. A Somali convert she worked with was kidnapped and tortured by Muslim relatives:

“He was sent back to warn us to close the church and stop discipleship classes. He said, ‘If you don’t stop the ministry and close the church, they will kill you because you are now known to them very well.’”

Most recently, unknown persons attempted to open the window of the room where her 13-year-old daughter was sleeping:

“Since that day, I have not been sleeping well during nights. The girl is scared, and this made me upset. The move was a sign that we are being seriously monitored by the radical Muslims who wish to kidnap or kill us.”

So the family—the husband and father of which was also stabbed in 2019 by Somali Muslims—is on the run again.

Separately, according to a Nov. 30 [report](#), 27-year-old Sudanese refugee Essam Juma Abdelkreem was expelled from his uncle’s home after converting from Islam to Christianity. Fleeing war-torn Khartoum, Abdelkreem had secretly embraced Christianity in early 2025, completed discipleship training, and was baptized, until his uncle’s wife searched through his bag and discovered a Bible:

“She immediately reported to my uncle. Upon hearing the report, my uncle was emotionally upset and ordered me to leave his shop and his house immediately.”

Pakistan: According to a Nov. 3 [report](#), a Christian man has been in prison for nearly a year-and-a-half on a false blasphemy charge, and his impoverished family has been unable to afford legal representation. On Jun. 26, 2024, 22-year-old Christian waiter, Basharat Masih, was arrested under Pakistan’s blasphemy laws. He was traveling to begin his new job, when authorities raided his bus, confiscated his phone, and accused him of sharing blasphemous content online—charges he denies. Discussing his case, the British Asian Christian Association [said](#),

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“Basharat’s story is yet another example of how Pakistan’s blasphemy laws destroy innocent lives. We cannot allow fear or poverty to silence justice.”

In a separate incident, according to a Nov. 6 report, police [arrested](#) Rasheed Masih, 48, a mentally handicapped Christian man, for allegedly trying to incite religious tensions by recording a video against Islamic and governmental corruption. He was charged under blasphemy, sedition, and anti-terrorism laws. [According](#) to his son, Nabeel, Rasheed had been suffering from severe depression for the past two to three years after failing to obtain justice:

“He worked as a sanitary worker in a rural health center along with my mother Najma Rasheed, but he was targeted with false accusations when he raised his voice against corruption and theft of government resources by the Muslim staff members.... His Muslim colleagues were also opposed to him when he turned down their attempts to convert him to Islam.”

Nabeel said authorities ignored his father’s complaints, repeatedly transferred him, and finally terminated him in January 2018. Rasheed’s challenge in the Lahore High Court failed, and prolonged unemployment plunged the family into financial crisis. “Our parents could no longer afford education for their three children,” Nabeel [said](#), adding that his father’s hardship led to severe depression and multiple hospitalizations:

“My father is a good man, but he has suffered a lot due to his Christian faith. People who have nurtured grudges against him over the years for exposing their wrongdoings have conspired to implicate him in the false case, taking advantage of his mental health condition.... This is the price we are continuing to pay as a family for my father’s stance against the corrupt system... He is a victim of the system and deserves sympathy.”

Iran: Convert to Christianity, Aida Najafloo, imprisoned since February 2025 for her faith-based activities—including praying, performing baptisms, taking communion, and celebrating Christmas—suffered a [spinal injury](#) on Oct. 31 when she fell from her top bunk. Aida, who previously had spinal disc surgery and suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, was diagnosed with a fractured T12 vertebra. Despite medical recommendations for urgent treatment, authorities returned her to prison, prolonging her pain and worsening her condition. When even fellow prisoners protested, officials finally took her to a second hospital, where surgery was advised. Aida also faces charges of “[propaganda](#) activity against the Islamic Republic” for online criticism of Iranian and Hezbollah leaders. Her

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requests for a lower bunk were previously denied and continuous denial of proper medical care has severely endangered her health. Her current condition remains unknown.

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About this Series

While not all, or even most, Muslims are involved, persecution of Christians by extremists is growing. The report posits that such persecution is not random but rather systematic, and takes place irrespective of language, ethnicity, or location. It includes incidents that take place during, or are reported on, any given month. **///END///**

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