

news from around THE world

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NEW CONVERT KILLED FOR HIS FAITH

According to International Christians concern (ICC), a 29 year old Somalian convert by the name of David was shot and killed by Islamic extremists because of his recent conversion from Islam to Christianity. David had returned home to visit his family after 13 years living abroad as an evangelist. In this story the most shocking aspect was the role played by his cousin, who instigated the attack by alerting Al-Shaba, an Islamic extremist group to the whereabouts of his cousin. On questioning David about his faith, he replied 'I am a follower of the Messiah', a true sign of faithfulness to his calling like Apostle Paul. (Ephesians 4:1). In annoyance, the extremists and cousin pulled out their guns and shot him continuously. This is just one account of what millions of Christians all over the world face today. Please let us all remember our Christian brothers and sisters in our prayers. May Almighty GOD shower his protection on each one of us daily in JESUS name, AMEN!

RELIGIOUS CLEANSING IN IRAQ

Religious cleansing in northern Iraq has been reported of late by several media sources. According to BosNews life, a particular city in N.Iraq with an important symbolism to the Christian faith i.e. where Prophet Jonah preached his message of repentance; has been reported to be the site of this persecution. Reports claim Christians are being nailed to the cross and mocked for their belief of Christianity. As I read this, the prayer point that came to mind was 'forgive them for they know not what they do'.



LONDON GETS NEW MAYOR

The City of London woke up on the 2nd of May 2008 to news that a new mayor has taken over. Conservative party candidate, Boris Johnson who many did not give a chance at the beginning of his campaign floored two time Mayor, Ken Livingstone at the polls. These are definitely new times for the city of London as all the late promises of the former mayor could not sway the voters in his favour. We wish the new Mayor well and pray that God will give him wisdom to rule the city well in these troubling times.

EVIL LEGISLATION

The extreme length of Christian persecution in the world today is incomprehensible. In the Indian state of Gujarat, an anti-conversion law has been legalised. In a state where majority of the population are Hindu's, this law has been criticized as a direct discrimination on Christians and a hindrance on spreading the word of GOD. The anti-conversion law goes on further to imply a government authorisation must be sought after by the 'convertee' so as to keep a record on the number of Christian converts. As children of GOD we know and understand no earthly being can contain the word of the consuming fire (Hebrews 12:28-29; therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, for our GOD is a consuming fire).

CHURCH LEADERS AS TARGETS

Heads of the church are now the primary target in some parts of the world. In Sri Lanka, a church leader was gunned down whilst his wife and 2 year old son were injured. According to OneNewsNow, this pre-planned attack is now the tactics used to in-still fear in Christians but because we serve the one and only true living God who rules in the affairs of man, we should not be moved but stand firm and hold on to our lord. As many are of good courage in the lord, we ought to give them the spiritual prayer backing because 'we battle neither against flesh and blood but against principalities and against powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places' (Ephesians 6:12) Let us endeavour to remember our spiritual leaders in prayer as they go abroad to evangelise or conduct missionary work.