

Outlawed Islamist group accused of inciting Pakistan riots

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An outlawed Islamist group has been charged with inciting destructive riots in Pakistan after two Christian brothers were accused of blasphemy there.

Russia charges former Baptist leader with criminal slander

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The former president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists—a critic of Russia’s war against Ukraine—recently fled his homeland when authorities pressed criminal charges against him.

UN reports Burmese military

committing war crimes

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A United Nations report presents evidence the Burmese military and associated militia groups increasingly are committing war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Religious violence in India a problem for US politicians

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American politicians are under increasing pressure to account for their courtship of Indian Prime Minister Modi, while ignoring the Indian regime's oppression of religious minorities.

Randel Everett made global impact at 21Wilberforce

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Randel Everett recently told the board of 21Wilberforce he plans to retire at the end of the year as the organization's president.

Haitian Baptists struggle to minister amid violence

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Pastor Samson Doreliens ministers in the midst of violence in Port Au Prince, the site of the July 27 kidnapping of an American nurse and her daughter who remain missing.

Religious freedom advocates protest detention in Laos

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International religious freedom advocates from East Texas departed Aug. 3 bound for Laos to participate in peaceful demonstrations protesting the detention—and possible deportation—of a Chinese human rights lawyer.

Prayer urged for Chinese human rights lawyer jailed in Laos

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Some Texas-based advocates for persecuted religious groups fear Lu Siwei—a Chinese human rights lawyer arrested in Laos last week—could be deported to China, where he likely would be imprisoned.

European policies discriminate against religious minorities

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Blasphemy laws, along with restrictions on religious clothing and broadly worded legislation criminalizing hate speech, are among the practices of some European Union member states that discriminate against religious minorities, a new report notes.

European Parliament urges end to violence in Manipur

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The European Parliament overwhelmingly approved a resolution calling on authorities in India to stop ongoing violence in the northeastern state of Manipur, where more than 250 houses of worship have been destroyed or damaged.

Airstrike on Lviv hits Baptist seminary worker's home

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A Russian airstrike targeting civilians in Lviv damaged the home of a Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary worker about a half-mile drive from the campus.

Russia violates religious

freedom at home and in Ukraine

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Persecution of religious minorities with Russia has escalated since the invasion of Ukraine, where Russia's military has destroyed houses of worship and tortured religious leaders, according to two reports.