

# **People globally want leaders to stand up for believers**

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A new Pew Research Center study revealed people around the globe favor leaders who stand up for their constituents with religious beliefs, even if the beliefs are not their own.

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# **Taliban laws regarding women prompt calls for prayer**

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A new Taliban law restricting the rights of women even further has led to calls for prayer from Arabic church leaders as well as Afghans who have fled in recent years.

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# **Mexico Protestants protest displacement, church burning**

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The last Protestants in an indigenous Mexican community dominated by

Roman Catholics were forced from their homes Aug. 6 and their lone church set ablaze, Christian Solidarity Worldwide reported Aug. 22.

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## **Ukrainian bill bans Russian-linked faith groups**

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The Ukrainian Parliament passed a bill banning the activities of churches deemed to have ties to the Russian Orthodox Church or the invasion.

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## **Religious freedom harmed by government-fostered lies**

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Government-fostered misinformation and disinformation are hindering religious liberty in several places globally, according to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

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# **Azerbaijan accused of torture and ethnic cleansing**

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A global human rights organization called on the United States to enforce sanctions against Azerbaijan for torturing prisoners of war and targeting Armenian Christians.

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# **Rwanda government shuts more than 5,600 churches**

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In a crackdown, Rwanda has shut down more than 5,600 places of worship over failure to meet the conditions required for operation.

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# **Religious freedom advocate urges U.S. to ‘value its values’**

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Working to advance international religious freedom and combat persecution not only reflects American values, but also advances the

nation's interests, international human rights lawyer H. Knox Thames said.

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## **Elder of church in China sentenced to prison**

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The leader of a Protestant church in China's Gyizhou Province received a five-year prison sentence July 24 for charges of fraud and inciting subversion.

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## **BWA launches humanitarian aid course in Lagos, Nigeria**

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BWAid launched the BWA International Humanitarian Action and Development Intensive Course July 5-7 in Lagos, Nigeria.

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# **Ukrainian journalists paint dire image of homeland**

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Religious freedom no longer exists in Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine, where religious leaders have been abducted and sometimes tortured, several Ukrainian journalists said during a recent visit to the United States.

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# **India's Christian leaders work to curb attacks**

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Attacks on Christians in India—who constitute only 2.3 percent of India's 1.4 billion people—have risen sharply over the last few years.