

# **War destroys Ukraine school's campus but not its mission**

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Based on his experience in Ukraine, Valentyn Syniy believes Christians cannot experience war and emerge unchanged.

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# **Cuba continues crackdown on freedom of religion**

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The Cuban government continued its repression of freedom of religion last year, a new report from an international human rights organization focused on faith freedom revealed.

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# **Persecuted Vietnamese Highlanders seek freedom**

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An East Texas-based organization that played a key role in securing the release and resettlement of the Mayflower Church—persecuted Chinese

Christians who eventually relocated to Texas—hopes to do the same for Vietnamese Christians in a similar situation.

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## **Commission notes violence against Nigerian Christians**

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Almost daily, news surfaces of Islamic extremists or Fulani militants killing Christians in northern or central Nigeria, with law enforcement either lacking or inadequate to intervene.

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## **Afghans who fled Taliban face repatriation**

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About 14,000 Afghans who came to the United States to escape the Taliban—including religious minorities who experienced persecution in their homeland—face forced repatriation in less than two weeks.

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# **International missionaries face new restrictions in China**

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The Chinese Communist Party enacted new restrictions on foreign missionaries there May 1, preventing them from preaching, evangelizing and establishing various religious organizations among other activities without official government approval.

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# **Texans on Mission responds to crisis in South Sudan**

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When Mitch Chapman first visited South Sudan a couple of years ago, he said God “showed me poverty that I’ve not seen anywhere else.” And as director of Texans on Mission Water Impact, Chapman has spent much time in Africa.

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# **Commission exposes blasphemy**

# law in Russia

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Since its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has increased its enforcement of a law that criminalizes “insulting the religious feelings of believers” as part of the government’s campaign to present itself as the defender of “traditional values.”

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# Explainer: The changing landscape of global aid

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An expert on global development urged anti-hunger advocates to understand U.S. foreign aid before and after President Donald Trump’s inauguration.

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# Palm Sunday airstrikes hit Ukraine, Myanmar and Gaza

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Separate military airstrikes on Palm Sunday in Ukraine, Myanmar and Gaza claimed dozens of lives, destroyed a church building and severely damaged

a hospital.

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## **Russian Palm Sunday attack on Ukraine condemned**

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A Russian airstrike on Palm Sunday killed at least 34 people in the northeastern Ukrainian city of Sumy in the deadliest attack of the conflict so far this year.

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## **Letter urges return of Ukrainian children**

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Texas Baptists' Christian Life Commission director joined other Christian leaders in calling for President Donald Trump and his administration to require the return of abducted Ukrainian children before a peace deal with Russia is signed.