‘A gross violation’: UK must demand an end to Indonesian military’s invasive virginity testing, say experts

Source Item: ‘A gross violation’: UK must demand an end to Indonesian military’s invasive virginity testing, say experts
Country: Indonesia
News Date: 29/05/2019
Summary: The UK government has been urged by human rights campaigners to make aid and increased trade with Indonesia conditional on an end to degrading “virginity tests”. For decades, women applying to Indonesia’s military have been subjected to the invasive practice in the belief that it will establish whether they are sexually active – and therefore if they are “moral” and “worthy of office”.

Church leaders question new definition of Islamophobia

Source Item: Church leaders question new definition of Islamophobia
Country: United Kingdom (UK)
News Date: 15/05/2019
Summary: Church leaders have raised concern over the re-definition of Islamophobia. A number have added their names to those from other religious organisations in an open letter to home secretary Sajid Javid.

Iranian lawyer who defended women’s right to remove hijab gets 38 years, 148
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Country: Iran (Islamic Republic of)
News Date: 11/03/2019
Summary: After two trials described by Amnesty International as "grossly unfair," Iranian human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh has been sentenced to a total of 38 years in prison and 148 lashes.

Iran: INTELLIGENCE MINISTER ADMITS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO COMBAT CONVERSIONS TO CHRISTIANITY

Source Item: Iran: INTELLIGENCE MINISTER ADMITS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO COMBAT CONVERSIONS TO CHRISTIANITY
Country: Iran (Islamic Republic of)
News Date: 07/05/2019
Summary: Iran's Minister of Intelligence has for the first time publicly admitted that his agency is collaborating with Shia religious seminaries in seeking to combat the perceived threat of mass conversions to Christianity across the country. Mahmoud Alavi, addressing a gathering of Shia clerics in Qom on Saturday, admitted to summoning converts to Christianity for questioning – a clear breach of Article 23 of Iran's constitution, which

My daughters are forbidden from playing cricket and I don't care what feminists say

Source Item: My daughters are forbidden from playing cricket and I don't care what feminists say
Country: Pakistan
News Date: 11/05/2019
Summary:
Pakistan's former cricket captain, Shahid Afridi, has said he forbids his daughters from playing the sport, or any other outdoor games. Afridi on Friday faced criticism for his stance, but in his new memoir described himself as a conservative Pakistani father who had made the decision for “social and religious reasons.” “Feminists can say whatever they want about my decision,” he wrote. The all rounder said while his daughters were good at spo

Brunei LGBT community living in fear despite sultan's death penalty reprieve

Source Item: Brunei LGBT community living in fear despite sultan's death penalty reprieve
Country: Brunei Darussalam
News Date: 11/05/2019
Summary: When the Sultan of Brunei last week announced a moratorium on the much-condemned death penalty for gay sex, some hailed the move as a major advance. But inside the tiny South-East Asian nation, members of the LGBT community says there is little reason to celebrate - and much still to fear. In an interview with the Telegraph, one gay man, who asked to be identified only as 'M', warned that the apparent turnaround would only be temporary.

Two commandos killed as French special forces free four hostages in Burkina Faso

Source Item: Two commandos killed as French special forces free four hostages in Burkina Faso
Country: Burkina Faso
News Date: 11/05/2019
Summary: Two French commandos died in the assault, during which four terrorists were killed. The rescued hostages included two French citizens, Patrick Picque and Laurent Lassimouillas, who had disappeared on May 1 while on safari in the tiny neighbouring West African nation of Benin. Mr Pique, 51, a jeweler, and Mr Lassimouillas, 46, a piano teacher, had been at the end of a trip to the remote Pendjari National Park. A wildlife reserve known for its elephants and lions, it lies close to Benin's porous northwestern border with.

Bristol based Pakistani Christian fears death if deported
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**Country:** United Kingdom (UK)

**News Date:** 08/05/2019

**Summary:** Mr Wazir came to the UK in 2015, leaving behind his family in Lahore because he had been targeted by Islamic extremists and feared for his life. A Fatwah (a legal ruling from an Islamic leader) was issued against Azeem because he had campaigned for Christian freedoms in Pakistan, such as supporting Asia Bibi, Christian sports players and being involved in a campaign called 'Stop Killing Christians'. According to

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**Fifty Christians Burned Alive in Pastor's Home in Nigeria**

**Source Item:** Fifty Christians Burned Alive in Pastor's Home in Nigeria

**Country:** Nigeria

**News Date:** 16/07/2012

**Summary:** As the attacks on Nigeria's Christians continued in full force this past week, a particularly grisly attack saw fifty believers burned to death at their pastor's home, where they had fled for refuge from a terrorist attack. Reports disclosed that over 100 people were killed by armed terrorists this past week, who went on a 12-village killing spree in Nigeria's Plateau state. Islamic extremist group Boko Haram has once again taken responsibility for the assaults.

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**Nigeria: jails backlogged with prisoners in lengthy wait of sharia stonings and amputations**

**Source Item:** Nigeria: jails backlogged with prisoners in lengthy wait of sharia stonings and amputations

**Country:** Nigeria

**News Date:** 09/05/2019

**Summary:** In a prison in a village in Nigeria, “the condemned convicts we have are mostly coming from Sharia Courts. These and other related cases like amputation of hand or leg have been in jail for over 10 years without knowing their fate. Their hands are not cut off, their legs are not cut off, they don’t know their fate.”
Muslim Tells Christians: 'We Tried Warning You,' It's Time to 'Wake Up' about Threat of Radical Islam

**Source Item:**
Muslim Tells Christians: 'We Tried Warning You,' It's Time to 'Wake Up' about Threat of Radical Islam

**Summary:**
As Sri Lankan authorities worry about the potential of more suicide attacks by the group behind the Easter Sunday bombings, one Muslim activist is issuing an urgent warning to Christians around the world about the growing and very real threat of radical Islam.

"If Christians don't wake up, if Christians leaders don't wake up, then we Muslims who fled from extremists can't help you anymore," said Mohammad Tawhidi, a Muslim author from Australia. "We tried warning you."

Sudan military rulers want Sharia law to form basis of any new legislation

**Source Item:**
Sudan military rulers want Sharia law to form basis of any new legislation

**Country:**
Sudan (the)

**News Date:**
08/05/2019

**Summary:**
Sudan's army rulers on Tuesday said Islamic law should remain the guiding principle in a new civilian structure, after protest leaders handed in proposed changes they want enforced but kept silent on Sharia.

Enough of blaming the West. The terror will continue until Muslims reject the need for a caliphate

**Source Item:**
Enough of blaming the West. The terror will continue until Muslims reject the need for a caliphate

**Summary:**
What did Spain do wrong? Why did Muslim radicals attack so many innocents? Those are the questions being asked across the West following Barcelona.
Many will resort to the self-flagellation of “change our foreign policy” or “we are to blame because of colonialism”. I wish it were so simple. I know the mindset of militant Muslims seeking to kill disbelievers in the name of a caliphate, because I called for the creation of such a caliphate for five years of my life. I recognise the ideology, theology and strategy behind the violence. There is no appeasing the fanatics.

The EU Courts the Arab League [38]

Source Item: The EU Courts the Arab League [39]
Country: European Union
News Date: 07/05/2019
Summary: Tusk referred to the value gap between the states of the Arab League and those of the European Union as "differences between us". Such euphemisms however, do not explain the evident lack of even the pretense, on the part of the EU, to comply with its own stated human rights policies.

UK: Islamic Primary Schools Teaching Taliban Curriculum [40]

Source Item: UK: Islamic Primary Schools Teaching Taliban Curriculum [41]
Country: United Kingdom (UK)
News Date: 04/05/2019
Summary: Young imams are being trained in a network of Islamic schools across the UK that have been accused of promoting intolerance and misogyny, a secret Government report has warned. The report claims preachers emerging from some of the dozens of Darul Uloom madrasas scattered across Britain have views as extreme as those held by radical clerics who move to the UK from Islamic countries - and may spread them to worshippers. The Mail on Sunday has identified 48 Darul Ulooms - which can be translated as House of Knowledge - that follow a strict syllabus called Dars-E-Nizami.

Iran's 'Terror Factory' Targeting Christians [42]
**Source Item:**
*Iran's 'Terror Factory' Targeting Christians* [43]

**Country:**
Iran (Islamic Republic of)

**News Date:**
07/05/2019

**Summary:**
- "In Iran, any practice that contradicts Islam is regarded as a national security threat, punished severely by the court system." — International Christian Concern, 2019.

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**White House to designate Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organisation** [44]

**Source Item:**
*White House to designate Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organisation* [45]

**Country:**
United States of America (the)

**News Date:**
30/04/2019

**Summary:**
The Trump administration is working to designate the Muslim Brotherhood a foreign terrorist organisation, the White House said on Tuesday. The designation will bring economic and travel sanctions against Egypt's oldest Islamist movement, with more than a million members across the Middle East. The decision follows a White House visit by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi in April. Mr Sisi asked US President Donald Trump to make the move, US media said.

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**Suffer the Little Children: Recent Nigerian Legislation Raises the Specter of Child Marriage** [46]

**Author(s):**
Andrew E. Harrod [47]
Juicy Ecumenism [48]

**Source Item:**
*Suffer the Little Children: Recent Nigerian Legislation Raises the Specter of Child Marriage* [49]

**Summary:**
The Population Council [50] (PC) has determined that "in northern Nigeria, 45 percent of girls are married by age 15, and 73 percent are married by age 18." A 2005 PC Child Marriage Briefing on Nigeria [51] cites this as one "of the highest rates of early marriage in the world."

See also: [https://www.unfpa.org/child-marriage](https://www.unfpa.org/child-marriage) [52]
Hermeneutics of Desire: Ontologies of Gender and Desire in Early Hanafi Law

Summary:
This dissertation examines the construction of gendered legal subjects in the influential legal works of the eleventh century Hanafi jurist, Muḥammad ibn Aḥmad al-Sarakhsī (d. 483 A.H./1090 C.E.). In particular, I explore how gendered subjects are imagined in legal matters pertaining to sexual desire. Through a close reading of several legal cases, I argue that gendered subjects in his legal work al-Mabsūṭ are constructed through an ontological framework that conceptualizes men as active and desiring and women as passive and desirable. This binary construal of gendered nature serves as a hermeneutical given in al-Sarakhsī's legal argumentation and is produced through a phallocentric epistemology. Al-Sarakhsī’s discussions of desire and sexuality are mediated through the experience of the male body. While the dissertation endeavors to show the centrality of the active/passive binary in al-Sarakhsī’s legal reasoning, it also highlights the dissonances and fissures in the text’s construction of gendered subjects of desire. By tracing the intricacies of al-Sarakhsī’s legal reasoning, I note moments in which the text makes contradictory claims about gender and desire, as well as moments in which al-Sarakhsī must contend with realities that seemingly run up against his ontological framework. These moments in the text draw our attention to al-Sarakhsī’s active attempt at maintaining the coherence of the gendered ontology. I thus argue that the gendered ontology in al-Sarakhsī’s text is a legal fiction that both reflects his assumptions about gendered nature but is also constructed to rationalize legal precedence.

See also: https://www.jihadwatch.org/2019/05/sharia-truth-and-the-progressive-muslim-feminist

900 Churches in Nigeria Destroyed by Boko Haram

Source Item:
900 Churches in Nigeria Destroyed by Boko Haram

Country:
Nigeria

News Date:
Summary:
At least 900 Christian churches have been destroyed at the hands of Boko Haram in northern Nigeria, as part of the Islamic radical group's campaign to drive out all Christians from the north, the youth wing of the Christian Association of Nigeria reported. CAN said that the "carnage" being carried out against Christians is "not accidental," and argued that continued attacks in Southern Kaduna, Plateau, Benue, and Taraba communities show that Boko Haram's war on followers of Christ, which started in 2009, continues in full force.

Holiday Massacres of Christians: A New Fact of Life

Author(s):
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Source Item:
Holiday Massacres of Christians: A New Fact of Life

Summary:
- Notably, other Christian holidays, especially Christmas, are also prime times for Islamic terror, and for the same reasons -- to make a "point" and because at that time, churches are especially packed.

- Commenting on the most recent carnage of Christians -- last Easter Sunday's bombing campaign in Sri Lanka, where more than 250 people were murdered -- the country's archbishop said, "we never expected such a thing to happen and especially on Easter Sunday."

- Sadly, as bombed churches and massacred worshippers during Christian holy days have become the new norm, he and everyone else should expect exactly that.


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[19] https://www.telegraph.co.uk/burkina-faso/


[23] https://shariawatch.org.uk/?q=content/fifty-christians-burned-alive-in-pastors-home-nigeria


[27] https://shariawatch.org.uk/?q=content/muslim-tells-christians-we-tried-warning-you-its-time-wake-about-threat-radical-islam

[28] https://shariawatch.org.uk/?q=authors/cbn


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