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ECHR Ruling:

"sharia law is incompatible with democracy and human rights"

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Source: "Annual Report 2003 of the European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe"

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Source:

Annual Report 2003 of the European Court of Human Rights

- [Texas: Muslima charged with conspiring with her family to kill her sister for converting to Christianity](#) [6]

Source Item:

[Texas: Muslima charged with conspiring with her family to kill her sister for converting to Christianity](#) [7]

Country:

United States of America (the)

News Date:

25/11/2019

Summary:

The death penalty for apostasy is part of Islamic law. It's based on the Qur'an: "They wish you would disbelieve as they disbelieved so you would be alike. So do not take from among them allies until they emigrate for the cause of Allah. But if they turn away, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them and take not from among them any ally or helper." (Qur'an 4:89)

- [Legalise Apostasy](#) [8]

European Convention of Human Rights-Issues with sharia:

In Islamic family law, men have authority over women. Surah 4:34 states: 'Men have authority over women....While wives clearly have a duty of fidelity, husbands do not.

In Sharia law, adultery is strictly prohibited. Legal doctrine holds that the evidence must take the form of corroborating testimony from four witnesses¹⁵ to prove an individual's guilt. These witnesses must be men of good repute and good Muslims. The punishment is severe and degrading, namely 'a hundred lashes'. In the case of rape, which is seldom committed in public before four male witnesses who are good Muslims, punishing the rapist is difficult if not impossible. In practice, this obliges women to be accompanied by men when they go out and is not conducive to their independence.

While divorce by mutual consent is enshrined in Islamic law, the application has to come from the wife, since the husband can repudiate his wife at any time.

There is also the question of equal rights with regard to divorce arrangements

For division of an estate among the heirs, distinctions are made according to the sex of the heir. A male heir has a double share, whereas a female heir has a single share. The rights of a surviving wife are half those of a surviving husband.

In criminal cases, cruel, inhuman and degrading punishments are authorised by Sharia law including:
death by stoning, beheading and hanging, amputation of limbs and flogging

Apostasy results, firstly, in the apostate's civil death, with the estate passing to the heirs, and, secondly, in the apostate's execution if he or she does not recant.

Lastly, non-Muslims do not have the same rights as Muslims in civil and criminal law, which is discrimination on the ground of religion within the meaning of Article 14 of the Convention.

<http://www.assembly.coe.int/Committee/JUR/ajdoc282016.pdf> (Council of Europe lawyers)

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Tags:

[Apostasy](#) [10]

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- [The "Great Pleasure in Destroying Christians": The Persecution of Christians, September 2019](#) [12]

Source Item:

[The "Great Pleasure in Destroying Christians": The Persecution of Christians, September 2019](#) [13]

Country:

Algeria

Burkina Faso

Canada

Egypt

Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Nigeria
Pakistan
Philippines (the)
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

17/11/2019

Summary:

- "These regulations [from 2006] stipulate that all places of non-Muslim worship must be licenced. However, the government has yet to issue any licence for a church buildings [sic] under this ordinance, ignoring applications from churches to regularise their status in accordance with the ordinance." — International Christian Response, September 25, 2019, Algeria.
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- [Blasphemy laws exist in 69 countries, report finds](#) [14]

Source Item:

[Blasphemy laws exist in 69 countries, report finds](#) [15]

News Date:

13/11/2019

Summary:

The worst offenders

The report identifies Saudi Arabia and Pakistan as "perennial" prosecutors for blasphemy and says **freedom of thought is particularly penalised by Islamic penal codes and sharia-influenced laws.**

- [Saudi Arabia's state security agency categorizes feminism, homosexuality and atheism as extremist ideas](#) [16]

Source Item:

[Saudi Arabia's state security agency categorizes feminism, homosexuality and atheism as extremist ideas](#) [17]

Country:

Saudi Arabia

News Date:

14/11/2019

Summary:

Meanwhile, those in the West who oppose Sharia blasphemy laws and advocate the equality of rights of all people, including women, homosexuals, and atheists, are vilified and defamed by feminists, homosexuals, and atheists as "anti-Muslim extremists."

- [5 years ago, she was a ‘fanatic’ Muslim—now she follows Jesus](#) [18]

Author(s):

[OpenDoorsUSA](#) [19]

Source Item:

[5 years ago, she was a ‘fanatic’ Muslim—now she follows Jesus](#) [20]

Summary:

Admin: This isn't a plug for Christianity by Sharia Watch but we believe it provides a stark example of the differences in basic values between the two 'faiths'.

In a room in a secret location, somewhere in the Middle East, 12 young Christians sit in front of a whiteboard in a trauma care session led by an Open Doors' counselor. Five years ago, she was a devout Muslim—when she remembers herself in that period of her life, she calls herself a “fanatic” for Islam. She was also hiding a secret: She was desperately afraid of so many things. She would harm herself, even to the point of considering suicide. She would lay awake at night, terrified of what would happen to her when she died.

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- [ECHR opposes deportation of Afghan Christian convert from Switzerland](#) [21]

Source Item:

[ECHR opposes deportation of Afghan Christian convert from Switzerland](#) [22]

Country:

Algeria

Switzerland

News Date:

10/11/2019

Summary:

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- [Iran: Nine Christians jailed for leaving Islam](#) [23]

Source Item:

[Iran: Nine Christians jailed for leaving Islam](#) [24]

Country:

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

News Date:

03/10/2019

Summary:

Imagine the outcry if nine Muslims had been jailed for leaving Christianity. But no one will take any significant notice of this.

- [Christian Convert Murdered By His Muslim Family Over Facebook Post](#) [25]

Source Item:

[Christian Convert Murdered By His Muslim Family Over Facebook Post](#) [26]

Country:

Egypt

News Date:

14/10/2019

Summary:

Hussein Mohammed was the name he was given at birth. But when the Muslim-born Mohammed came to faith in Jesus Christ, he preferred to be called by his baptismal name of George. George was killed on October 6 in a family honor killing after the Egyptian Christian posted pictures on Facebook acknowledging his conversion from Islam to Christianity.

- [Faith to Faithless](#) [27]

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[Faith to Faithless](#) [28]

Tags:

[Apostasy](#) [10]

[Ex-Muslims](#) [29]

• [Laws Criminalizing Apostasy](#) [30]



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Source Item:

[Laws Criminalizing Apostasy](#) [31]

Author(s):

[US Govt](#) [32]

Summary:

This report surveys the apostasy laws of twenty-three countries in Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia and primarily focuses on jurisdictions that make apostasy, or renouncing one's religion, a capital offense. However, several countries that have adopted broadly-defined laws on blasphemy and insult to religion, which could potentially be used to prosecute persons for apostasy, have also been included, as well as one country that expressly prohibits extrajudicial punishment for allegations of apostasy.

• [Converting to Islam - A health and safety warning](#) [33]

Source Item:

[Converting to Islam - A health and safety warning](#) [34]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

02/10/2019

Summary:

Sharia Watch: Please note this from the [Council of Europe which states that 'death for apostasy' is one of the general principles of sharia law!](#) [35] - "Apostasy results, firstly, in the

• [Police explain why Preston 'hate rant' taxi driver will not be charged](#) [36]

Source Item:

[Police explain why Preston 'hate rant' taxi driver will not be charged](#) [37]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

18/09/2019

Summary:

Police have confirmed they will not be charging a taxi driver who was recorded slurring a racist rant threatening to rape Christians who had converted from Islam.

See

also: <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2019/09/uk-police-take-no-action-against-muslim-cab-driver-who-threatens-to-solemnize-christian-converts-in-viral-video> [38]

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- [Canadian government may deport ex-Muslim family who converted to Christianity and faces death upon return](#) [39]

Source Item:

[Canadian government may deport ex-Muslim family who converted to Christianity and faces death upon return](#) [40]

Country:

Canada

News Date:

25/09/2019

Summary:

An update on a Christian family in Canada facing deportation back to Nigeria to face the danger of jihadist persecution. [Jihad Watch](#) [41] reported in mid-July:

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- [MPS CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF SHARIA LAW TAUGHT AT MOSQUE SCHOOLS](#) [42]

Source Item:

[MPS CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF SHARIA LAW TAUGHT AT MOSQUE SCHOOLS](#) [43]

Country:

Netherlands (the)

News Date:

11/09/2019

Summary:

Children at Salafist mosque schools in the Netherlands are taught Sharia law, and are taught the death penalty is appropriate for people with a different religion or belief system, according to a study by Nieuwsuur and NRC. The report has parliamentarians concerned.

- [The number of ex-Muslims in America is rising](#) [44]

Source Item:

[The number of ex-Muslims in America is rising](#) [45]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

15/03/2018

Summary:

Yet even in the land of the free, apostasy isn't easy!

The vast majority, whether young or old, are silent about their faithlessness. One Muslim college student, who came home drunk one evening, was confronted by his father. Not thinking clearly, the son confessed to his father that he was an atheist, whereupon the father revealed that he too had lost his faith many years ago. Yet he still admonished his son for not hiding his secret well enough.

- [Why are young Muslims leaving Islam](#) [46]

Author(s):

[Telegraph\(India\)](#) [47]

Source Item:

[Why are young Muslims leaving Islam](#) [48]

Summary:

Admin: Yet still some find the courage to leave despite the [draconian penalty of death for apostasy from Islam](#) [10]!

The Economist narrated the story of an American Muslim boy of Somali descent, whose immigrant parents tricked him into going on a holiday with them to Kenya where they had made arrangements for him to go to a seminary to 'restore' his failing faith in Islam. He had no idea about his parents' plans until he landed in Kenya.

As soon as he stepped off the plane on a family holiday to Kenya, Mahad Olad knew something was wrong. His mother, a 'very devout, very conservative, very Wahhabi' woman, was acting strangely—furtively taking phone calls when she thought he was out of earshot. His suspicions would soon be proved correct. Mr Olad's family,

Somali immigrants to America and devout Muslims, had discovered that he had not only renounced Islam but was also gay. The holiday was a ruse, an intervention to save his soul.

[\(The Economist, 15 March, 2018\)](#) [45]

When he got wise of their plan to hand him over to the care of Muslim clerics who would 'restore' his faith, he got so frightened that he managed to escape. 'In the dead of night he sneaked into his mother's room, stole his passport and was whisked away by taxi to the embassy, which eventually returned him safely to America. He has not spoken to his family since,' according to the above report.

- [Ignore Islam, 'ex-Muslims' urge](#) [49]

Source Item:

[Ignore Islam, 'ex-Muslims' urge](#) [50]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

21/06/2007

Summary:

A group saying it represents large numbers of "ex-Muslims" is urging policy-makers to ignore the faith. Those of us who have come forward with our names and photographs represent countless others who are unable or unwilling to do so because of the threats faced by those considered '[apostates](#)' - [punishable by death](#) [35] in countries under Islamic law."

- [Reliance of the Traveller: Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law](#) [51]

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Source Item:

[Reliance of the Traveller: Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law](#) [52]

Summary:

This is a classic manual of fiqh rulings based on Shafi'i School of jurisprudence and includes original Arabic texts

and translations from classic works of prominent Muslim scholars such as al Ghazali, al Nawawi, al Qurtubi, al Dhahabi and others.

Admin: This manual has been endorsed by Cairo's al-Azhar university as "**conforming to the practice and faith of orthodox Sunni Islam**". It substantiates the [Council of Europe report](#) [35] that outlines some of the ways in which sharia is incompatible with democracy and human rights in that it:

- Sanctions death for apostasy
- Death by stoning for adultery and sodomy
- Discrimination against non-Muslims
- Jihad against non-Muslims to establish Islam
- In some cases, forced conversion to Islam
- Discrimination against non-Muslims
- Amputation of limbs
- It makes clear that penalties like amputation and stoning are also applicable to non-Muslims.

This resolution by the Council of Europe spells out precisely how sharia is incompatible with human rights and democracy:

*The Assembly recalls that the European Court of Human Rights has already stated in *Refah Partisi (The Welfare Party) and others v. Turkey* that the institution of Sharia law and a theocratic regime are incompatible with the requirements of a democratic society. The Assembly fully agrees that Sharia rules on, for example, divorce and inheritance proceedings are clearly incompatible with the Convention, in particular its Article 14, which prohibits discrimination on grounds such as sex or religion, and Article 5 of Protocol No. 7 to the Convention (ETS No. 117), which establishes equality between marital partners. Sharia law is also in contradiction with other provisions of the Convention and its additional protocols, including Article 2 (right to life), Article 3 (prohibition of torture or inhuman or degrading treatment), Article 6 (right to a fair trial), Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life), Article 9 (freedom of thought, conscience and religion), Article 10 (freedom of expression), Article 12 (right to marry), Article 1 of the Protocol to the Convention (ETS No. 9) (protection of property) and Protocols Nos. 6 (ETS No. 114) and 13 (ETS No. 187) abolishing the death penalty.*

<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-XML2HTML-en.asp?fileid=25353> [53]

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- [Paedophiles hung on a crane and shot for gang-raping 10-year-old](#) [54]

Source Item:

[Paedophiles hung on a crane and shot for gang-raping 10-year-old](#) [55]

Country:

Yemen

News Date:

03/06/2019

Summary:

Three paedophiles were publicly shot then hanged from a crane in Yemen as punishment for raping and killing a ten-year-old boy. Yemen, south of Saudi Arabia, is one of the world's top executors with capital punishment for violent crimes including murder, rape, and terrorism. The death penalty can also theoretically be used in cases of Islamic or 'Hudud' offences under Sharia law such as adultery, sexual misconduct, sodomy, prostitution, blasphemy and apostasy. All sentences are carried out by shooting although stoning, hanging, and beheading are also permitted within the Yemeni penal code.

- [Video Recorded Inside a Muslim Faith School in the UK](#) [56]

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Tags:

[Sharia](#) [58]

[Hudud-Punishments](#) [11]

[Apostasy](#) [10]

[Killing](#) [59]

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- [Video Recorded Inside a Muslim Faith School in the UK](#) [60]



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- [**KUWAITI CLERIC: NON-MUSLIMS MUST CONVERT TO ISLAM, PAY JIZYA, OR BE FOUGHT AND KILLED; DON'T BE ASHAMED OF OUR RELIGION; APOSTATES MUST BE KILLED, DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR THEM**](#) [61]

Source Item:

[**KUWAITI CLERIC: NON-MUSLIMS MUST CONVERT TO ISLAM, PAY JIZYA, OR BE FOUGHT AND KILLED; DON'T BE ASHAMED OF OUR RELIGION; APOSTAT**](#) [62]

Country:

Kuwait

News Date:

09/01/2019

Summary:

In his weekly fatwa session, which he uploads to his YouTube channel, a Kuwaiti cleric said that apostates must

be killed. In a video uploaded on January 9, 2019, Sheikh Al-Khamis said that apostasy is tantamount to scorning Islam. In an October 14, 2015 video, Sheikh Al-Khamis said that only infidels may be enslaved, adding that people who do not worship Allah must convert to Islam, pay the jizya poll tax, be forced into slavery, or be fought against and killed.

- [Saudi refugee woman \(ex-Muslims\) faces death threats in Canada](#) [63]

Source Item:

[Saudi refugee woman \(ex-Muslims\) faces death threats in Canada](#) [64]

Country:

Canada

News Date:

15/01/2019

Summary:

After fleeing alleged family abuse in Saudi Arabia, Rahaf Mohammed is facing death threats here in Canada. Adrian Ghobrial with next steps for one of the country's newest and most recognizable refugees.

- [BBC asks if Muslim teen who fled Saudi in fear of death 'should be able to leave Islam'](#) [65]

Source Item:

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Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

09/01/2019

Summary:

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- [BBC asks if Muslim teen who fled Saudi in fear of death 'should be able to leave Islam'](#) [67]

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- [Egypt looks to remove religion from ID cards – but is it too little, too late?](#) [68]

Source Item:

[Egypt looks to remove religion from ID cards – but is it too little, too late?](#) [69]

Country:

Egypt

News Date:

19/11/2018

Summary:

In Egypt's majority Muslim conservative society, atheism is a longstanding taboo, and "minority Christians face [unprecedented levels of persecution](#) [70]," according to The Guardian.

- [Sudan Christians released after arrest, torture for converting from Islam](#) [71]

Source Item:

[Sudan Christians released after arrest, torture for converting from Islam](#) [72]

Country:

Sudan (the)

News Date:

15/11/2018

Summary:

A group of 13 Christian converts in Darfur, Sudan was arrested and tortured last month for their faith, World Watch Monitor and several Christian aid groups have reported. The Christians were reportedly taken from a home in southwest Darfur on October 13 and detained and beaten.

- [**Christian Girls Kept as Slaves, Aid Worker Killed as 'Apostate,' Report Says Islamic Law Allows 'Infidels' to be Enslaved**](#) [73]

Source Item:

[Christian Girls Kept as Slaves, Aid Worker Killed as 'Apostate,' Report Says Islamic Law Allows 'Infidels' to be Enslaved](#) [74]

Country:

Nigeria

News Date:

16/10/2018

Summary:

Islamic extremist group Boko Haram has killed an aid worker as an "apostate" from Islam and vowed to keep kidnapped high school girl as a "slave for life," Nigerian news outlet The Cable reported.

- [**Mauritania: Mandatory Death Penalty for Blasphemy**](#) [75]

Source Item:

[Mauritania: Mandatory Death Penalty for Blasphemy](#) [76]

Country:

Mauritania

News Date:

22/09/2018

Summary:

The National Assembly passed a law on April 27, 2018 that replaces article 306 of the Criminal Code and makes death penalty mandatory for anyone convicted of "blasphemous speech" and acts deemed "sacrilegious." The new law eliminates the possibility under article 306 of substituting prison terms for the death penalty for certain apostasy-related crimes if the offender promptly repents. The law also extends the scope of application of the death penalty to "renegade acts."

- [**'There are only two choices, Islam or death': Ex-Muslim walks through Lakemba asking locals if it's OK to criticise their religion - and gets some VERY strong responses**](#) [77]

Source Item:

['There are only two choices, Islam or death': Ex-Muslim walks through Lakemba asking locals if it's OK to criticise their religi](#) [78]

Country:

Australia

News Date:

19/09/2018

Summary:

- **An ex-Muslim has asked Muslims how they feel about criticism of their faith**
 - **Atheist Armin Navabi wanted to question the idea that Muslims are 'sensitive'**
 - **Many took the stance that they were open and happy to discuss their religion**
 - **Some were stronger with their responses: 'There's two choices; Islam or death'**
 - **A local sheikh said that anyone mocking any religion had 'lost human morality'**
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- **[Islamist extremist leader stares down a former Muslim and says he should DIE for renouncing his faith](#)** [79]

Source Item:

[Islamist extremist leader stares down a former Muslim and says he should DIE for renouncing his faith](#) [80]

Country:

Australia

News Date:

29/08/2018

Summary:

- **Islamic extremist group leader and former Muslim faced-off in a fiery debate**
 - **'Ex-Muslim Atheist' Harris Sultan asked what would happen to apostates like him**
 - **Uthman Badar said he stood by religious belief apostates deserve death penalty**
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- **[Iran's forgotten persecuted Christian minority](#)** [81]

Source Item:

[Iran's forgotten persecuted Christian minority](#) [82]

Country:

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

News Date:

26/08/2018

Summary:

Iranian Christians are in dire straits in the Islamic Republic because of a new wave of regime repression that has largely not registered in the media due to the country's economic free fall and popular uprising by a people fed up with the tyrannical nature of the regime.

The mullahs have launched a cut-throat campaign to silence their opponents, and on top of their list are Iran's persecuted Christians - an ancient people of the land the regime stigmatizes as a gateway to the West.

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- [Sharia Tutition at a London Mosque](#) [83]

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- [“Liberals Have Compromised on Their Own Values”: An Interview with Ali A. Rizvi](#) [86]

Author(s):

[Ali Rizvi](#) [87]

[Maarten Boudry](#) [88]

Source Item:

[“Liberals Have Compromised on Their Own Values”: An Interview with Ali A. Rizvi](#) [89]

Summary:

In his book *The Atheist Muslim* [90], Rizvi speaks directly to the many closeted atheists, agnostics, and secularists in the Muslim world. These people are obliged by the societies in which they live to present themselves outwardly as Muslims, but in private, they harbor different ideas. Rizvi’s book is often polemical in tone, but also humane and sympathetic to the plight of Muslims around the world. He is keenly aware of the consolations which faith provide to some, and he never stoops to condescension.

If Rizvi is right, freethinkers in the Muslim world are more numerous than most of us suspect. Not only are their numbers growing, but they are becoming more and more emboldened. With eloquent and outspoken ex-Muslims such as Rizvi, who offer a message of hope and liberation from dogma, religious conservatives around the world should start to worry.

...

But the title is not necessarily self-descriptive, even though it has become that by now. You know, people say: “Oh, here’s Ali Rizvi, the Atheist Muslim.” In the first place, the title is addressing atheists who are closeted, who have to present themselves outwardly as Muslims. In the Muslim world, there are countless such freethinkers, atheists, and agnostics, who are going around presenting themselves as Muslims, because there are very serious consequences for openly saying what they are. You know all the reasons. It ranges from being rejected by their families, disowned and ostracized by their communities, to being persecuted, jailed, or even hacked to death, as with the Bangladeshi secular bloggers. These people are atheist in thought, but Muslim in appearance. They are all living a contradictory existence.

- [Church of Muslim converts told to close in Kyrgyzstan](#) [91]

Source Item:

[Church of Muslim converts told to close in Kyrgyzstan](#) [92]

Country:

Kyrgyzstan

News Date:

04/07/2018

Summary:

A church in Kyrgyzstan that is home to many former Muslims has been ordered to cease its Sunday worship.

A local source told World Watch Monitor that services at the church, which is led by a convert from Islam, have been interrupted twice in the last few months by a group of people consisting of local officials, representatives of the Prosecutor's office and the Ministry of Internal Affairs, assistants to the local imam and former colleagues from the school at which the pastor used to teach.

- [Mauritania makes death penalty for leaving Islam mandatory: "We want to be as close to the real Sharia as possible"](#) [93]

Source Item:

[Mauritania makes death penalty for leaving Islam mandatory: "We want to be as close to the real Sharia as possible"](#) [94]

Country:

Mauritania

News Date:

12/06/2018

Summary:

Islamic apologists in the West routinely insist that Islam has no death penalty for apostasy, but as always, reality is otherwise. The death penalty for apostasy is part of Islamic law. It's based on the Qur'an: "They wish you would disbelieve as they disbelieved so you would be alike. So do not take from among them allies until they emigrate for the cause of Allah. But if they turn away, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them and take not from among them any ally or helper." (Qur'an 4:89)

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- [Choosing Family or Freedom: the Trials of 'Coming Out' As a British Ex-Muslim](#) [95]

Author(s):

[Simon Cottee](#) [96]

Source Item:

[Choosing Family or Freedom: the Trials of 'Coming Out' As a British Ex-Muslim](#) [97]

Summary:

Apostasy is a sin in Islam. The Quran, though it doesn't mandate a worldly punishment for apostasy, threatens eternal torture and damnation for Muslims who leave the faith. The four leading classical schools of Islamic law on which the *sharia* is based - the *Shafi*, *Hanbali*, *Maliki* and *Hanafi* - go even further, stipulating that the punishment for unrepentant apostasy [is death](#) [98].

"She was hysterical," Aisha says of her mother's response. There was a lot of shouting and crying. Then, later, according to Aisha, her mother said, calmly: "Well, you can leave the religion, but it would mean losing us." She also told Aisha, as she remembers it, that "if you decide to come out and tell everyone about it then you had better face the consequences, because the ruling on apostasy in *sharia* is death. If anyone decides to carry that out, I won't stop them."

• [Former Muslims Speak Out](#) [99]



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• ["Everyone Was Afraid to Be Branded as a Racist" Interview with Mona Walter](#) [100]

Author(s):

[Natalia Osten-Sacken](#) [101]

[Gatestone Institute](#) [102]

Source Item:

["Everyone Was Afraid to Be Branded as a Racist" Interview with Mona Walter](#) [103]

Summary:

- "If I speak about Islam, they interpret it as hating Muslims. But I do not hate Muslims. I believe that this ideology is dangerous for all mankind. The Muslim community will also suffer under the Sharia." — Mona Walter, Swedish activist from Mogadishu, Somalia.
 - "Jesus said we should love our enemies, but not that we should be stupid." — Mona Walter.
 - "I always say to my Christian friends, 'What do you think, what will happen to you if Islam becomes dominant here?'" — Mona Walter.
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- [There Are 13 \[Muslim\] Countries Where Atheism Is Punishable by Death](#) [104]

Source Item:

[There Are 13 \[Muslim\] Countries Where Atheism Is Punishable by Death](#) [105]

- [Pakistani Man: "Time To Talk About The Problems Within My Community"](#) [106]

Author(s):

[LBC](#) [107]

Source Item:

[Pakistani Man: "Time To Talk About The Problems Within My Community"](#) [108]

Summary:

In a powerful call Mohammed told Andrew his Pakistani community is "the most racist" and highlighted a problem with grooming gangs. Andrew Castle had been discussing the Operation Sanctuary review which has found that vulnerable women are most likely being "extensively" abused across the UK and ministers need to urgently review sex exploitation laws. Mohammed, who fled Islam, and hasn't seen his family for 30 years, told Andrew it was time to "call a spade a spade". He insisted: "The racist behaviour which exists in my community needs to be spoken about and addressed".

Mohammed lives in Birmingham. He said: "The British white community are the most tolerant, the most warm, kind people and it breaks my heart that my Pakistani community is the most racist community".

- [Australia: Ex-Muslim forced to wear niqab for years says "I hate the niqab"](#) [109]

Source Item:

[Australia: Ex-Muslim forced to wear niqab for years says "I hate the niqab"](#) [110]

Country:

Australia

News Date:

21/02/2018

Summary:

Can she say that? Or will Australia's smart set forthwith denounce her for "Islamophobia"? "I hate the niqab': Ex-Muslim who runs an atheist blog says she ran away from home after her mother forced her to wear the 'dehumanising' face covering,"

- [Muslims targeted converts from Islam to Christianity for murder](#) [111]

Source Item:

[Muslims targeted converts from Islam to Christianity for murder](#) [112]

Country:

Bangladesh

News Date:

17/02/2018

Summary:

Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) has arrested two members of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Dhaka, one of whom was planning to murder Muslims who converted to Christianity.

See

also: <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2018/02/bangladesh-muslims-targeted-converts-from-islam-to-christianity-for-murder> [113]

- [Ex-Muslim: Leaving Islam - BBC News](#) [114]



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Summary:

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the UK, with the number of Muslims almost doubling in the last few years from 1.5 million in 2001 to 2.71 million in the latest census, 2011. A small but increasing number of people are also choosing to leave the religion and many say doing so has led them to be rejected by their family and friends and - in some cases - threatened with violence. Benjamin Zand spoke to ex-Muslims.

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- [Islamic communities contain 'tsunamis of atheism' that are being suppressed, says leading ex-Muslim](#) [115]

Source Item:

[Islamic communities contain 'tsunamis of atheism' that are being suppressed, says leading ex-Muslim](#) [116]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

04/10/2016

Summary:

Thousands of ex-Muslims in Britain are living in fear of violent revenge for abandoning the Islamic faith while others are afraid to admit they no longer believe, a support group for ex-Muslims has said. Maryam Namazie, founder of the Council of Ex-Muslims of Britain, described a “tsunami of atheism” in Muslim communities and urged that more needs to be done to recognise the dangers often faced by those who choose to renounce their faith.

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- [Bahai sentenced to death for “insulting Islam” and “apostasy”](#) [117]

Source Item:

[Bahai sentenced to death for “insulting Islam” and “apostasy”](#) [118]

Country:

Yemen

News Date:

15/01/2018

Summary:

The death penalty for apostasy is part of Islamic law. It's based on the Qur'an: "They wish you would disbelieve as they disbelieved so you would be alike. So do not take from among them allies until they emigrate for the cause of Allah. But if they turn away, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them and take not from among them any ally or helper." (Qur'an 4:89)

- [Armed police help 'persecuted' Christian family flee their Bradford home](#) [119]

Source Item:

[Armed police help 'persecuted' Christian family flee their Bradford home](#) [120]

Country:

United Kingdom (UK)

News Date:

13/11/2016

Summary:

A family have been forced to flee their home under armed police guard amid fears for their safety after suffering what they say is eight years of persecution for converting from Islam to Christianity. Calendar first told of father-of-six Nissar Hussain's story over a year ago when he was beaten up in an attack outside his Bradford home which left him with two broken bones. Today police proved an armed escort as the family collected their belongings from the house. The Hussain's say police have told them there was a credible threat to their lives. Jon Hill reports.

- [CONVERT FROM ISLAM IS ATTACKED AT SPEAKERS' CORNER](#) [121]



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Summary:

Pfanderfilms has chosen to put this video up in order to show what can happen to apostates from Islam down at Speaker's Corner, here in London. Last Sunday (four days after Khalid Masood killed 4 innocent people just a few miles away from Speaker's Corner, using his car and a knife), Christopher, a convert from Islam to Christianity, was shoved and pushed off of his ladder because he challenged the authority of Allah and of Muhammad while standing on the ladder. Speaker's Corner is one of the last places on earth where we can say these things freely.

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