

AFRICA: Massacre Of Christians Spreading Like Wildfire-With 7,500 Deaths In The Hands Of Islamic Jihadists In Nine Months And Ten Days (Jan 1-Oct 10, 2026); Including Nigeria: 3,426-4,300 Deaths And 3,395 Abducted; Congo DRC 2000 Deaths, Mozambique, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Others 1,100 Deaths-With Over 1000 Churches Destroyed Or Burned Down Including 410 In Nigeria

NIGERIA: 3,395 Christians Abducted In Nine Months And Ten Days And 3,426-4,300 Killed; In 40 Days Of Sept 1-Oct 10, 2026, 343 Christian Deaths Recorded Including 130 In Plateau And 64 In Adamawa- During Which 202 Were Abducted, Ten Churches Destroyed, Eight Pastors Abducted And Two Killed, 150 Christian Schoolchildren Spent 150 Days In Boko Haram Captivity Since May 2026; Indigenous Kebbi Christian Communities Ordered To “Convert To Islam Or Die”; And Security Forces Partisanship And Cover-ups Risen To An Apogee And Intensity

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1. Africa: From our monitored statistics, no fewer than 7,500 Christians have been killed since January 2026 or in the past nine months and ten days (January-October 10, 2026) by Islamic Jihadists mainly linked to Islamic State Jihadists and independent local Islamic Jihadists; out of which, Nigeria accounted for at least 65% or “4,300”. Nigeria also accounted for about 42% of estimated 1000 churches attacked, destroyed or burned down within the period. Nigeria is home to estimated 113m Christians and Christianity-affiliated others (such as Christian-baptized religionists), with estimated 30m Catholics. The InterSociety’s findings also clearly indicate that attacks against Christians, which Nigerian Governments since 2015 are inescapably and undeniably complicit; are a global jihadist multi-billion dollars “Global Christianity Obliteration Campaign” that spread like wildfire particularly in Africa and the Middle-East. The Global Christianity Obliteration Campaign is also found to have deep state-actor involvements in places like Nigeria and Sudan. The InterSociety’s updated statistics have therefore indicated clearly that Nigeria now disastrously leads the world with estimated 19,810 attacked or destroyed churches since the beginning of Boko Haram Islamic Insurgency in July 2009, in addition to estimated 130, 893 Christian deaths having been recorded (including 874 difference between InterSociety latest figure and that of Equipping The Persecuted, USA) and 82,805 abducted Christians. Attacks against Christians and their dwelling homes, farmlands, worship centres and livelihoods in Nigeria are also ‘state-actor and non-state actor financed, engineered and protected.

Congo DRC, Africa’s largest Christian populated country, with estimated 118m Christians and 60m Catholic population, is found to have recorded the second largest Christian deaths in nine months and ten days (Jan 1-Oct 10, 2026)-with no fewer than 2000 deaths- during which dozens of churches also attacked or destroyed. Most of the attacks are found to have been spearheaded by the Islamic State-Affiliated Allied Democratic Forces (ADF-Baluku) and the Islamic State Central African Province (ISCAP). Such recent Jihadist attacks included the Muchacha Gold Mine attack of March 11, 2026, killing 17 Christians, the June 2026 Beni Raid, killing more than 20 Christians and the Sept 10, 2026 widely suspected “jihadist fire outbreak”, resulting in the death of 27 Catholic Church children from Catholic-Affiliated Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Bukavu Region.

In the Northern Mozambique including Cabo Delgado Province since the beginning of January 2026, ISIS-linked Islamic terrorists including Islamic State Mozambique have launched multiple attacks against Christians abducting and killing hundreds of Christians and forcing thousands to flee their homes. In one attack on Sept 6, 2026, scores of Christians were abducted or killed by the Jihadists in Cabo Delgado Province. Days later, the jihadists struck and crossed into neighbouring Niassa Province and burned down a Catholic church. In Southern Sudan, a country of about 94% Christians and affiliated religious bodies, the Islamic State-East Africa have formed a jihadist alliance with one of the breakaway rebel groups operating under South Sudan People's Liberation Army or Movement (SPLA) and launched in-border and cross border attacks on Christian targets. State-actor jihadist attacks have almost erased traces of Christianity and Christians in Muslim-held Sudan including crackdowns on churches and abduction and killing of dozens of Christians since Jan 2026. In Kenya, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Uganda, among others, Christians and their sacred places of worship have continued to be targeted for abductions, disappearances and killings by the trio of Al-Shabaab, JNIM and ISIS-Somalia, among others. Totality of these attacks across Christian populated African countries, other than Nigeria and Congo DRC; has resulted to the combined Christian death toll of no fewer than 1,100 and destruction of hundreds of churches from January 1 to October 10, 2026.

2. Nigeria: By available statistics in possession of **International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law (InterSociety)**, the massacre of Christians by Islamic Jihadists and their state-actor collaborators in Nigeria or any part thereof, is spreading like wildfire with no end in sight; to the extent that in the past nine months and ten days of 2026 (Jan 1 to Oct 10, 2026), no fewer than 3,395 Christians were abducted and 3,426-4,300 killed. It is "between 3,426 and 4,300 Christian deaths" because while the available statistics in possession of the **InterSociety** indicated "3,426 Christian deaths" between January 1 and October 10, 2026; *Equipping The Persecuted* recorded "4,216 Christians as having been killed between Jan 1 and Sept 8, 2026" (difference of 874 Christian deaths). The "4,2016 figure" came from "Equipping The Persecuted", a U.S.-based nonprofit in Sioux City, Iowa in USA; disclosed through its religious conflict tracking media outfit- "Truth-Nigeria", through its report of Sept 29, 2026, reporting that "armed Jihadist Fulani Militants and allied others killed at least 4,216 Christians between Jan 1 and Sept 8, 2026-translating to 16.8 deaths a day, or one every 86 minutes". The "4,216 Christian deaths" is most likely to rise to "4,300 Christian deaths" if added to estimated 74 additional Christian deaths that occurred mainly in Plateau State and others between Sept 9 and Oct 10, 2026. **It is therefore statistically safe to say that "Nigeria recorded between 3,426 and 4,300 Christian deaths from January 1 to first ten days of October 2026".**

343 Christian Deaths And 202 Abductions In 40 Days: Relatedly, according to InterSociety latest statistics, *“in 40 days of Sept 1 to Oct 10, 2026, our tracked and collected data showed that no fewer than 343 Christian deaths were recorded including 130 in Plateau and 64 in Adamawa States-during which 202 others were abducted, ten churches destroyed, eight pastors abducted and two killed, 150 Christian schoolchildren spent 150 days in Boko Haram captivity since May 2026 and the indigenous Kebbi Christian communities ordered by Jihadist Fulani-allied Lakaruwa terror group since Sept 9, 2026 to “Convert to Islam or Die””*. It was also observed that partisanship and cover-ups of the Nigerian Security Forces in handling the attacks against Christians especially those masterminded by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Jihadist Fulani Bandits have risen to an apogee and intensity. Reports of security forces’ compromises include shifting blames, going after the victim parties instead of the attackers and shielding or protecting the perpetrators, twisting the facts on the ground, etc.

Our Generated Findings included in Plateau State where no fewer than 130 Christians were targeted and killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in 40 days including 16 Christians heartlessly slaughtered, out of which seven were cannibalistically beheaded and buried without their heads days later; in Adamawa State where Boko Haram launched series of coordinated attacks against more than twelve Christian communities in Gombi and Hong Local Government Areas particularly between Sept 7 and Oct 8; killing no fewer than 40 Christians and abducting 50 others including several tertiary and secondary school students-with at least three churches destroyed; in Taraba State where several Christians were abducted or killed and a pastor attacked or killed and a United Methodist Church attacked. Two other pastors were abducted on Sept 20 in Riyom, Plateau State (Pastor Samuel Nandi) and Ondo State in early Oct 2026 (Prophet Joshua Ariyo). Pastor Nandi was later killed and his body dumped by the roadside and was later buried on Sept 25, 2026.

InterSociety Findings included in Benue State where no fewer than 30 Christians were killed including those killed on Sept 10 and 11 and Oct 10, 2026; in Abuja where seven Catholic children died in an Abuja Christian IDP Camp following Government neglect and abandonment; in Bauchi State where Islamic jihadists detonated a bomb and bombed St John’s Anglican Cathedral along Muratala Mohammed Way in Bayan Gari, injuring 40 and the killing of no fewer than nine Christians in one week; in Kebbi State where Jihadist Fulani linked Lakaruwa terrorists ordered indigenous Christian communities including Ungwan Mato to “Pay Islamic Tax, Convert to Islam or Die”, in addition to killing or abducting scores and attacking an Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) building; where in the same Kebbi State, two ECWA Pastors, Rev Aliyu Japhet and Rev Adamu Danlami and their three church members were abducted on Sept 28 and Oct 3, 2026; in Southern Kaduna part of Kaduna State where despite the State Government’s alleged threats, media or publicity blackout and atrocity cover-ups, an advocacy discovery has recently been made showing no fewer than 50 Christians abducted and 20 killed in 40 days in places like Chikun and Kachia-where about 800 Christians abducted since 2024 and 2025 are still kept inside the Rijana Jihadist Fulani captivity forests.

Our Latest Report covered Adamawa State where no fewer than 50 Christians were abducted in 40 days including students of the College of Education in Waka-Biu; in Kogi State where more than 30 Christians including ten yam farmers and 18 Christian mourners traveling to Benue State were abducted along Adoka-Ankpa road on Sept 25 and Ogbe-Koro in Yagba West on Oct 8, 2026; in Kwara State where newlywed Christian couple and four of their guests were abducted along Eruku-Iyemero Road Border in the evening of Saturday, Sept 26, 2026; in Sokoto State where an Igbo Christian humanitarian worker, Lydia Nwankwo was killed and her colleagues attacked in Kajiji community in Shagari Local Government Area on Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026 while returning from their field assignment; in Imo State where at least 25 travellers were abducted on Oct 1, 2026- including 19 National Youth Corp members of Oyo State origin, among them are at least 12 Christians (**Akande Kehinde, Olaleye Mary, Oladosu Greatness, Obafunsho Rhoda, Esther Oyede, Mary Makinde, etc.**). The abduction of youth corpsers and other travelers took place in an area ravaged by years of the Government and security forces' Fulani Herdsmen violent criminal activities (kidnappings, abductions, disappearances, sexual violence, gunpoint ransoms and killings in the Forests of Njaba, Mbaitoli, Owerri West and Owerri North Local Government Areas of the State. Such violent crimes have intensified in recent times including killing of two Christians and abduction of two others on Sept 14, 2026 inside Irete Forest in Owerri West.

Our Findings included in Abia State where Jihadist Herdsmen abduction dens particularly in Umunneochi (Nneochi) Local Government Area are yet to be dismantled since 2022; where 28 human skulls and bones were discovered on Sept 26, 2026-most likely to belong to defenseless travelers, farmers and other road users. It must be remembered that it was in the same area that the present Government of Abia State, barely months into office in 2023, busted dens of Jihadist Fulani terror camps including the Lokpanta Fulani Cattle Market where hundreds of fresh, decomposed and decayed human bodies and bones were discovered, but later swept under the carpet by powers that be. It was also in the area that the head of the Methodist Church in Nigeria (Dr. Samuel Kanu-Uche and two of his pastors) were abducted on May 29, 2022 and hundreds of others abducted in the same axis, with several victims' accounts directly naming Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen as culprits. Affected communities and their forests included Umuchieze, Nneato and Isuochi and their villages of Umuaku, Lomara, Lokpa-ukwu, Lokpanta, Leru, Lekwesi, etc.

30-Page Collected Statistics Backing The Report:

The above highlighted findings of ours are backed by a 30-Page collected and analysed statistics obtained from primary and secondary sources including general and specialized media reports, victim communities' accounts, reports from research bodies or groups and survivors and eyewitnesses' accounts, among others. The 30-Page collected statistics is attached in this Report.

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