



PRAY FOR PERSECUTED BROTHERS & SISTERS

Pray for the Persecuted Christians in BURKINA FASO

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the Body also.

(Hebrews 13:3)



Total Population: 20,903,273

Self-Proclaimed Christian Population: 21% – **Evangelical Witness: 4.5%**

Muslims: 52%

Death Rate: 8.15/1000 per year: Just today: 467

Attack on Baptism Party Kills 15 in Burkina Faso

05/21/2021 Burkina Faso (International Christian Concern) – Suspected jihadists ambushed a baptism in Burkina Faso on Tuesday and opened fire, killing a total of 15 Christians. According to a statement from Colonel Salfo Kabor, governor of Burkina's Sahel region, the attack occurred in Oudalan province close to the Mali border.

"People are shocked and many are running," Moha AG Agraz, a Tin-Akoff native in contact with town residents told ABC news.

While no group has come forward to claim the attack, violence linked to Al-Qaeda and the Islamic state have been on the rise in West Africa since the beginning of this year.

Burkina Faso, once seen as a harmonious nation of religious tolerance, has been infiltrated by jihadist and militia groups known to commit grave acts of violence and human rights violations. Extremists have conducted numerous attacks on both civilian and government targets, many times focusing on Christians, their leaders, and places of worship. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso and ask the Lord to protect Christians living in these persecuted areas.

At least 130 Killed by Jihadists in Northern Burkina Faso

06/07/2021 Burkina Faso (International Christian Concern) - According to government officials, suspected Islamic extremists killed more than 130 civilians during an overnight raid on Friday, June 4th, in northern Burkina Faso.

"During the three-hour onslaught on Yagha village, the militants shot indiscriminately, torching homes and a market before lobbing explosives at civilians seeking refuge in gold-mining holes..." wrote The Wall Street Journal.

"No one has claimed the killings, but government officials say it was the work of Islamic State's regional affiliate, the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, or ISGS, which has killed hundreds of civilians in recent months."

Burkina Faso, once seen as a harmonious nation of religious tolerance, has experienced a jihadist uprising since 2015 along with the rest of Africa's Sahel region. Since then, civilians have been subject to grave acts of violence and human rights violations at the hands of extremist groups, who often target Christians, their leaders, and places of worship. A three-day national mourning period has been declared by the country's president, Roch Kabore.

Please continue to pray for Burkina Faso and for the end of Islamic extremism. Pray for those who engage in horrendous crimes against humanity, that they will experience the love of Jesus and be guided from darkness to light. Please also pray for the Lord to protect and strengthen the persecuted church, and to provide healing to all of those affected by violence.