

Persecution of christians in iran

Dear friend of freedom,

Please read this important story about the dramatic increase in the persecution of Christians by the Islamic authorities in Iran by my good friend Reza Kahlili.

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/05/10/iranian-intelligence-agents-target-arrest-christian-converts/>

As many of you know, I have worked hard to bring an awareness to Americans of the sufferings of the persecuted church. If elected to Congress I will continue to work tirelessly to defend what our Founders called "the first freedom," that is, our freedom to worship in peace, free from compulsion or persecution.

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Faithful and free,
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Iran's ayatollahs are showing frustration with Iranians leaving Islam for Christianity in large numbers despite the threat of execution for apostasy.

A former intelligence officer in the Guards, who has now defected to Europe, told The Daily Caller that the country's regime has ordered the domestic intelligence apparatus to use drastic measures to stop them — including imprisonment, torture and the mass-burning of Bibles.

[According to a report](#) by Mohammad Reza Modaber, the chief editor of the Christian Farsi language Mohabat News, two Christian converts in their mid 20s were arrested in April after intelligence agents entered their home in Tehran without warrants.

One agent, responding to the mother of the arrested who asked where they were taking her children and why, responded mockingly, "Tell Jesus to come and rescue them."

TheDC's source who was formerly an Iranian intelligence officer indicated that in the city of Shiraz alone, with a population of over one million, there were 30,000 files at the intelligence headquarters on individuals who had converted to Christianity.

"The Guards intelligence has assigned a unit in major cities, across the country, with the order to infiltrate their groups, identifying pastors and the members, then make arrests, forcing them under torture to agree to appear on TV confessing to criminal activities and having connection with Israel or America," he said.

Among other torture methods, spouses of the arrested converts are brought in and beaten in front of them to make them collaborate, while others are kept in total darkness in dungeon-type cells for weeks with no human contact, so that they lose sense of time.

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