

Nigeria and Syria's Christians Continue to Endure Bloody Massacres

International communities like Nigeria and Syria are experiencing seasons of bloodshed. Islamist militants are attacking churches, villages, and Christian neighborhoods while governments do little to stop them.

Ancient Christian communities that have survived for centuries now face extinction.

In parts of Nigeria, being a Christian can be a death sentence. During Easter week, Islamist gunmen unleashed a wave of terror on Christian communities, slaughtering more than 60 believers in villages, businesses, and churches—turning sacred days of celebration into unimaginable horror.

On Palm Sunday alone, armed militants stormed Angwan Rukuba, a predominantly Christian neighborhood in the city of Jos. That night, they fired on villagers, killing at least a dozen innocent people.



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Todd Nettleton, Vice President of Voice of the Martyrs, is closely monitoring this escalating violence.

"The gunmen were shouting 'Allahu Akbar' as they were firing on the Christians. So, that is not just a criminal activity with a clear religious motivation...the fact that it took place in what I'm told is a 100% Christian area of the city, is also a sign of Christians being targeted," he insisted. "I don't know about the word genocide, but it is clear that Christians are being targeted."

Witnesses say Fulani gunmen carried out the Jos attack.

People worldwide know about Boko Haram, and many believe the Fulani attacks aren't religious but a result of tribal disputes. Judd Saul, founder of Equipping the Persecuted, disagrees with that view.

"If they really believe that, yeah. I don't know what to say. They've fallen for a complete lie because I've been, I've been working in Nigeria since 2011, and the Fulani will tell you to your face that they want to get rid of Christianity," he explained.

Saul warns that the Fulani militants are driving to establish an Islamic caliphate in Nigeria with next to no government intervention.

Since last year, Syria has seen horrific violence against its religious minorities, including:

- Over 1,400 Alawites slaughtered along the coast in March 2025
- 25 Christians killed in a bombing at St. Elias Church in Damascus in June
- And as many as 2,000 Druze massacred in Suwayda in July

Fifteen years ago, before the civil war, nearly 2.5 million Christians lived in Syria – one in every ten people. Today, that number has plummeted to roughly 300,000, just 1-2% of the population.

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