

A Pastor and 10 Church Members Violently Hacked to Death

Nigerian believers are mourning the death of a pastor and 10 fellow Christians as an armed militia martyred those involved.

The *Daily Post* reports, "The attackers, according to a source in the village, stormed the area while it was raining and divided themselves into groups and targeted houses."

Members of the Evangelical Church Winning All made the grim discovery when, "They found the body of the 55-year-old senior pastor near Asha-Awuce—only a third of a mile from his home. He apparently was ambushed and hacked to death by suspected Islamic Fulani militants when his motorcycle ran out of gas on his return from a visit to another city."

The latest attack was one of many that Christians in Nigeria have had to deal with this past year.

The nation is listed as number 9 on the Open Doors' World Watch List, which states, "More Christians are murdered for their faith in Nigeria than in any other country. Violent attacks by Boko Haram, Housa-Fulani Muslim militant herdsman, ISWAP (an affiliate of the Islamic State group) and other Islamic extremist groups are common in the north and middle belt of the country, and are becoming more common further south."

While Nigerian Christians continue to come under persecution and threat of attack, the believers endure and worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Some of the largest churches in the world are in Nigeria.

Earlier this year, Prophet T.B. Joshua, pastor of the

megachurch The Synagogue Church of All Nations, passed away on June 12.

In Joshua's final message, "There is time for everything," he emphasized the need to understand that God has approved a season for all of life's occurrences.

We need to keep the Nigerian church in our prayers and pray that the Lord would raise up more men and women of God to pastor His flock in this beloved African Nation. {eoa}

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