

Christian Murdered on Livestream While Boldly Sharing His Faith

A disabled Christian man was brutally murdered while sharing about his faith on a TikTok livestream.

According to EWTN, the 45-year-old Ashur Sarnaya was an Iraqi Christian who fled to Lyon, France in hopes of escaping persecution from Islamists. However, he reportedly died by stabbing during his livestream video. Sarnaya was disabled and used a wheelchair for mobility. As French newspaper Le Progrès noted, he was coming home to his apartment when a man who appeared to be waiting for him used a knife to stab him in the neck.

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Sarnaya was found in cardiac by emergency services, but they were not able to resuscitate him. He lived in that building since 2014 with his sister and was known for being “a vulnerable person who didn’t walk and never caused any trouble.”

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As EWTN noted, Sarnaya’s family members said that he very regularly held TikTok livestreams discussing Christianity. In the last one that he did, he can be seen with blood across his face, coming from both his nose and mouth.

This heartbreaking death is a sober reminder that persecution against Christians is not confined to one region—it is a global reality. From the Middle East to Africa, from Asia to the West, believers continue to face violence, intimidation and even death for holding to the name of Jesus. At the same time, Sarnaya's testimony challenges us to remain unashamed and unshaken in our own faith.

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Now more than ever, we must stand firm, proclaiming the hope of Christ with courage and conviction. The blood of the martyrs has always been the seed of the church, and as we pray for believers across the globe, let us also commit ourselves to living boldly for Christ—never backing down, never wavering, and always trusting that the gospel is worth every cost.

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