

Locust Plague Spreads Far Beyond Africa as It Pushes Into China

The plague of locusts that is marching through Africa is now invading other continents as well.

While billions of the locusts are ravaging East Africa and devastating crops, massive groups of the insects are also swarming through the Middle East.

There have been reports in countries like Yemen, Iran and Pakistan, even India, as well as new reports of locusts crossing into China.

That could lead to deadly threats of hunger for millions of people in the regions. The United Nations has warned of the risk of a catastrophic famine.

CBN News' Senior International Correspondent George Thomas explained on *The 700 Club* Tuesday that officials from the Food and Agricultural Organization recently warned the Chinese authorities about the swarm of locusts arriving in Xinjiang Province in western China.

"China told the United Nations that they have been tracking this particular swarm coming into the western part of China so they are not concerned," he said.

"This is the winter season in Xinjiang so Chinese authorities told the national media in the last 24 to 48 hours that they are not concerned of any threat from these locusts because it is wintertime," Thomas said. "They say it is very unlikely that these locusts will travel further inland into China."

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