

UK Police Handcuff Pastor, Toss Him in Cell for Sharing His Christian Beliefs

A Christian pastor in Britain has been facing an ongoing four-month criminal investigation for speaking out peacefully about his biblical faith in public.

Pastor Dia Moodley, 58, was recently forced to attend a police interrogation or face the risk of arrest if he did not cooperate. According to Alliance Defending Freedom International, which represents the pastor, Moodley says police claimed he was targeting Muslims because he chose to preach in Bristol's city centre.

That interrogation comes after the pastor was handcuffed by police last November, accused of "inciting religious hatred" under the Public Order Act 1986. He was arrested and tossed in a police cell for eight hours for sharing his Christian beliefs about issues such as Islam and transgender ideology.



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He was released, but then two police officers visited the pastor at his home on January 8 and questioned him again, telling him he needed to come in for further questioning as part of a criminal investigation, or be arrested.

Pastor Moodley said later, "My experience as a Christian pastor, including the police questioning why I preached in an area where I supposedly knew Muslims would be present, undoubtedly shows there is a real risk of authorities allowing Christianity to be pushed out of public spaces in the UK in favour of allowing Islam or other beliefs to dominate."

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