

WATCH: Armed Extremist Mob Attacks Church, 'The Mob Destroyed Everything'

A disturbing new video purportedly shows a violent attack on a Catholic church in India, with an extremist mob using rocks, iron rods, and wooden sticks during the assault.

The clip, shared by Global Christian Relief, reportedly shows the Jan. 2 attack on Sacred Heart Church in Edka, a village in Narayanpur, India.

There were purportedly 1,000 extremists who went after the church.

"Reportedly, the mob was protesting 'illegal' conversions and construction of churches," Global Christian Relief stated in an explainer.

One witness said the situation is dire, with Christians being "targeted and attacked." Of the latest incident—purportedly part of ongoing tensions between indigenous animist followers and Christians—this source said the mob's assault destroyed the house of worship.

"They are going to attack our other institutions," the individual warned.

Father Jomon Devasia, parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, confirmed to UCA News the damage to the church was profound.

"A tense situation prevails here," Devasia said. "The mob destroyed everything, the church and the presbytery."

Some police officers, who reportedly attempted to stop the violence, were injured, according to UCA News.

The church assault is the latest horror to strike Narayanpur, where many Christians have also been driven out of their homes by extremists.

David Curry, CEO of Global Christian Relief, warned in a statement about the need to address the increasing persecution in central India.

Curry is asking the U.S. State Department to address the issue with Indian officials.

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