

ISIS Kills 80 Christians in Gruesome Attack

ISIS has claimed responsibility for recent attacks in the Democratic Republic of Congo that resulted in the death of more than 80 Christians and the closure of several churches in the nation.

The Islamic terrorist group said through a post on their Telegram channel, "More than 60 Christians were killed, including a Congolese army officer, in an attack by Caliphate soldiers in eastern Congo."

It was the latest in a series of attacks where jihadists with the ISIS-affiliated Allied Democratic Forces launched coordinated assaults in North Kivu province.

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Agence France-Presse reports nearly 150 people have been killed by the group since the beginning of June, including on June 7, when at least 41 were killed, some of whom were found "tied up" and "decapitated."

A Congolese spokesperson told Reuters there were additional attacks in other areas including Masawu village on June 4 that left 15 dead, Mununze village where six were found dead in a river, and five bodies were found in Kabweli and Mamulese communities.

More than 120 terror groups "fight for power, land and valuable mineral resources" in the DRC wreaking havoc in the region, African News reports.

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"Terrorist groups are taking advantage of the chaos to expand their hold on an already very unstable region," EU foreign affairs spokeswoman Nabila Massrali told Reuters.

According to the outlet, the DRC government has not made a statement about the recent attacks.

Open Doors' World Watch List ranks the DRC as #41 among the nations where Christians face the most extreme persecution around the globe.

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