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AS IT IS WRITTEN:

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER." YET IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US." ROMANS 8:36-37
As we have entered the New Year 2019, I just want to look back to 2018, to thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for bringing us thus far with the help of the Holy Spirit.

2018 had been a painful year for the Persecuted Church in India whom we represent. It is only God’s infinite grace without measure, strength & resources, that has enabled us to serve the persecuted Church, 24 x 7.

We published our Annual Report which represented the culmination of a year’s work by Persecution Relief Family (both staff and volunteers), who have worked tirelessly, behind the scenes.

God is ‘Jehovah Jireh’, our provider. Our revenue for this year exceeded the previous year, as we were able to honour God by judiciously and compassionately meeting the needs of those who reached out to us. We continued to serve with dedication and integrity, by providing practical relief services which includes financial support, food, Church and Ministry support, safe housing, and many other ways.

We say thank you to those who have donated financially, sacrificially - may God reward you 1000-fold for your commitment and generosity.

We are grateful to our “Prayer Warriors”, sisters and brothers, who have tirelessly and fervently prayed for the persecuted Church and supported us in the most extreme times of persecution.

We are grateful to all our ‘subscribers’ of “Voice of the Christians” magazine for responding faithfully, as we tell the compelling persecution stories, sharing the witness of the plight of the persecuted. May God’s blessing be upon you and your family.

We say thank you to those who have volunteered and extended your services to us, selflessly – may God’s richest blessings be upon you. For all that you have contributed to the Persecuted Church, no matter how trivial – my sincere thanks.

As Apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Rome. “Therefore, let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another” (Rom 14: 19).

As India grows less peaceful, day by day, the difficult and dark moments provide opportunities for us to reflect God’s love and light.

May we be encouraged to continue to stand firm together in the challenging times ahead.

May we continue to shine and push back the darkness that threatens us, and bring many more into the Kingdom of Light.

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! (Eph. 3:20-21).
Persecution Relief works among the Christian Community and this report focuses on them. Christians continue to remain exposed as persecution continues to spread at a rapid pace across India. In 2018, 477 incidents of violence were recorded as compared to 440 last year.

Persecution Relief’s Annual Report 2018, summarizing our findings for the year has been published. We have worked hard to get the word out about the crisis of religious freedom and belief in India with this report. Christians continue to remain exposed as persecution continues to spread at a rapid pace across India.

Please share / forward this report to those who have no access. It is our earnest prayer that this Report will create awareness, which has been reduced to a footnote in the larger narrative on communal violence in the country.

We hope to synergize and establish network with other Christ-centered Churches and Organizations Organizations through this report.

To view the Annual Report, please visit our website on www.persecutionrelief.org or access through http://persecutionrelief.org/persecution-relief-annual-report-2018 If you require a hard copy, we will be happy to send it to you, when you write to us with your mailing address.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any specific information / clarification

Thank you.

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PERSECUTION STATISTICS MONTH WISE 2018
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES 477

PERSECUTION STATISTICS STATE WISE 2018
Summary:

- **In 2018**, Uttar Pradesh continued to top our data as the state with the most persecutions. Tamil Nadu (67), Bihar (37), Telangana (24) and Madhya Pradesh (24), were the other 4 states contending for the Top 5 Hotspots.

- Bihar and Telangana were the recent entries to the Top 5 Hot Spots in 2018.

- Bihar recorded 25 incidents in 2017 and 37 incidents in 2018 – a 48% increase in hostilities.

- **In 2017**, the States that shared the Top 5 Hotspots were Uttar Pradesh(69), Madhya Pradesh (52), Tamil Nadu (48), Chattisgarh (46) and Karnataka (27).

- Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh continued to feature in the 5 Top Hotspots, in both 2018 and 2017.

- Of the 477 incidents recorded in 2018, 59% of them were attributed to the Top 5 Hotspots.
Summary:

- An 8% increase of persecution incidents in 2018 from 2017 was recorded.
- Uttar Pradesh continued to be the top persecutor of Christians for the 2nd year running.
- For the first time, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Puducherry and Daman & Diu, reported Christian persecution attacks.
- Tamil Nadu continued to witness a worsening law and order situation, and a spike in persecution attacks.
- Of the 10 Churches that were burnt down in 2018, 4 were reported from Tamil Nadu.
- 91 incidents of attack on Churches were reported.
- Threats, Harassment & Intimidation were the most common form of persecution.
WITHDRAWAL OF ALLEGED CONVERSION CASES BY MADHYA PRADESH GOVERNMENT

This is to bring to your urgent attention that the Government of Madhya Pradesh, under the guidance of Madhya Pradesh’s Law and Legislative Minister, Mr. P. C. Sharma, has initiated a process to withdraw ‘alleged politically motivated and false cases’ lodged against missionaries and Christians, based on charges of their involvement in promoting forced conversion.

The Cabinet meeting of the Government which convened on 17th January 2019, has ordered the setting up of committees in all Districts, to be chaired by the Collector, SP and Public Prosecutor.

All victims of Christian persecution, against whom false charges were registered with the Police Station or pending in court, may seek redressal by submitting an Application addressed to the District Collector, to seek this benefit.

We request that you spread this message to those who have no access to this notification and urge them to take advantage of this benefit.

If you are aware of any person / organisation in Madhya Pradesh, who have been impacted, let us know so that we can extend the same benefit to them.

Persecution Relief would like to acknowledge the efforts of Rashtriya Isai Maha Sangh (RIMS) for spearheading this initiative.

Persecution Relief and the Christian Community would like to sincerely thank the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for upholding the Constitution and respecting the Freedom of Religion and Belief, for this indemnifying initiative.

We have set up Legal Help Centers in every District across Madhya Pradesh. If you need guidance or any further clarifications, please feel free to contact us.

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Pastor waylaid, robbed and beaten by religious thugs, Bihar

WHAT ARE YOU TELLING THIS LADY? ARE YOU TRYING TO SPREAD CHRISTIANITY AND DESTROY INDIA?, THEY CONFRONTED AND THREATENED HIM.

unidentified men, brutally beat a Pastor and robbed him of his personal bag containing cash and his Holy Bible.

Pastor Dharmendra Kumar, has been ministering with the Indian Pentecostal Assembly for the past 5 years, at Fatuha Block, Patna, Bihar.

Speaking to Persecution Relief, Pastor related that on Thursday, 16th January, he had stopped at a nearby ATM to withdraw money, as he was on his way to the market. He met an acquaintance, an old Christian lady by the name of Gayathri, who engaged him in small talk about her health issues etc. Amidst the noise and clamour of the market place, Pastor spent a few moments, to encourage and comfort the lady, offering hope about Jesus’s power to heal her sickness.

He claims to have noticed 4 youths hanging around observing him but did not pay much attention to them until suddenly, they pounced on him and man-handled him.

“What are you telling this lady? Are you trying to spread Christianity and destroy India?”, they confronted and threatened him,

They punched and scratched his face with their nails, with total disregard for what the lady or he was trying to explain. A crowd began gathering as the men, manhandled
“CHURCH, PRAY FOR PASTOR DHARMENDRA THAT IN SPITE OF THE PAINFUL INCIDENT, HIS FAITH WILL BE STEADFAST AND GOD’S ABUNDANT GRACE AND STRENGTH WILL ABIDE WITH HIM”

him, snatched his bag and fled. No one came to his rescue.

“I strongly believe they had been watching me for a while and were aware of what I do and they intentionally wanted to harm me”.

Pastor received first-aid at the Sapna Bharti Clinic before heading home to report this matter to us.

Pastor K. K. Shaji, Founder of the Indian Pentecostal Assembly, based at Delhi, expressed sadness and disbelief about the changing landscape of India.

Recently, the State of Bihar has seen a huge spike in Christian persecution incidents. In 2018, Persecution Relief, recorded 37 incidents of persecution.

Church, pray for Pastor Dharmendra that in spite of the painful incident, his faith will be steadfast and God’s abundant grace and strength will abide with him.

Pray that the persecutors will have no rest until they surrender at the feet of Jesus Christ.

“I WANT TO THANK Persecution Relief for the support they extended me. After hearing my story, they promptly sent me financial support to meet my medical bills and restore the money that was stolen from me. I did not know about them but Pastor Shaji, our IPA Founder, put me in touch with them. Thank you Bro. Shibu so much for your generosity and the great work you are doing for the Christian community”.

PASTOR DHARMENDRA KUMAR
Attack on Kolhapur’s Holy Cross School a Matter of Deep Concern

Kolhapur: In what could be termed as a cowardly act against nuns, activists of Yuva Sena – a youth wing of Shiv Sena, have vandalized the office of a convent school for girls at Kolhapur. The incident that occurred at Holy Cross High School, a girl’s convent school in Kolhapur city in southern Maharashtra Tuesday afternoon.

According to the management of the school, located at Nagala Park area of Kolhapur city, the incident occurred at around 1.30 pm, during the school hours where the vandals have damaged furniture, computers etc.

After a police complaint that was lodged at Shahupuri police station late Tuesday evening, Kolhapur police have arrested 2 persons while other 18 are absconding. “We have taken a serious note of the incident. Apart from providing police protection to the institution, we have taken 2 persons into custody, while 18 others are absconding,” Kolhapur Superintendent of Police Abhinav Deshmukh told ICM.

Giving details about the incident Sister Bharati, head mistress of the primary section of the school said, about 20 activists forcibly entered the school campus shouting slogans against the school management and ransacked the office, while the bewildered nuns, KG students and members of the staff helplessly looked on.
“They entered the campus forcibly, told me that parents were complaining about the building fees and started abusing me and the staff members. When I requested them to maintain calm and offered to discuss the issue in a peaceful manner, they started breaking the office furniture and glasses of the windows. They also damaged the religious items like the statues and cross in the office,” Sr Bharati said.

“Ours is a school for girls. The attack was so sudden and heinous, that girl students from the lower classes were trembling with fear and are still in the state of shock. It was a traumatic situation and we could do nothing except for watching the act of vandalism,” Sr Bharati added further.

Meanwhile, the management of Holy Cross Convent on Wednesday declared that the school will remain closed till the vandals are arrested and security is provided to the school. Christians of Kolhapur and the parents of the school, who had gathered in large number at the school campus Wednesday morning, staged protests and submitted separate memorandums to Collector of Kolhapur Avinash Subhedar, a copy of which was submitted to SP Abhinav Deshmukh. While the Christians have asked for the protection for the Christian institutions and churches in the city, the parents have condemned the act as heinous act.

“We condemn the act of vandalism and also condemn the local Shiv Sena MLA (Kshirsagar) who has endorsed the act by supporting the vandals. We are concerned about the security of our daughters; hence we support the management, “the parents have stated in their memorandum.

Meanwhile, Bishop of Pune Rev Dr Thomas Dabre has raised concern about the incident. “I am sorry and saddened to learn about the attack. We are always open for discussion on any matters and issues, therefore there was no need for such an aggressive reaction on the part of the assailants. This is not the way to settle the issues in a civilized society. All the church-run institutions are intended to serve people, especially the poor and marginalized. We in the diocese of Pune are totally with our nuns at the Holy Cross High School and extend our full support,” Bishop Dabre said. He also assured that the matter would be taken at higher level after discussion with the nuns.

Archbishop of Bangalore Rev Dr Peter Machado too has condemned the act of vandalism stating that the act against the Christian institution was certainly a deep cause for concern. The matter would be discussed in the ongoing meeting of the CBCI in Bangalore, he said.
Religious mob tries to burn Pastor alive in car, Karnataka

In a scene reminiscent of the gruesome murder of the Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons in Orissa, who were burned alive in the van they were sleeping for the night - a similar attempt was made on Pastor M. V. Paulose, who has been ministering at “Thilos Prayer Hall”, Tarikere in Chikmagalur, Karnataka.

Construction work for the roof of the Church was underway. Therefore, Pastor decided to sleep outside, in his 12-year old, second hand car, to keep an eye on the building material, that was lying outside.

It is alleged that religious fanatics poured Petrol and set on fire, the old four-wheel drive, in which he had retired for the night. No sooner had the chilling mission been completed, the perpetrators melted away in the darkness as the flames spread.

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PERSECUTION RELIEF SPOKE TO THE SP, CHIKMAGALUR, MR. HARISH PANDYA, WHO HAS SENT A TEAM UNDER DYSP, TO INVESTIGATE THIS CRIMINAL INCIDENT.
“God woke me up!” recalls Pastor.

The heat generated by the flames, the smell of petrol, woke up Pastor Paulose. Sounding the alarm, along with his family, they managed to put out the fire with several buckets of water.

Speaking to Persecution Relief, Pastor recollected that he had a visitor earlier in the evening from the neighbourhood, a Basavaraj, who had been objecting to the Church construction, which had the necessary sanctions and permissions. He had also seen Pastor retiring for the night in his car.

Pastor claims that he had to make made 3 calls to the local Tarikere Police Station, after which the Team was dispatched to take photographs. A complaint has been lodged.

Persecution Relief spoke to the SP, Chikmagalur, Mr. Harish Pandya, who has sent a team under DYSP, to investigate this criminal incident.

Pastor Paulose is currently admitted at the Shimoga Government Hospital for emergency treatment for the burns on the side of his body and his arm.

Persecution Relief has recorded 477 hate crimes against Christians in 2018. Karnataka witnessed 15 incidents of anti-Christian attacks – the 12th highest state in India.

Church pray for Pastor Paulose and his family’s safety and for God’s peace in the area.

Relief Provided

“I got no help from the local Police whom I contacted several times. I contacted Persecution Relief who immediately spoke to the SP, Chikmagalur, Mr. Harish Pandya, and highlighted my situation. A team under DYSP, was sent to investigate this criminal incident. I am grateful to Bro. Thomas for the empathy and support extended to me and the Church”.

- Pastor M. V. Paulose
A CHRISTIAN MAY BE SAFE IN HIS HOUSE LIKE A SHIP IS SAFE IN THE HARBOUR, BUT THAT IS NOT WHY A SHIP IS BUILT! NEITHER IS A CHRISTIAN CREATED JUST TO BE REDEEMED AND SEPARATED FROM THE WORLD, BUT TO GO OUT AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL BOLDLY.

FOUNDER - PERSECUTION RELIEF
Arrested on false charges of conversion, Jharkhand,

**SUBSEQUENTLY, THROUGH A RELATIVE, THEY CONTACTED MR. ABRAHAM, WHO SHARED ABOUT THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS CHRIST, WHO HEALS MIND BODY AND SOUL. THE FAMILY USED TO TRAVEL 40 KMS EVERY SUNDAY, TO JHALDHIGI, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.**

On 15th January, Missionary Krishna Kumar and Bro. Daud Malto were arrested during a prayer meeting that was being held at the residence of a Mr. Santosh, at Barharwa, a Nagar Panchayat and town in Sahibganj district in the Indian state of Jharkhand.

**Background:**

Mr. Santosh, lives in Sonajodi village along with his wife and 4 children. A prosperous man with vast lands, possessions and lavish life style, he was the cynosure of the village, which made him any enemies. It is alleged that because of jealousy, he was a victim of black magic, which made him mentally sick. His sickness was so acute that Mr. Santosh had to be tied up in chains. The desperate family were willing to go to any lengths for his treatment but nothing worked.

Subsequently, through a relative, they contacted Mr. Abraham, who shared about the healing power of Jesus Christ, who heals mind body and soul. The family used to travel 40 kms every Sunday, to Jhaldhigi, to hear the word of God.

God honoured their faith and Mr. Santosh was completely healed. For a while, the
family attended prayer meetings and worship service but later, Mrs. Thupki Das began to lose interest and eventually stopped to attending Church altogether.

Mr. Santosh relapsed into his previous mental illness. Again, the cycle of treatment and hopelessness ensued.

After several months, Mrs. Thupki Das came to Church with tears, pleading for prayers during the Sunday worship service at Barharwa. Once again, God was faithful and in answer to the missionary and believers’ prayers, God healed Mr. Santosh once again.

Unhappy with the neighbours and villagers, Mr. Santosh was not keen on staying on at Sonajodi village. So, he moved out to live at his sister’s village at Rampur, a town in Ranchi district, Jharkhand.

Mrs. Thupki Das started attending regular Sunday service. After every Worship service, she would invite Pastor and the elders, to visit her home and conduct a prayer meeting.

Recent events:

Last Sunday, 13th January was no exception, as Mrs. Thupki Das requested them to visit her home and have a prayer meeting. Bro. Krishan and Bro. Daud Malto agreed to go to her residence.

On 15th November, as the brothers travelled on their motor bike, Mrs. Sarah Abraham, (the relative and believer of Jhaldhigi Barharwa congregation), went by train to Mr. Santhosh Das’s house.

While they were praying in the house, some unknown persons locked the house from the outside and within a few minutes, the Police arrived. They took Bro. Krishan Kumar and Bro. Daud Malto to Police Station. Accompanying them was Sussana Marandi Village Head, Mr. Govind Ravidas, who belongs to a religious fundamentalist organisation, along with a Mr. Prasanna Mishra, Mr. Aniket Goswami, Mr. Sundeep Trivedi from Pakur. Alleging conversion activities, these men instigated the Police and demanded that these men be arrested.

A FIR be filed against both the Christians and they have been remanded in prison. The draconian Jharkhand Freedom of Religion Act 2017, criminalizes religious conversion. If found guilty, they face up to three years imprisonment or a fine of fifty thousand rupees (about $700 USD).
Learning of the turn of events, Mrs. Thupki Das, wife of Mr. Santhosh Das, rushed to the Police Station, to clarify what exactly had happened. However, the Police refused to record her statement and sent her away.

Within a few hours, Media broke the News, lending credence to the anti-Christian propaganda that Christian Pastors were attracting people by using fraudulent means, luring them with money and threatening them if they did not convert.

However, Christian Leaders have alleged that this is a case of collusion between the local police and villagers.

The Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Raghuvir Das has been known to make hateful and bitter statements about Christians and had threatened to imprison anyone involved in sharing their religion or belief.

Church, pray that the Government of Jharkhand will repeal the “Jharkhand Freedom of Religion Act 2017” which is being misused, as it gives the authorities arbitrary powers to investigate religious conversions.

In 2018, Persecution Relief, recorded 19 incidents of persecution from the State of Jharkhand, ranked as the 7th most hostile state in India.

Church, pray for Bro. Krishan and Bro. Daud Malto that in spite of the painful incident, their faith will be steadfast and God’s abundant grace and mercy.

“WHEN WE INFORMED PERSECUTION RELIEF ABOUT THE INCIDENT, THEY IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE SP AND OTHER OFFICIALS BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE FIR WAS FILED BY THAT TIME. HOWEVER, I SINCERELY APPRECIATE ALL THEIR EFFORTS AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT EXTENDED”

-PASTOR EBENEZER SAMUEL, IN-CHARGE OF FMPB, JHARKHAND
A mob of fanatics gate-crashed into a home while they were praying, shouting slogans, abuses, and threats at the Pastor and the congregation, demanding that they stop the prayers.

Pastor Rajesh Kumar has been ministering at the Birno village in Ghazipur Tehsil, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh. Affiliated with IPC Church since 2012. On 04th January, Pastor and around 15 Christians were gathered for a prayer meeting at Bro. Ramji, a believer’s house. At around 2 pm, a mob of fanatics gate-crashed into the house, intimidating and terrorizing the people.

Soon 2 Jeeps of Policemen landed, as if you cue, and began questioning Pastor Rajesh. Derelict in their duties and instigated by the fanatics, the policemen, arrested both Pastor Rajesh Kumar and Bro. Rahul.

They were taken to Birno Police Station and booked under Section 151 and detained.

Section 151: Knowingly joining or continuing in assembly of five or more persons after it has been commanded to disperse.

Whoever knowingly joins or continues in any assembly of five or more persons likely to cause a disturbance of the public peace, after such assembly has been lawfully commanded to disperse, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

Persecution Relief was contacted by the Church and helped with the Bail Application. Both Pastor and Bro. Rahul were released on bail from the SDM’s court around 9 pm that day.

“Bro. Rahul and I are very grateful for the timely support received towards the bail fees. God bless Persecution Relief and their ministry”.

-Pastor Rajesh Kumar
Ev. Prashik Vachanpal Meshram, a devout follower of Jesus Christ, had just returned after fasting and praying with Rev. Dadu Chacko and his City Lake Church members. Filled with zeal for God, devotion and commitment, Evg. Prashik entered 2019, with passion and purpose, to serve Jesus Christ faithfully and be a living testimony to all.

On the Tuesday, 1st of January, he visited Pulgaon Town in Wardha district of Maharashtra, where more than 40 youths had gathered for the New Year Worship Service, at Buddha Vihar Parishad Hall, to hear about the gospel for New Year Service.

As the Bro. Prashik was sitting and talking informally with the youth that had gathered, a couple of religious fanatics, picked on him and began to verbally abuse him. This further escalated to physical assault as he was kicked, slapped and punched, as they falsely accused him of indulging in conversion activities.

As Bro. Prashik lives with his mother, a few kilometers away from where the incident took place, word quickly spread about the attack. By the grace of God, the people of the neighbourhood quickly gathered and rescued him from the fanatics, who were assaulting him.

Seeing that they were outnumbered, the fanatics fled the scene. It is alleged that the fanatics had been targeting him and trying to attack him for the past few weeks.

While Bro. Prashik was taken by locals to the Pulgaon Police Station, a complaint has been lodged under section 294,323,506,34. He also required medical attention from the blows he suffered.

Church pray for the safety of Evangelist and the congregation.

Pray that the persecutors will be touched by the power of the Holy Spirit and be transformed to Saul to Paul.
A few Sisters - Sindhu Bharti, Anjali, Rinki, Babita along with a dozen more people, were worshipping in the residence of Sis. Madhu Bharti.

While the prayer meeting was in progress, around 1 pm, somebody knocked on the closed door and the small children who had accompanied their mothers, opened the gate. Police men walked in and demanded that the prayer meeting be stopped. The sisters began explaining that they are not doing anything illegal but sitting in their homes and praying.

This infuriated the Policemen, who targeted Sis. Madhu Bharti’s brother, a young lad called Shiva, a 16-year old minor, studying for his 1st year B. Com.

He was seated among the group and pushed him against the wall, beating and punching him on his stomach, treating him like a common criminal!

As Shiva, began to cry, the Policemen were forcing him to recant his faith.

“You will not pray to Jesus Christ in the future” the Police man said

“No, I will pray to Jesus” responded young Shiva through his tears.

They dragged him out of the house and made him sit in the Police vehicle. When the sisters questioned the Police on why they were taking the boy into custody, the Police began misbehaving with the womenfolk too!

The sisters insisted that they take all of them

Sindhu Bharti
“SHE THEN BEAT SINDHU WHO FAINTED AGAIN FROM THE BEATING. ALLEGING THAT SHE WAS ACTING, SHE POURED HOT TEA INTO HER MOUTH AND BURNED HER. AS SHE WAS STILL UNCONSCIOUS, THEY POURED 2 JUGS OF COLD WATER ON HER. HER ATTACK ON SINDHU WAS RELENTLESS”

into custody and not just the young lad.

Police called in for more back up and soon a Lady Police Inspector and other Policewomen arrived.

“What are you converting people? Don’t you have gods in the hindu religion?” asked the Lady Police Inspector Vibha Pandey.

“Which god? Our Lord Jesus hears all our prayers and He heals and we get peace with Him. I have the freedom to worship whom we want” – responded Sindhu Bharti.

“You will get life imprisonment and you will never come out” said the Inspector

Once they reached the Police Station, Sindhu fainted and fell down. Her body felt cold and she was shivering. When they asked the Inspector for a blanket for Sindhu, she refused and said that she would not give her anything to cover even if she were to die.

“You are converting people and you are getting money from abroad that’s why you follow Christianity”, the Inspector accused.

She then beat Sindhu who fainted again from the beating. Alleging that she was acting, she poured hot tea into her mouth and burned her. As she was still unconscious, they poured 2 jugs of cold water on her. Her attack on Sindhu was relentless.

Soon, Sindhu began to shiver was shivering with cold, and Inspector Vibha, scared that she might have pushed her too much, got Madhu Bharti to take her to the hospital. Later Sindhu was admitted in the Government Hospital Padrauna.

In the FIR, false accusations were made like insulting hindu gods, torn the pics of hindu gods, conversion etc.

A FIR filed vide No: 0010 under IPC sections 147, 295A, 298, 504, 120-B.

120B: Punishment of criminal conspiracy
147: Punishment for rioting
295A: Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs
298: Uttering words, etc., with deliberate intent to wound religious feelings
504: Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace
RELIGIOUS FANATICS HAVE BEEN HARASSING CHRISTIANS FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS. WITH THIS INCIDENT, WORSHIP SERVICE HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED. MORE THAN 1000 BELIEVERS WHO USED TO CONGREGATE EVERY SUNDAY, HAVE NOW, BEEN SCARED AND SCATTERED.

Bro. Ramadhar Ram, Shiva, (father and brother of Madhu Bharti), Sisters Madhu Bharti, Sudha Bharti, Banjali Prasad, Rinki Gaud, & Rudravati Devi were booked and sent to jail.

Sis. Sindhu’s brother, Ashish Bharti, along with 100’s of believers when to the Mahila Police Station in Padrauna, demanding the release of the innocent sisters.

By the grace of God, all the women have been released, while Sis. Sindhu is still in hospital receiving medical treatment.

Religious fanatics have been harassing Christians for the past few weeks. With this incident, worship service has completely stopped. More than 1000 believers who used to congregate every Sunday, have now, been scared and scattered.

In Uttar Pradesh, the scale of “crack down” against the Christian minority community has been unprecedented, with tighter surveillance of churches and on those who continue to worship a western God, Jesus Christ. In many places, Police patrols are placed outside Churches, guarding the entry, to prevent people from gathering to worship Jesus Christ.

Persecution Relief has recorded more than 129 persecution incidents in Uttar Pradesh, this year, the most hostile among 29 states. Across the country in India, the doors of a multitude of Churches have been sealed and scores arrested on false charges of indulging in conversion activities.

Despite this, the Christian population has grown steadily in recent years. Praise God.

Church, continue to fast and pray for Uttar Pradesh and for India.
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One in every nine Christians in the world lives in an area, or in a culture, in which Christianity is illegal, forbidden, or punished, according to the latest report on global persecution by Open Doors USA. That’s a 14 percent increase over the previous year.

For the past 27 years, the organization has published the Open Doors World Watch List, a global indicator of countries where human and religious rights are being violated, and those countries most vulnerable to societal unrest and destabilization.

During the World Watch List 2019 reporting period, in the top 50 countries, a total of 1,266 churches or Christian buildings were attacked; 2,635 Christians were detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned; and 4,136 Christians were killed for faith-related reasons. On average, that’s 11 Christians killed every day for their faith.

Countries are ranked by the severity of persecution of Christians, calculated by analyzing the level of violent persecution plus the pressure experienced in five spheres of life: church, national, community, family, and private. Based on the report’s research, the top 10 nations where Christians found it most dangerous and difficult to practice their faith are:
1. North Korea

**Persecution type:** Communist and Post-Communist Oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** 300,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “The primary driver of persecution in North Korea is the state. For three generations, everything in the country has focused on idolizing the Kim family. Christians are seen as hostiles to be eradicated. There was hope that new diplomatic efforts in 2018—including the 2018 Winter Olympics—would mean a lessening of pressure and violence against Christians, but so far that has not been the case. Kim Jong-un has maintained tight control over the populace, and dissent or worshiping anything else is not tolerated.”

**Prayer point:** “The situation for Christians is vulnerable and precarious. They face persecution from state authorities and their non-Christian family, friends and neighbors. Pray for their protection.”

2. Afghanistan

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** Thousands

**How Christians are suffering:** “Afghanistan is an Islamic state by constitution, which means government officials, ethnic group leaders, religious officials and citizens are hostile toward adherents of any other religion. This means any expression of any faith other than Islam is simply not permitted to exist. Additionally, to convert to a faith outside Islam is tantamount to treason, because it is seen as a betrayal of family, tribe, and country.”

**Prayer Point:** “Christian converts from Islam face strong pressure from family, friends and neighbors and can even be attacked. Pray for these believers to have courage and protection.”

3. Somalia

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** A few hundred

**How Christians are suffering:** “Estimates suggest that 99 percent of Somalis are Muslims, and any minority religions are heavily persecuted. The Christian community is small and under constant threat of attack. Sharia law and Islam are enshrined in the country’s constitution, and the persecution of Christians almost always involves violence. Additionally, in many rural areas, Islamic militant groups like al-Shabab are de facto rulers.”

**Prayer point:** “Somali Christians often must hide their faith to stay safe. Pray for the safety and discipleship opportunities for these isolated believers.”

4. Libya

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** 37,900

**How Christians are suffering:** “After the ouster of former dictator Muammar Gaddafi, Libya plunged into chaos and anarchy, which has enabled various Islamic militant groups
to control parts of the country. Converts to Christianity face abuse and violence for their decision to follow Christ. Libya is also home to many migrant workers who have been attacked, sexually assaulted, and detained, which can be even worse if it is discovered they are Christians.”

**Prayer point:** “Pray for the protection of migrant workers, especially for those who are Christians and face double persecution.”

5. **Pakistan**

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** 3,981,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “Under Pakistan’s notorious blasphemy laws, Christians continue to live in daily fear they will be accused of blasphemy—which can carry a penalty of death. Additionally, radical Islamists seem to be gaining more political power, and the new ruling government must maintain good diplomatic relationships with some radical groups. Christians are largely regarded as second-class citizens, and conversion to Christianity from Islam carries a great deal of risk.”

**Prayer point:** “Pray for Pakistani converts from Muslim backgrounds who suffer the brunt of the persecution in Pakistan. Radical Islamist groups see them as apostates, and their family, friends, and neighbors see their conversion as shameful to the community.”

6. **Sudan**

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression

**Estimated number of Christians:** 1,910,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “Sudan has been ruled by the authoritarian government of President al-Bashir since 1989. The country has been ruled as an Islamic state with limited rights for religious minorities and heavy restrictions on freedom of speech and press. Christians face discrimination and pressure—multiple church buildings were demolished in 2017 and 2018, leaving some Christians without a place to worship. Christian converts from Islam are especially targeted for persecution.”

**Prayer point:** “Pray for converts to Christianity, that they would be able to stand strong in the face of accusations of betrayal.”

7. **Eritrea**

**Persecution type:** Dictatorial paranoia

**Estimated number of Christians:** 2,474,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “Since 1993, President Afwerki has overseen a brutal authoritarian regime that rests on massive human rights violations. In 2018, there were raids on churches, and hundreds of Christians were imprisoned in inhumane conditions. Additionally, there are estimates that other Christians are currently in Eritrea’s vast prison network, but no one knows how many there are or if they are still alive.”

**Prayer point:** “Thousands of Christians have been imprisoned in Eritrea over the last decade. Pray for endurance for brothers and sisters detained in horrific conditions, and ask...”
God to give them perseverance in their faith.”

8. Yemen

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression  
**Estimated number of Christians:** A few thousand

**How Christians are suffering:** “An ongoing civil war in Yemen has created one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory, making an already difficult nation for Christians even harder. The chaos of war has enabled radical groups to take control over some regions of Yemen, and they have increased persecution against Christians. Even private worship is risky in some parts of the country. Converts to Christianity from Islam face additional persecution from family and society.”

**Prayer point:** “The instability in Yemen has created a refugee, food, and health-care crisis. Ask God to help provide food, clean water and safety to the people of Yemen.”

9. Iran

**Persecution type:** Islamic oppression  
**Estimated number of Christians:** 800,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “Christians are forbidden from sharing their faith with non-Christians. Therefore, church services in Persian, the national language, are not allowed. Converts from Islam face persecution from the government; if they attend an underground house church, they face the constant threat of arrest. Iranian society is governed by Islamic law, which means the rights and professional possibilities for Christians are heavily restricted.”

**Prayer point:** “Any Muslim who leaves Islam faces a charge of apostasy and can be thrown in jail or worse. Pray that the laws will change, allowing for freedom of religion.”

10. India

**Persecution type:** Religious nationalism  
**Estimated number of Christians:** 65,061,000

**How Christians are suffering:** “Christians have been targeted by Hindu nationalist extremists more each year. Since the current ruling party took power in 2014, attacks have increased, and Hindu radicals believe they can attack Christians with no consequences. The view of the nationalists is that to be Indian is to be Hindu, so any other faith—including Christianity—is viewed as non-Indian. Additionally, in some regions of the country, converts to Christianity from Hinduism experience extreme persecution, discrimination, and violence.”

**Prayer point:** “Pray for Christian converts from Hinduism who are forcefully pressured to return to their national religion.”

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One of the most remarkable things about the story of Ruth is that it does not have a grandiose beginning. Ruth is not from a prominent or godly family, nor does she have any great position. She is a young widow from an enemy nation with the odds seemingly stacked against her.

At the beginning of the story, we see Ruth living in the nation of Moab, an enemy of the nation of Israel. She has lost her husband, is childless, and is living with her widowed mother-in-law, Naomi. Broken and bitter, Naomi decides to return to her native Bethlehem-Judah. She advises her daughter-in-law to leave her and go back to her parents’ homes to begin her life anew. But Ruth, out of her loyalty and devotion to the older woman, refuses to leave her and insists on accompanying her to Judah. This must have been a difficult decision for Ruth, since there were so many uncertainties ahead of her. But she chooses to put her faith in God and let Him guide her steps.

Back in Bethlehem, Naomi bemoans her fate to her fellow countrymen by telling them to refer to her as ‘Mara’ or ‘Bitter’ because “the Almighty had dealt very bitterly with her.”

Ruth however begins to focus on the task at hand, namely, survival. To support herself and Naomi, Ruth begins to work in the fields, collecting grain with the reapers. By what seems to be a happy coincidence, Ruth ends up working in the fields of Boaz, a wealthy kinsman of Naomi’s late husband Elimelech. However, there are no coincidences in the Bible and we begin to see the hand of God moving slowly but surely over Ruth’s life. Her loyalty to her widowed mother-in-law and her basic integrity and strength of character impress Boaz so much that he eventually asks her to marry him.

Unlike many stories in the Bible where grand and miraculous things occur, Ruth’s story is more relatable to us. We see God slowly transforming her life because of her faith and her attitude of looking to the future rather than crying over the past. We see her life change for the better because it is led by the God she believes in. The everyday occurrences of her life point to a God who directs and orchestrates natural events for His divine glory.

Boaz, a man of perfect character, is a representative picture of Jesus the Messiah. Through the inclusion of “Ruth the Moabitess” into the life and history of Israel, we see the foreshadowing of the Christian gospel by which Gentiles are inducted into the Church of Jesus Christ.

Ruth’s life holds a number of lessons for all of us. Perhaps the most important one is how to look to the future instead of the past. The past is spilt milk and there is no point dwelling on it. All of us have things that we regret, and some have certainly had more than their fair share of grief to deal with. We live in a fallen
world and until the Lord comes, we will face trials and tribulations because of the very nature of the world we inhabit.

However, what we have to ask ourselves is how we are going to respond to the lemons that life so often throws at us. Are we going to turn bitter and mourn like Naomi, or are we going to focus on the future and its endless possibilities like Ruth.

If we are honest with ourselves, we will realize that crying over the past is usually what drains our energy the most. Often, we let the wounds of life fester in us for so long that it is a humungous task to clean up the mess. I recall a time when my husband and I were facing a huge financial challenge. The stress of that and juggling a fledgling business really took a toll on me. Our relationship suffered, my health was compromised, and I came close to a nervous breakdown. Because of the very real fear of being judged, or worse, pitied, I did not confide in anyone, not even close friends. How foolish! Just like Naomi whose focus on her problems bogged her down to the point where she couldn’t see any hope for the future, I too let my problems overwhelm me. Had I reached out for help sooner, I might have saved myself a lot of agony. The weight of regret is never easy to bear. We need to humble ourselves, like Ruth did, under the mighty hand of God and lean on Him in our times of difficulty.

In all fairness though, I did not know then about the God of the Bible. In fact, I had never read the Bible until a friend gifted it to me. But when I did, the Holy Spirit began to show me how wallowing in my misery had done me no good. God’s mercy and grace saved me from myself and put me on the long road to recovery.

In the midst of our trials, if we can learn to focus on the Saviour and trust Him to take care of us like Ruth did, we will experience the “peace that passeth understanding.” We will also receive a “full reward from the God of Israel under whose wings we have come to trust.”

Ruth’s unwavering trust in the Lord resulted in God turning the biggest tragedy of her life into a blessing, not just for her, but for all of mankind. Through this Gentile woman with a nondescript, obscure past, God orchestrated the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour of the world!! Ruth would end up becoming the great-grandmother of David, through whose lineage Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all mankind, would be born. Could Ruth, the widow from an enemy nation, have ever imagined that her story would find a place in the genealogy of Jesus Christ? God honoured her faith and integrity and blessed her life beyond her wildest imagination.

If God could use a poor, hurting outcast, heal her and redeem her life, he can do the same for each one of us who puts our trust in Him. We can learn from Ruth to look ahead with faith, regardless of our circumstances. Our past does not have to determine our future. God’s plan of redemption is well able to create a masterpiece out of the broken pieces of our lives. God can even use us to leave an enduring legacy of faith for our children, our communities and our nation.

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The Passover is the occasion on which God provides life and freedom to those who trust Him.

Firstly, they were to kill a one-year old male lamb – an act which proclaimed their occupation as shepherds – something abominable to the Egyptians (Genesis 46:31-34, Exodus 12:3-6). Secondly, they were to put its blood on the doorposts and lintel of the house in which they lived. This simple act converted each blood-stained house into a makeshift altar (Exodus 12:7,13,22,23; Exodus 24:6, 29:12,16, Leviticus 1:5).

Thirdly, by eating the Passover Sacrifice, each of them became priests of the living God, a shadow of the promise of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, something conferred on believers in the New Covenant (1 Peter 2:9). At the very least they became participants in the altar (1 Corinthians 10:18).

Fourthly, they were to remain within the houses till morning (Exodus 12:22), making them vulnerable to a revenge attack from the enemy. They revealed their faith in the protection provided by the Most High God, the I AM God, by staying indoors.

For the Jews, faith was not merely mental assent to right teachings, but faith was revealed through actions (Hebrews 11). Since the Jews trusted the Most High God to be faithful to His character (One Who does not break promises), they were sure of the hope that was given to them, and they were convinced that they would see something they had not seen in about 400 years – freedom. In the Jewish mind faith and obedience are almost synonymous. The only way faith is revealed is through obedience (James 2:18). This is why Samuel says ‘Obedience is better than Sacrifice’ (1 Samuel 15:22).

In response to faith, God fulfils His promise. God passed over every house that had lamb’s blood smeared on its doorposts-and-lintel and permitted life. Just like the Israelites trusted God to bless them through a lamb’s blood to avert death and to gain their freedom from the Egyptians, we too who trust in the shed blood of Christ have been blessed with life and freedom. Life, because the Holy Spirit dwells within us and we truly live only when we live with the knowledge that we are at peace with God (2 Corinthians 5:18). Freedom, because we have the power of the Holy Spirit to be free from sin (1 Corinthians 10:13), and if we sin, we have an advocate with the Father who forgives us (1 John 1:9, 2:1). Jesus Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7).
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We are constantly hearing of stories of persecution in the church. What is our response?

Some of us gain knowledge of such happenings only through the news and magazines like these, sitting in the comfort of our homes. And so, these events often remain very distant and disconnected, and at the most generate our sympathy. But for those that live through such challenging situations, the pain is very tough and real.

When we suffer for our faith, it often leaves one asking difficult questions, wondering if it will ever end and how, to cope. The more we see, hear and live through such pain and injustice, our hearts tend to cry ‘Maranatha’ and with the Apostle John say – Come, Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

However, persecution is not to come as a surprise to believers. Rather, it is a given for those who choose to follow Christ. The Bible clearly says that all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (Timothy 3:12). And yet the truth is, many a time, when we go through these painful situations, we feel all alone and the Lord seems to be distant from us.

The Word of God reminds us that the Lord is sovereign even over these seemingly aimless, senseless or even uncontrollable series of events and He is ever with us as He has promised (Hebrews 13:5). The Bible also says that when we are reviled and have false things said about us, it leads to blessing for the righteous (Matthew 5:10).
For the weary soul

“SO LET US MAKE IT OUR PRAYER THAT THE LORD WOULD ENABLE EACH OF US TO WITH PAUL SAY, FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, I DELIGHT IN WEAKNESSES, IN INSULTS, IN HARDSHIPS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DIFFICULTIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG” 2 CORINTHIANS 12:10”

Persecution is a word that rings in our hearts
The knell of injustice, pain and suffering
And persecution is, we know deep in our hearts
Not something we want any part of, honestly speaking

To be persecuted is to be ill-treated and abhorred
For choosing to believe in what you do
And for us as believers, it is to stand for our Lord
Even when the world tells us we are not to.
Persecution means courage and conviction
To make tough choices, often all on your own
It is to stay firm in the face of trials and evictions
Truly impossible but for Him and His grace alone

But, stay faithful dear one, the wait will not be long
The Lord promises not to test beyond what you can take
Your Shepherd, with you in the valley does walk along
Yes, He, the One who did, you in His image make.

For to those who choose to be faithful to Him
He does His amazing grace and strength give
And for them He awaits across the Jordon
With a crown everlasting, to with Him eternally live

Enduring faithfully to the end for the children of God is also to be ensured of being members of the heavenly kingdom that is to come. It is the Word of God that gives us the strength to stay faithful to the One who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light. And the Lord who did not abandon His Son but raised Him from the dead to be the Savior of the world, is the same God who promises us that nothing, absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, not trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword (Romans 8:35).

So let us make it our prayer that the Lord would enable each of us to with Paul say, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong (2 Corinthians 12:10).

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PAKISTANI TOP COURT REJECTS REVIEW, SETTING CHRISTIAN WOMAN ASIA BIBI FREE

By World Watch Monitor

After nine years in prison for blasphemy, the Pakistani Christian woman Asia Bibi is free to go after the Supreme Court today, 29 January, upheld her acquittal from the death penalty conviction for blasphemy.

Pakistan’s new Chief Justice, Asif Saeed Khan Khosa, who led the panel of three judges, said that, had the case not been so sensitive, Bibi’s accusers should have been jailed for life because of perjury, reported Associated Press (AP).

Asia Bibi followed proceedings on a television screen in a secret location in Islamabad, where she has been in hiding since her acquittal last year. A friend, who wished to remain anonymous, quoted her to AP as saying: “I am really grateful to everybody. Now after nine years it is confirmed that I am free and I will be going to hug my daughters “.

Aasiya Noreen, commonly known as Asia Bibi, a Christian mother-of-five, received the death penalty in 2010 after she was allegedly found to have made derogatory comments about Islam’s prophet, Muhammad, during an argument with a Muslim woman.

INDONESIAN CHRISTIAN EX-GOVERNOR AHOK RELEASED

World Watch Monitor International

Jakarta’s former governor, known widely and simply as “Ahok”, walked out of prison today, 24 January, after serving nearly two years for blasphemy.

He was granted early release, four months ahead of schedule, for good behavior. Outside prison in West-Java he was greeted by his eldest son and Nicholas and a group of supporters.

“Ahok will finally be out of prison and reunited with his family, but he should never have been imprisoned in the first place,” Elaine Pearson of Human Rights Watch (HRW) said earlier this week. “Ahok’s unjust conviction is a reminder that minorities in Indonesia are at risk so long as the abusive blasphemy law remains in place.”

Since 1968 more than 150 people have been imprisoned and at least six people were convicted under this law in 2018 alone, said the organisation.
PHILIPPINES: AUTHORITIES SAY CHURCH BOMBING NOT CONNECTED TO MINDANAO REFERENDUM

By World Watch Monitor

 Philippine soldiers and investigators are probing the center of the Catholic cathedral in Jolo where the first bomb went off during mass on Sunday morning, killing at least 20 people.

In one of the deadliest attacks in the southern Philippines in years, a bomb blast at a church killed at least 20 people and injured 112 on Sunday morning, 27 January.

Among the dead are five soldiers who came to the rescue after the first bomb went off inside the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Jolo, an island near Mindanao, and were hit by a second explosion in the church’s parking lot. Six children were wounded in the first blast in the centre of the church which happened during mass with some 100 people attending, reported the Philippines’ daily Rappler.

The twin bombings took place two days after the Muslim-majority Mindanao region, of which Jolo is a part, voted to become self-governing. However, Sulu province, of which Jolo is the capital, rejected it, said AsiaNews.

FROM CHINA TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, CHRISTIANS EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION IN 73 COUNTRIES

By World Watch Monitor

In its latest annual survey of 150 countries monitoring how difficult it is to live as a Christian, out today, the overall trend in the 2019 World Watch List is that almost half (73) showed extreme, very high or high levels of persecution. A year earlier, it was 58 countries.

The List, produced by global charity Open Doors International and based on extensive surveys from internal and external experts, peers behind the global headlines of cases such as Pakistani Asia Bibi and Protestant pastor Andrew Brunson, now freed from a Turkish prison, to find out how difficult it is to live as an active Christian in daily life.

It reports that new laws in China and Vietnam seek to control all expression of religion.

It says that in China, it’s the worst religious repression there’s been in more than a decade; some even say since the Cultural Revolution ended in 1976.
PERSECUTION RELIEF – EVENTS (January ‘19),
ATTENDED BY OUR FOUNDER TO HIGHLIGHT PERSECUTION OF
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Founder met with Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, to update
about the situation of Christian Persecution in Uttar Pradesh. He
also handed him a copy of Persecution Relief’s Annual Report 2018

Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Abraham, of St. Thomas
Evangelical Church of India and
Bro. Mathews Abraham (Sabha
Secretary), met with Founder at
their Head Quarters in Kerala

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Pastors conf in Kochi, Kerala organised by “Bless
the Nation”

Publishing of Annual Report by Dr. P. Satish Kumar,
Calvary Church and Bro. Arun Samuel where 200
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