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Latest need

Christians in Niger need urgent aid; reduced to eating leaves and begging

Over 1,000 Christians in a famine-stricken village in Niger are in urgent need of aid; they are resorting to eating boiled leaves, while some of the young people have been forced to beg for food elsewhere.



Children in the Christian village of Tasha Ibrahim receiving bread

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Teenage son of jailed Christian parents in Iran left to care for sister

The teenage son of an Iranian couple who converted to Christianity and were jailed for their faith has been left to care for his 12-year-old sister alone.



Nima (17) is looking after younger sister Helma (12)

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Islamic leaders in Nigeria urge Boko Haram to end violence against Christians

Islamic scholars and leaders in Nigeria have urged militant group Boko Haram to end its violent campaign against Christians and other targets in the country.



Boko Haram is fighting to establish an Islamic state in Northern Nigeria

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Appeal court upholds church closure ruling in Azerbaijan

The highest appeal court in Azerbaijan has upheld the decision to close Greater Grace Church in an important test case for religious freedom in the country.



Greater Grace Church is based in the capital Baku
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