

PERSECUTION

VIETNAM JAILS 13 HOUSE CHURCH CHRISTIANS

July 16, 07. *BosNewsLife* reported that Vietnam sentenced 13 Degar Montagnards, a major ethnic group in the country's volatile Central Highlands, to prison terms of up to 15 years for "being House Church Christians" and because of their involvement in religious rights campaigns.

BURMESE PASTOR BEHEADED IN MANIPUR, INDIA

July 5, 07. Rev. Pau Za Khen (62), pastor of the Upper Myanmar Evangelical Lutheran Church, was beheaded by an unidentified group in the town of Churachanpur, Manipur. Pastor Khen was abducted from his daughter's home by four men on July 4. His decapitated body was found in a field outside of town the following morning. His hands were tied behind his back and he was blindfolded. Pray that Pau's loved ones will find comfort in the Lord.

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CHRISTIANS CRUCIFIED IN IRAQ

July 17, 07. A senior Dutch parliamentarian has confirmed that militants have recently crucified Christians in Iraq. The victims were mostly converts from Islam or people who were involved in "mixed marriages." Mr Joel Voordewind of the governing coalition's junior party Christian Union (CU), said several Iraqi Christians were "nailed to a cross, and their arms were tied up with ropes. The ropes were put on fire."
