

India Christians Hiding In Orissa Jungles As Violence Continues

30 December 2007. BHUBANESWAR, INDIA (BosNewsLife)-- Over one thousand Christians, including priests, nuns, women and children, have fled to the jungles of India's Orissa State where deadly anti-Christian violence entered its seventh day, a church official told BosNewsLife Sunday, December 30.

"The situation is still under tension," in Orissa's communal clash-stricken district of Kandhama, said Leena Joseph a missionary nun of the Catholic St. Joseph order in Orissa, after Hindu extremists' attacks killed at least nine Christians this week and injured many more.

"Church leaders and minority Christians have lost faith in the government and police for having failed to protect the minority community," she added, referring to the Christians hiding in jungles. "The government has always passive, inactive and apathetic when it comes to Christians and their welfare," the nun added.

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