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ABORTION IN THE HOOD

Atlanta is the first city to display billboards with a new campaign to draw attention to the abortion statistics among African-Americans in the United States.

Catherine Davis of the [Restoration Project](#) is reporting that they have started a new billboard campaign to alert citizens that "something is wrong in the black community when it comes to abortion."

"No matter what state you look at that reports by numbers, you see a horrific pattern has been established, and black women are aborting their babies at two, three, sometimes five times their presence in the population and/or five times the rate of other ethnic groups," she reports.

"We believe that black women and children are being targeted," [Davis told The Christian Post](#), citing Planned Parenthood as the alleged culprit.

Planned Parenthood offers a variety of health-related services for men, women, and children. The non-profit organization is also the nation's leading provider of abortions.

Davis is convinced the abortion industry is targeting the black population, but she wonders why an uproar from black leaders is lacking.

"If this were alcohol or tobacco, we would have African-Americans marching in the street. But because it's abortion, they are not willing to examine this question, and they're turning a blind eye, and we are asking why that is," she explains.

The pro-lifer concludes that the difficult questions must be answered by the black leadership. So she has helped develop the strategy to raise billboards in several major cities to inform the black community of the devastation wrought on African-Americans through abortion. (Contributors: [abortioninthehood.com](#), [onewsnw.com](#), [The Christian Post](#))

Ask the Lord to bless the efforts of this Restoration Project billboard campaign to alert citizens about the facts regarding abortion in the United States. Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of our leaders and destroy the foundations of the abortion industry in the U.S.

"Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name...and now the LORD says--he who formed me in the womb to be his servant..." (Isaiah 49:1, 5)

"Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3)

IRAN LAUNCHES BIBLE-BURNING CAMPAIGN

[Iranian authorities began to systematically seize and destroy Bibles after a Shiite cleric issued](#) an urgent warning about the spread of Christianity. Authorities in northwestern Iran seized 6,500 Bibles, according to the Iranian Christian news organization Mohabat News, which quotes an official as saying of the seizure that "all religions are strengthening their power to confront Islam; otherwise, what does this huge number of Bibles mean?" The agency has reported several other recent incidents of Bibles and other Christian literature being seized and sometimes publicly burned.

A Shi'ite cleric affiliated with the Iranian regime has warned about the "danger" of Christianity spreading in the Islamic republic.

According to *Mohabat News*, an independent Iranian Christian news agency, [Ayatollah Hadi Jahangosha expressed concern](#) about "the spread of Christianity among our youth," citing the availability of Christian satellite television programs, books and objects.

"Everyone in society should feel responsibility in this matter and play his or her role in spreading of pure Islam and fight false and distorted cultures," Mohabat quoted him as saying during a presentation on Mahdism – the belief in the so-called "hidden" or 12th imam, prophesied to emerge at a time of future chaos.

When Iran in 2008 hosted a conference on "Religion in the Modern World," attended by former U.N. secretary-general Kofi Annan and other dignitaries, the *Tehran Times* in an op-ed said Iran's hosting of the event showed that its ["ancient tradition of showing respect for different cultures and religions is still alive and well."](#)

"The reality on the ground in Iran is quite different from what is being propagated by certain countries and organizations in their disinformation campaigns," it said.

One organization that provides Bibles for Iranians is [Elam](#), which says it printed and distributed 100,000 Bibles and 100,000 New Testaments in 2010.

"Despite the limited support, well over a million New Testaments have been made available in recent years, and up to half a million whole Bibles," the organization says on its Web site. "And despite the ferocious hostility of the government in Iran to the Bible, brave Christians there have risked their lives to see their fellow countrymen read the Scriptures. Some are in prison now for their work."

Elam was founded in 1988 by senior Iranian church leaders in Britain "with the vision of reaching Iran and the Persian speaking world for Christ."

It says that at the time of the Islamic revolution in 1979, there were fewer than 500 known Iranian Christians from a Muslim background.

"Today the most conservative estimate is that there are at least 100,000 believers in the nation."

[Watch this video](#) of recent persecution of Christians in Iran (2:31). (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [Newmax](#), [CNS News](#), [IranView.org](#), [Elam: Church in Iran YouTube](#))

Most of history's despots and tyrants have forced their citizens to burn Bibles, for they have feared the Truth. Pray fervently for the Iranian Christians as well as for those who are now receiving the Gospel. Ask the Lord to use His mighty arm to protect the Christians in Iran. Ask the Lord to protect and bless the work of Elam to the Iranian Christians.

"I foresaw the Lord always before my face; for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken." (Psalm 15:8)

CHINA EXPANDING ITS NUCLEAR STOCKPILE

China's rapid pace of nuclear energy growth is unique, and its impact on the global nuclear market as both a customer and potential future supplier is already tremendous and will continue to expand, says a recent [Harvard University report](#).

But there are other concerns regarding China's nuclear advancements on the military front as well.

[China is expanding its nuclear forces with a new multi-warhead mobile missile](#) and keeps its strategic stockpiles in deep underground bunkers, the Pentagon disclosed in its annual report to Congress on the Chinese military.

[According to an older 2003 study](#) of China's nuclear forces conducted then by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) stated, "Our best estimate is that China maintains an arsenal of about 400 warheads of two basic categories, some 250 "strategic" weapons structured in a "triad" of land-based missiles, bombers, and submarine-launched ballistic missiles. The emphasis of China's arsenal is primarily on the land-based missile leg of the triad. Additionally, China is thought to possess about 150 "tactical" weapons, made up of some or all of the following: low yield bombs for tactical bombardment, artillery shells, atomic demolition munitions, and possibly short range missiles."

Now in 2011, China is thought to have up to 75 long-range nuclear missiles, including hard-to-find, road-mobile DF-31 and DF-31A intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), according to the report, which was released Wednesday. China also has 120 intermediate and medium-range missiles.

"China is both qualitatively and quantitatively improving its strategic missile forces," the report states. "Beijing will likely continue to invest considerable resources to maintain a limited nuclear force ... to ensure the [People's Liberation Army] can deliver a damaging retaliatory nuclear strike."

The report states for the first time that [China appears to be developing a third road-mobile ICBM](#), possibly capable of carrying a multiple, independently targetable re-entry vehicle.

Additionally, the report provides new details on China's efforts to develop missile defenses and says China conducted a warhead-intercept test as part of the system.

A disclosure in the annual assessment reveals China's deep-underground facilities in the north that is connected with more than 3,000 miles of tunnels. The facilities are used for storing and hiding missiles and nuclear warheads, and for command bunkers hardened against nuclear attacks.

The labyrinthine tunnel system, dubbed by the Chinese-media as the ["Underground Great Wall"](#) (Dixia Changcheng), was built for concealing, mobilizing and deploying China's growing arsenal of nuclear weapons. According to military experts cited by various reports, the main purpose of the underground tunnel is to provide the SAC with a credible second-strike capability. The building of an underground tunnel for this purpose is consistent with China's evolving nuclear doctrine from its traditional posture of "minimum deterrence" to a doctrine of "limited deterrence," since the subterranean bunkers strengthen the survivability of China's nuclear forces and bolster its nuclear deterrence posture.

The Chinese military has been using the underground facilities since the early 1950s. U.S. officials said most details of Chinese nuclear arms previously were kept secret.

“China’s strategic missile force, the Second Artillery Corps (SAC), has developed and utilized [underground facilities] since deploying its oldest liquid-fueled missile systems and continues to utilize them to protect and conceal their newest and most modern solid-fueled mobile missiles,” the report says.

“Although secrecy and ambiguity remain China’s predominant approach in the nuclear realm, occasional disclosure of information on some missile-related [underground facilities] is consistent with an effort to send strategic signals on the credibility of its limited nuclear arsenal,” the report says.

The published reports have shown images of tunnels, modern network-based security and control centers, and advanced camouflage measures. (Contributors: [Harvard University](#), [Washington Times](#), [The Jamestown Foundation](#), [NTI](#))

Continue to ask the Lord to give wisdom and understanding to our world leaders concerning nuclear weapons and their potential for total destruction of God’s creation. Pray for peaceful resolutions to all national issues that could potentially escalate into threats with countries like China, Pakistan, India, and Russia in the days ahead.

“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!” (Isaiah 26:3)

THE U.N. TARGETED BY HOUSE GOP

House Republicans are planning to introduce legislation Tuesday that will force major changes at the [United Nations](#), an organization that the bill’s author has called a “stew of corruption, mismanagement and negligence.”

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The bill by Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the Republican chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, would require the UN to adopt a voluntary budget model in which countries selectively fund UN agencies rather than according to a set formula. It would end funding for Palestinian refugees, limit use of U.S. funds to only purposes outlined by Congress and stop contributions to peacekeeping operations until management changes are made.

Ros-Lehtinen’s aim in shifting the UN budget to a voluntary system is to encourage competition for funds and therefore elicit more effective performance from UN agencies, said a House aide familiar with the legislation. He wasn’t authorized to speak on the record.

The legislation would also limit the use of U.S. contributions to only the specific purposes outlined by Congress and would withhold U.S. funding for any UN agency that upgrades the status of the Palestinian observer mission or any agency that helps Palestinian refugees.

The bill would also withhold funding for the UN Human Rights Council until the State Department can certify that it doesn’t include members subject to Security Council sanctions, under Security Council-mandated investigations for human rights abuses or are state sponsors of terrorism.

The legislation represents the leading edge of Republican moves against the world body at a time when the Obama administration is increasingly building its foreign policy around multilateral institutions, making the alliance-based approach central to its stance on Libya. The bill may advance in the Republican-controlled House, but is likely to hit opposition in the Senate and from Obama.

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Also within this [House appropriations bill is a provision](#) of "\$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2012 for resettlement of refugees in Israel."

Republicans are not the only ones concerned about [growing spending at the United Nations](#). Speaking on behalf of the United States, senior U.S. diplomat Joseph Torsella recently objected to a nearly 3 percent cost of living raise to the approximately 5,000 UN employees in New York City, saying that "a raise is inappropriate at this time of global fiscal austerity, when member state governments everywhere are implementing drastic austerity measures."

[Watch video](#) on Committee on Foreign Affairs Livestream. Section-by-section [Summary of H.R. 2583](#) (Contributors: [Politico](#), [Bloomberg](#), [U.S. House Foreign Affairs](#))

Pray that the financial expenditures of this nation would align with the will of our Lord in order to be a blessing to the nations. Ask the Lord to block all appropriations to activities that are not profitable to the help of peoples throughout the world.

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." (Galatians 3:8)

MONSANTO CORN PLANT LOSING BUG RESISTANCE

A widely grown corn variety that the Monsanto Company genetically modified to thwart a voracious bug are falling prey to that very pest in a few Iowa fields, the first time a major Midwest scourge has developed resistance to a genetically modified crop. The discovery raises concerns that the way some farmers are using biotech crops could spawn superbugs.

Iowa State University entomologist [Dr. Aaron Gassmann's discovery that western corn](#) rootworms in four northeast Iowa fields have evolved to resist the natural pesticide made by Monsanto's corn plant could encourage some farmers to switch to insect-proof seeds sold by competitors of the St. Louis crop biotechnology giant, and to return to spraying harsher synthetic insecticides on their fields. (Contributors: Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, [Wall Street Journal](#), [commondreams.org](#))

Pray that our farmers in the Midwest will use God's wisdom in growing their crops.

"Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her [Ruth] glean even among the sheaves do not reproach her. Also let some grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it so that she may glean and do not rebuke her." (Ruth 2:15,16)

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRAYER CAUCUS FOUNDATION PRAYER UPDATE

Interview with Congressman Randy Forbes (R-VA) and Congressman Mike McIntyre (D-NC): A Model for Civility - The Brody File sits down with co-chairs of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, Rep. Randy Forbes and Rep. Mike McIntyre. Hear how despite being on different sides of the political aisle, their common faith in Christ has led to real civility, and how they think this could be modeled by other members of Congress to create a more civil environment on the House Floor. [Watch this CBN Video here.](#)

Urgent Message to America from Members of Congress - Did you know there are more than 60 Members of Congress diligently fighting to preserve your freedom to publicly pray and express faith in God? Watch this 3 minute video of your national leaders who have united to urge Americans to pray and Trust God Again. [Watch the Video](#)

[Religious Freedom Part of U.S. Foreign Policy?](#) - The bill, introduced by Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Virginia), would essentially "amend the 1998 International Religious Freedoms Act, and also [reauthorize] the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), which is going to lose its funding this September."

[H.R. 2023](#) - Public Expression of Religion Act: H.R. 2023, the Public Expression of Religion Act, which would limit the remedies available to parties that bring lawsuits against expressions of religion...The bill would modify the law so each side pays its own attorney fees, removing the monetary incentive that activist groups have in bringing these types of cases.

[H.R. 2070](#) - Please pray for the World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2011 which would require the Secretary of the Interior to place a plaque at the World War II Memorial or inscribe on the Memorial President Franklin D. Roosevelt's D-Day prayer, which has been entitled "Let Our Hearts Be Stout."

[H.Res.253](#) - Members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus introduced legislation affirming America's religious and spiritual heritage, and designated the first week of May as America's Spiritual Heritage Week."

[H.Res. 211](#) - This piece of legislation is aimed at recognizing the important influence the Ten Commandments had on our Founding Documents and Principles.

Room 219 Every week Members of Congress, regardless of party affiliation, meet in Room 219 in the US Capitol to pray for each other and for our nation. Hear the whole story in Congressman Forbes' own words - [click here](#).