

Christians in the Middle East

"As one of the few surviving Christians in the Middle-East, I praise God daily for the blessing of being able to call myself an Israeli".

Father Gabriel Naddaf of Nazareth, Keynote speech at PJTN event, Orlanda, FI USA (PJTN press release, 3/6/2017)

"Christians who converted to Islam did so under threats, coercion, compulsion, and force".

Archbishop Alexios, most senior Christian leader in Gaza, reported by Arab media commentator Raymond Ibrahim to Ryan Jones, 16/11/2016

"At times we hear of the bombing of Christian bookshops and assaults on churches and other Christian institutions [in Gaza]; other times we hear of the kidnapping of Christians and the coercion of them to embrace the religion of Mohammed".

Raymond Ibrahim (Clarion Project 2/11/2016)

"The West is not responsible for what is happening to the Christians in the East. The responsibility lies with the East. In the East, there is hate speech... What happened to the Christians in Iraq and Syria is viewed as peanuts, while the Arab and International media talks about nothing but Hamas and Israel".

Medhat Klada, European Coptic Leader, Lebanese Al-Mayadeen TV, 24/12/2014

Egypt

Violence against my community is "ethnic cleansing and organised slaughter".

Naguib Gabriel, Coptic attorney and activist, Elaph.com, 15/7/2013 (MEMRI)

"In every single country where Christian minorities live among Muslim majorities, Obama's policies have empowered the Islamist parties, with the obvious consequence that the Christians are first to suffer".

Raymond Ibrahim, interview on National Review Online, 2/7/2013 (meforum.org.7/7/2013)

“Christian boys and girls in Egypt are frequently targeted, often for "ransom" money — as they are in Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, and all throughout sub-Saharan Africa”.

**Raymond Ibrahim, interview on National Review Online, 2/7/2013
(meforum.org.7/7/2013)**

Libya

“Libya’s small Christian minority has been targeted in unprecedented ways. Among other things, the very few churches there are under attack and bombed; nuns that have been serving the sick and needy since 1921 have been harassed and forced to flee; foreign Christians possessing Bibles have been arrested and tortured”.

**Raymond Ibrahim, interview on National Review Online, 2/7/2013
(meforum.org.7/7/2013)**

Syria

“And in Syria — where does one begin? Churches are being bombed and Christians are routinely being beheaded — most recently a Catholic priest, one of many”.

**Raymond Ibrahim, interview on National Review Online, 2/7/2013
(meforum.org.7/7/2013)**

Saudi Arabia

“It is necessary to destroy all the churches of the region.”

Saudi Grand Mufti, (<http://charismanews.com>, 4/1/2013)

West Bank

“Out of the 600 Christians from the Gaza Strip who arrived in the West Bank to celebrate Christmas, dozens have asked to move to Israel because they no longer feel comfortable living under the Palestinian Authority and Hamas”.

Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatetone Institute, 3/1/2013

“Palestinian Islamists are cleansing the Holy Land of Christians”.

**Archbishop Crammer, <http://archbishopcrammer.blogspot.co.uk>,
12/6/2013**

“About this time a Roman Catholic priest in Ramallah bewailed the fact that in his experience Muslim Palestinians did not want Christians living among them”.

<http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=6498>

"By not talking openly about the problem, the Christian leaders are encouraging the perpetrators to continue their harassment and assaults against Christian families."

Khalid Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 10/5/2012

Gaza

"Anglican Friends of Israel reflects on the significance of Hamas's legislation which would mean the closure of Christian schools in Gaza, and urges Christian leaders in the West to start holding Palestinian leaders responsible for what happens to Christians under their jurisdiction".

<http://jericho777.worldpress.com>, 12/6/2013

"Dozens of Christian families from east Jerusalem have moved to Jewish neighborhoods in the city because they too no longer feel comfortable living among Muslims".

Khaled Abu Toameh, Gatestone Institute, 3/1/2013

Israel

"The only place in the Middle East [where] Christians are really safe".

**Canon Andrew White, Vicar of St. George's Church in Baghdad,
<http://frontpagemag.com>, Aug 2013)**

"Our goal is to guard the Holy Land and the State of Israel.....The State deserves that we also do our part in defending it".

Father Gabriel Nadaf, Greek Orthodox Priest, Israel, 5/8/2013

"In the light of what we see happening to Christians in Arab countries, how they are slaughtered and persecuted on a daily basis killed and raped just because they are Christians. Does this happen in Israel? No, it doesn't".

**Father Gabriel Nadaf, Greek Orthodox Priest, Israel
(Jerusalem Post 10/1/2014)**

