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## **Hungary's Foreign Affairs Minister: "In global politics, the fact that Christians are being persecuted is being ignored"**



Christian persecution remains rampant. Szijjarto said: "In global politics, the fact that Christians are being persecuted is being ignored," and that his government is "fighting against the perception that Christianophobia would be the last acceptable form of discrimination."

ChristianPersecution.com has seen that perception play out many times, and has reported on many officials worldwide noting that the persecution of Christians continues to be ignored by those who are in the best position to stop it.

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That is true. But so far both are lacking.

"World is 'ignoring' persecution of Christians, says Hungarian official," by Beth Griffin, Catholic News Service, September 28, 2019:

UNITED NATIONS –Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide, but hypocrisy, political correctness and ignorance prevent the international community from implementing a comprehensive response to pervasive violence against them, said speakers at a U.N. event Sept. 27.

The participants in a high-level panel discussion said 80% of people killed because of their religious beliefs are Christian and the number of Christians hurt or displaced is on the rise....

“In global politics, the fact that Christians are being persecuted is being ignored,” said Peter Szijjarto, Hungary’s minister of foreign affairs and trade. He told CNS that his government is “fighting against the perception that Christianophobia would be the last acceptable form of discrimination.”

Szijjarto said it is regrettable that while Muslim leaders speak enthusiastically about the plight of their mistreated people, Christians seem to be shy about calling attention to the violence against Christians. He attributed this to religion being seen as a local issue and not a global one.

“The international community is absolutely not sensitive” to Christian persecution, and prefers to address issues of “religious minorities,” he said.

“There is no generic religion and we can’t talk about religious freedom in a generic way,” said Ernesto Araujo, Brazil’s minister of foreign affairs.

“Some defend religious freedom as long as there is no religion involved. ... The world accepts Christianity as long as it is a set of social values,” he said.

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Szijjarto said Hungary has been a Christian country for more than 1,000 years and feels a responsibility for the Christian community around the world. Since 2017, it has provided \$40 million to help persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He said direct aid has been given to

Catholic bishops eager to help Christians stay in their homes and encourage others to return from exile elsewhere.

“The bishops ask us not to invite people to settle in Europe because that contributes to fulfilling the goal of terrorist organizations to eliminate the Christian community,” he said....

The panel discussion, “Rebuilding Lives, Rebuilding Communities: Ensuring a Future for Persecuted Christians” was held in conjunction with the high-level week of the 74th session of the U.N. General Assembly....

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