

## **Metropolitan of Volokolamsk: Russian Church views support of suffering Christians in Africa as part of its historical mission**



The Russian Orthodox Church's Metropolitan of Volokolamsk, His Eminence Hilarion, this week spoke at an online conference focusing on the situation of Christians in Africa.

His Eminence, who is also the head of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, said Christian churches and organizations should join in an alliance to more effectively work to protect African Christians, who face severe persecution in many countries, as he underlined.

The Russian hierarch reminded that Christians in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Algeria, and other countries on the continent, currently face particularly severe persecution.

The Russian Orthodox Church views support of these suffering Christians as part of its historical mission, Hilarion underlined.