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**THOUSANDS OF IRAQI CHRISTIANS FLEE HOMES AFTER LATEST BOMBINGS**

Recent bombings of Iraqi churches and an attack on a seminary has prompted a new exodus of Christians who are seeking sanctuary in Syria, says Todd Nettleton from Voice of the Martyrs (VOM).

He says Iraqi Christians believe they are an “unprotected religious minority” as oppression continues.

“Many Christians are also choosing to flee to Kurdish areas of Iraq in order to have a better chance to be safe from radical Islamic people who are gaining more control and more power and acting out violently against Christians.”

Some observers think the violence is more related to anti-Western sentiment, confusing Christianity with U.S. interests.

The issue has forced a change in how ministries are conducted in Iraq. VOM’s distribution and support network is made up of nationals in an effort to avoid attracting unwanted attention.

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Let us pray for the Iraqi Christians to be able to minister to the poor in an even better way than foreigners do, for the sake of a convincing testimony.

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