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ERITREAN AUTHORITIES ARREST 5 MORE EVANGELICALS IN CHURCH RAID

Police in Asmara, a city in the northeastern African country of Eritrea, stormed the New Covenant Church the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 7, and arrested the five members who were meeting, reported Compass Direct. After a day's detention, the one woman in the group was released. The four men, including the pastor, Yohannes, were transferred to the Adi-Abyto military camp.

Hundreds of evangelical Christians have been arrested, some held for months in metal shipping containers with limited food and air. On Wednesday, Sept. 15, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell announced that Eritrea has been included in its list of "countries of particular concern" because of the government's repressive action against any religious group not officially recognize.

Saudi Arabia and Vietnam also made the list for the first time while Myanmar, China, Iran, North Korea and Sudan remained on the list. The list was announced as the State Department made public its 2004 Annual Report on International Religious Freedom.

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Let us mark these nations engaged in continuous persecution for persistent prayer.

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