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With numerous attacks against Iraq's Christians in recent weeks — including a Halloween day massacre in a Baghdad church, which left 52 dead — the country's religious minority fears for its survival within the boundaries of the Middle Eastern nation. Yet, a long way from their native land, many Iraqi Christians are also living in terror in a far more serene place: Stockholm.

Swedish immigration officials have been deporting Iraqi refugees to Baghdad on flights about every three weeks, declaring that some of them have no legitimate claim to political asylum in Sweden. That includes Iraqi Christians — a category that does not automatically imply a risk of persecution, according to Swedish guidelines. Of the 80,000 or so Iraqi refugees in Sweden, about 6,000 of them are Christian, according to estimates by the Syriac Orthodox Church in Stockholm. That Swedish interpretation of the main criterion for ...

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Re: Why Iraqi Christians Are Running Scared — in Sweden - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2010/11/15 10:34

wow! what does that speak of the nation of Sweden?

If you follow along in the Operation World book about praying for countries you will find that Sweden is declining spiritually as well as many other European countries.

I wonder how we can help the church in Iraq?

Doug