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Thousands of Chinese Christians have mounted an extraordinary, round-the-clock defence of a church in a city known as the 'Jerusalem of the East' after Communist Party officials threatened to bulldoze their place of worship. In an episode that underlines the fierce and long-standing friction between China's officially atheist Communist Party and its rapidly growing Christian congregation, Bible-carrying believers this week flocked to the Sanjiang church in Wenzhou hoping to protect it from the bulldozers.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/10745248/Christians-form-human-shield-around-church-in-China-s-Jerusalem-after-demolition-threat.html>

Re: Christians form human shield around church in 'China's Jerusalem' - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/4/5 0:15

interesting from the article also:

Wenzhou's underground "house" churches â€" those unwilling to comply with Communist Party rules â€" have long been subjected to sporadic crackdowns, such as one in 2000 that saw hundreds of churches and temples demolished across Zhejiang province.

However, the Sanjiang church is part of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement, China's officially sanctioned and government-controlled Protestant church, making this week's stand-off highly unusual.

Re: , on: 2014/4/5 0:26

Yes, it is "highly unusual", so I wonder who these people really are?

This may give us a clue:

Quote:
-----I've come here today to show my support. A church is a sacred place and we are all brothers and sisters." said Jin Yufu, 55, from the nearby community of Wenling. "Christianity has made a big contribution to society in many ways. Thanks to Church we don't smoke, gamble or drink. Christians are good people.

A building is a "sacred place"? "Thanks to Church we don't smoke, gamble or drink?"

Doesn't sound like underground, house church Christians to me. Church centered or Jesus centered? Of course, the reporter could have skewed the article.