

Queridos hermanos: Paz y bien.

Todos conocéis lo que está sucediendo con los cristianos en la India. Además de la oración por ellos podemos presionar a las autoridades de aquel país, para que intenten por todos los medios poner fin a la violencia contra las minorías cristianas, mandando la petición a las Naciones Unidas y la carta que encontraréis más abajo a las autoridades de la India.

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## **VIOLENCIA CONTRA LOS CRISTIANOS EN ORISSA - INDIA**

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**<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/thecsf17/petition.html> para enviar la petición a las Naciones Unidas y a los Jefes de Estado. ¡Pidamos Justicia!**

**(Click on any of the photos to see more photos on Orissa violence)**

Click on "[YOUR GOD OR MINE?](#)" to watch a documentary on Orissa Events, prepared by Nilanjana Bose. Click on videos 1 2 3 4 5 at the bottom to watch all 5 segments. Please wait till an ad gets over.

[A Powerpoint Presentation](#) on the Attack on Christians in India

[Video Testimonials by the victims on youtube](#) (open the page to get the link)

**To see the Map of affected areas in Orissa:**

[http://nlimages.livemint.com/orissa/orissa\\_map.html](http://nlimages.livemint.com/orissa/orissa_map.html)

[An Update on the Bihar Flood Situation by Prakash Louis](#)

**Updates of Activities in Orissa... and now in Mangalore:**

[Concerned Citizens' Fact Finding Team Interim Report](#) (must read)

Watch the [Devil's Advocate interview with Archbishop Vincent Concessao](#) or Delhi

[Report on the murder of a priest](#) in Dehradun by Anand IMS

[Update on 26th September 2008](#) (Newspaper clippings)

[Report of Justice, Peace and Development \(JPD\) Commission on Orissa](#)

[Update on 21st September 2008](#)

[History of attacks on Christians in Orissa since 1967](#)

[Latest attack on Churches in Mangalore](#), Karnataka

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## MODELO DE CARTA

(La carta hay que copiarla, pegarla en el correo electrónico, firmarla y, naturalmente, enviarla)

Madam President,

We write with deep concern over the communal violence that has engulfed many districts in Orissa since 24 August 2008. The target of the violence has been the Christian minorities, most of whom are tribals and Dalits. The ongoing carnage has resulted in the death of nine persons. A nun has been gang-raped. Many people, including priests and nuns have been injured. Their properties and places of worship have been vandalized. Hundreds, including Catholic school children, were forced to escape into the forests and live in fear and insecurity.

The uncontained violence in many districts of Orissa, which we understand to be a state notorious for a culture of communal violence in recent years, points out that the state government has failed in its duty to protect the lives of Christians. This violates their right to life and personal liberty – the very right

enshrined in the Constitution of India (Article 21) and in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR Article 6) to which the Government of India is a party.

It is time that your Nation State, which is a member of the UN Human Rights Council, honoured the commitment it has made to the United Nations on 19 April 2006, when a pledge was made for its candidacy to the UN Human Rights Council: India's commitment to "promoting and protecting human rights flows from the realization that in a truly pluralistic society, the growth and well-being of citizens can only be guaranteed through a culture of protection and promotion of human rights."

In this context, and with great urgency, we appeal to you, Madam President, to initiate suitable measures that:

- protect the rights, lives and properties of Christians in Orissa;
- provide immediate relief and adequate compensation to the victims as per ICCPR Article 2.3.1;
- ensure a climate of peace and harmony in Orissa state so that people may live without fear; and
- bring perpetrators to justice in order to stop impunity.

Sincerely,

Nombre y apellidos:

Ciudad:

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