

“Buddhist Militancy Triggers International Concerns” - ?&%\$#@?

- Response to a ridiculous and malicious attempt to demonize Buddhists -

(the article: “Buddhist Militancy Triggers International Concerns”
by James Crabtree and Michael Peel in the Financial Times.)

**Have you - or anyone you know, or even anyone you don't know -
heard of, read, seen or experienced:**

Buddhist militants hijack airplane

Buddhist extremists behead thousands of non-Buddhists

Hundreds of non-Buddhist girls and women are kidnapped by heavily armed Buddhists

Buddhist father kills his daughters for talking to a boy

Buddhist mobs riot violently demanding the implementation of the 8-Fold Path as Law

Buddhist rampage, loot and burn because a Buddhist sutra of Abhidhamma was found in the trash

Buddhist terrorists found with plans to destroy all non-Buddhist meditation centers

Buddhist kids practice beheading techniques on dolls

Buddhist holy warriors stop a bus and kill all those who could not define the term ‘metta’

Buddhists kill doctors providing vaccines against deadly diseases -
calls vaccines evil plots to control and eliminate them

Buddhist fanatics march with signs saying, “Buddhism will dominate the world”, “Kill those who insult Buddhism”, “Embrace Buddhism now or we will kill you”, “Behead those who destroy Buddhist books”

Buddhist schoolgirls whipped in public for walking with schoolboys

A gang of Buddhist bicycle thieves have their left feet and right hands cut off

Buddhist leaders call on all Buddhists to kill non-Buddhists anywhere: with knives, cars, and poison

Obviously we don't see headlines, articles, reports, and books about these things

International concern? Maybe Egypt should worry about a sudden Buddhist invasion. And Sweden is probably being targeted by Buddhist SCUD missiles. Indonesia is constantly uncovering terror plots to destroy the infrastructure and instill a radical fundamentalist Buddhist theocracy. North Korea is being cyber attacked by thousands of highly trained Buddhist cyber-terrorists - the best in the world. And even ISIS is in the crosshairs and will soon be hit with Buddhist nuclear drones taking off from Buddhist stealth aircraft carriers, and the Buddhists will force the harsh law of the 8-Fold Path upon the terrified citizens.

Fact: Buddhists are under violent physical attack, threat of attack, attacks on their characteristics and image, and attacks on Buddhism itself.

Fact: Buddhist kingdoms, areas and nations have been annihilated again and again throughout history - slaughtered down to the last Buddhist in once Buddhist lands known (presently) as parts of Persia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, large parts of India, parts of Kazakstan, Turkmenistan, Maldives, and happening now in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia, southern Thailand, western Burma, parts of China, and the Philippines.

Fact: Historically, the land that is now called BANGLADESH was Vedic, Hindu, and Buddhist kingdoms for nearly 2000 years. The great Buddhist PALA EMPIRE, centered in Bengal, ruled a very large area from the 8th to the 12th centuries. The Pala period is considered as the golden era of Bengal, with stability, prosperity, colossal temples and exquisite works of art. This remarkable Buddhist Empire eventually disintegrated in the 12th century, most drastically with the invasion of Muslim armies that swept through India, killing or pushing Buddhists to the edges of their rule. Bangladesh - for a long time a Buddhist majority land, is now down to less than 1% Buddhists, and those remaining Buddhists are subject to attacks, destruction of temples, rapes, killings, burning of homes, kidnapping and converting women to Islam, and more. In the last 6 months there have been dozens of Buddhist temples destroyed, hundreds of Buddhist homes burned, many Buddhists killed.

The article (that this paper is responding to) tries to brainwash the public into thinking that the Buddhists of Burma, Sri Lanka, and other places have an unwarranted, irrational and intolerant fear of an “existential threat” to their deeply embedded Buddhist culture and faith.

Fact: The Buddhists of western Burma - Rakhine State - are under siege. There is a massive amount of knowledge and information that shows the reality that the Rakhine Buddhist people are under a real and brutal campaign to seize their centuries old cultural homeland and turn it into an Islamic State, without other people or religions tolerated. The Rakhine Buddhists know - deeply know - what has happened to their brethren across the border in Bangladesh, and they know that they are in great danger of being ejected from their homeland, or simply massacred like the Buddhists of Bangladesh until they are extinct in their homeland.

Fact: Buddhist concerns about Islam, and Muslim agenda and intentions, are indeed **warranted, rational** and **serious**. There is no “existential threat” - there is **real** threat. Just look around the world: nearly 8000 Thai Buddhists in southern Thailand have been killed in the last decade by Muslim agenda and intension to kill or drive the Thais out and make a Muslim-only land under Sharia Law. Naturally the Buddhists will have legitimate concerns, and they don't need idiots writing that they have some kind of racist intolerant existential fear for no good reason. Similarly, Buddhists are being attacked and killed in Indonesia, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Burma.

Fact: There are no genocides committed by Buddhists in recorded history, but under the spell of Islam, Muslims have committed a litany of genocides, massacres, slaughters, and pogroms - including the following (because there are so many I'll restrict the list to only the last 100 years):

deaths....which people died.....country....year(s).....description

- 1,500,000** Armenian Christians and others, in **Turkey**, 1915. The **Armenian Holocaust**. Other indigenous Christians such as the Assyrians and the Ottoman Greeks were similarly targeted for extermination by the Muslim Turks in a massive jihad (holy war for Allah).
- 6,000** Assyrian Christians, in Simele, **Iraq**, in 1933. An old small Christian community which preceded Islam's conquest. The Muslims - overwhelmingly - would not tolerate non-Muslims to live near them.
- 30,000** Buddhists, in Maungdaw, Rakhine State, **Burma**, in 1942. Bengali immigrants and settlers, armed by the desperate British to fight the Japanese invasion, instead launched a genocidal attack on the majority indigenous Buddhists, killing 30,000 in Maungdaw, and burning 400 Buddhist villages.
- 3,500,000** Christian and animist Africans in southern **Sudan**, 1953 to 2005. Arab Islamic supremacy and intolerance over the 'inferior' Christian and animist Africans in the south of Sudan.
- 100,000** Kurds, in the **Kurdistan-Iraq** war, 1961-1970. Arab Muslim hatred and bigotry against non-Arab Kurdish Muslims.
- 100,000-400,000** non-Muslims in **Papua New Guinea**, since 1963, by the Muslim Indonesian army.
- 500,000-1,000,000** ethnic Chinese, in **Indonesia**, 1965-66. Under a growing Communist threat the non-Muslim Chinese were demonized, creating a very violent jihad (holy war) and slaughter.
- 3,000,000** Christian Ibo tribespeople, in **Nigeria**, 1966-1970, Muslim (Hausa / Fulani) dominated forces waged outright genocidal slaughter and extermination of the Christian Ibo ethnicity.
- 20,000-25,000** Jordanians and 'Palestinians' in **Jordan**, 1970-1971. Known as: **Black September** - another example of savage Muslim upon Muslim slaughter.
- 16,000 and growing**, in terror attacks in **India** since 1970, such as the recent 2008 Mumbai attacks. Ongoing brutal Islamic campaign against the Hindu majority - ultimate goal is an Islamic takeover.
- 300,000** Christians, in **Lebanon**, 1970s -1999, by Muslim Syrians and 'Palestinians'. The recently majority Arab Christians, quickly became a minority in the former 'Playground of the Mediterranean'.
- 3,000,000** Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus in **Bangladesh**, 1971. War of Independence from Pakistan had one of histories highest death tolls for less than 1 year-long war. The minority Buddhists and Hindus were not involved with the struggle but huge numbers of them were massacred.
- 300,000-500,000** Christians in **Uganda**, 1971-1979, by the bloody dictator Idi Amin - a fanatical Muslim, and Hitler admirer. He led a jihad against Uganda's many Christians and minority Indians.
- 200,000** Christians in **East Timor/Indonesia** 1975 -1999. The Indonesian army (almost entirely Muslim) savagely tried - but failed - to annex East Timor after independence from Portugal.
- 300,000-500,000** Kurds and Iraqis, in **Iraq**, 1979-2003. Saddam Hussein, a 'weak' Muslim, carried out massacres in the name of Islam - when it suited him. A brutal, cruel, heavily feared dictator - with strong anti-Kurdish Arab-racism, he was one of the biggest systematic killers of fellow Muslims.
- 80,000** Iranians, in **Iran**, 1979, during the radical and fascist 'Islamic Revolution' thousands of intellectuals, and liberals were rounded up and executed.

1,500,000 Iraqis and Iranians, in **Iraq** and **Iran**, 1980-1988. The **Iran-Iraq war** featured: Sunni-Shiite intolerance, Arab racism/supremacy against Persians, Persian racism against Arabs, Iran -especially - used children to run through mine fields and certain death, and in 'human waves' to storm defenses.

40,000 Syrians, in Hama, **Syria**, 1982. Hafez al-Assad, father of the current dictator of Syria, put down a revolt against his harsh rule in a very brutal and bloody campaign - against his own people.

100,000-150,000 in **North Yemen**, 1984-1986, The North Yemen civil war. Once again, Arabs killing Arabs. Featured: Pan-Arabism, Nasser's Arab nationalism, the intractable Sunni-Shiite divide, Egyptian and Soviet-backed Royalists vs. Saudi Arabian, Jordanian and Iranian-backed fighters.

40,000 Kurds, in Kurdistan, **Turkey**, 1984-1999, The Turks unyielding bigotry and supremacy towards the Kurds prevents them from letting the Kurds use their own language and assert their own culture.

10,000-30,000, in the **Islamic Republic of Iran**, 1988. Huge numbers of political prisoners, opposed to the theocratic Islamic Republic of Iran, were accused of being 'infidels' and tortured and executed.

over 160,000, in **Iraq**, ongoing since 2003. Features: Intra-Islamic bigotry and violence between Sunni and Shiite, and agendas and violence by Al-Qaeda, Baathists, Iran, Hezbollah and ISIS.

350,000 to 1,000,000 in **Somalia** - ongoing since 1991. Barbaric warlords, clans, tribes, Islamists, fight each other, frequently switch loyalties, and instill fear and confusion on the poor, weary public.

30,000 children in **Somalia** - the 2011 famine, which was entirely the fault of fanatic Islamists refusing assistance, banning aid, preventing people from fleeing, and executing those caught trying to flee.

over 200,000 (probably much higher) Shite Muslims, minority Christian, Yazidi and others - in **Syria and Iraq**, 2011-2014, by Syrian regime, Syrian rebels, Iran, Hezbollah, ISIS, and even Russian active participation. The ongoing barbaric slaughter, with brazen public beheadings is becoming genocidal.

ongoing in Nigeria, Kenya, Somalia, Egypt, Libya, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Russia. Muslims against whomever the other people are.

And the authors of that disturbing, unwarranted, demonizing article do NOT mention even ONE fault, or abuse, or incident, or event which is negative towards Islam, Islamic practices, Muslims, nor any of the above.

They say such idiotic things as: "The perceived threat from Islam looms large, despite little evidence that jihadist groups have made inroads in either country. (Sri Lanka and Burma)"

The involvement of Al-Queda, Taliban, ISIS, Tehrik-e-Azadi Arakan, Tehrik-e-Taliban, Lashker-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Jamaat-ul- Mujahideen Bangladesh, Rohingya Solidarity Organization, Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami, and other terrorist group has been followed for years, and the international concern about them is a billion times more important than concern of "Buddhist militancy".

The completely out-of-touch authors express alarm and concern about: “a sharp growth in “Sunday schools” promoting a Buddhist-based curriculum.”

Imagine the horror that will happen if Buddhist kids learn to meditate, or learn some Pali words like ‘metta’ and ‘dana’ and ‘karuna’ and samma-ditthi. (I encourage those two ignorant authors to attend these kind of classes, and then attend some madrassa classes, and compare the two.)

Finally, the authors said something that is actually true!:

“Buddhists around the region – including those in Thailand, and minorities in countries such as Bangladesh – feel under threat from sinister outside forces.”

This is true. the threat is sinister. The families of the 8000 Buddhists killed in southern Thailand would agree, and the families of the millions of Buddhists killed, raped, tortured, and driven out of their homes, their villages, their mountains, and their country of Bangladesh would also agree that it takes quite a sinister ‘religion’ to make followers do the sinister things that will result in the extermination of yet another Buddhist Culture - forever.

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**Hoping for peace and harmony,
in diversity,
with metta (loving kindness)
- Rick Heizman**

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