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## **CHINA: Special Weekly FoRB Newsletter (18-30.11.2020)**

**27.11.20 – Exposing religious persecution leads to harsh punishment in China**

The CCP treats any disclosed information about its actions to suppress people of faith as “the divulgence of state secrets” and cracks down on “leakers.”

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## **26.11.20 – CAG members tortured in Xinjiang’s internment camps**

Members of banned religious groups are often detained in transformation through education camps. Three Church of Almighty God believers tell their stories.

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## **25.11.20 – China uses national census to investigate people of faith**

Enumerators of the 7th census are told to ascertain people’s religious status and notify the police about detected religious symbols and “suspicious” behavior.

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## **25.11.20 – The CCP cuts the number of churches through mergers**

To prevent people from worshiping close to their homes, authorities across China close state-run Protestant venues and force believers to attend other churches.

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## **25.11.20 – China cracks down on religious exchanges with foreigners**

A new draft law, of which Bitter Winter publishes the English translation, would severely limit the possibility of foreign visitors, including academics, to interact with Chinese discussing religion.

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## **24.11.20 – Religious funerals dispersed, cemeteries desecrated**

The CCP bans all religious rites and traditions during funerals and threatens to punish local officials who allow them.

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## **24.11.20 – House churches are pushed to the brink of extinction**

Unregistered Protestant venues are monitored by plainclothes police officers and residential communities' managers before their churches are raided and closed.

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## **22.11.20 – Unlicensed and official protestant venues destroyed nationwide**

More accounts from across China on crackdowns against Protestant places of worship.

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## **21.11.20 – Buddhist, Taoist temples and statues destroyed nationwide**

The CCP continues crackdowns on traditional Chinese places of worship and religious icons.

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## **20.11.20 – Association of disciples members arrested across China**

Crackdown operations targeting this banned religious movement are being carried out since May, resulting in arrests of its key leaders.

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## **18.11.20 – Churches told to worship the CCP or face closure**

Government propaganda continues to invade China's places of worship, as they are turned into publicity centers to promote the Communist Party and its leaders.

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