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GLOBAL

1 January 2014: 24 Hours for World Peace

On the occasion of World Day of Peace, 1 January 2014, Pax Christi International will participate in the online vigil "24 Hours for World Peace". On New Year's Day we invite you to offer your resolutions and hope for peace on earth by joining us in this online vigil. On the 1 January 2014, receive appeals for peace by e-mail, every couple of hours, for 24 hours, from various recognised organisations as well as information on the world's great humanitarian causes. Meet peacemakers from here and elsewhere, send your own resolutions and messages of peace and interact with other participants. To receive information and details, register your e-mail address now on the website: 24hoursforworldpeace.org. ■

International Peace Symposium

On 4 November, the Government of Flanders held an international peace symposium in Brussels. The event brought together Nobel Peace Prize winners with decision makers, scientists and practitioners. The intended outcome was to put the contribution of science as a catalyst for peace on the international agenda, by formulating policy recommendations for intergovernmental organisations and institutions, and by strengthening the links between policy-making, science and practice. This initiative also aimed to underline the societal potential of science in addition to its traditionally well-known economic role. Fr. Paul Lansu from the

International Secretariat attended the event. ■

AFRICA

Pax Christi Montréal conference on Congolese women

On 26 November, Pax Christi Montréal held a conference on Congolese women's struggle against the violence and the war that is hitting their country. The guest speaker was Sr. Mary-Ellen Francoeur, SOS, who recently returned from the Congo. More details can be found [here](#). ■

AMERICAS AND CARIBBEAN

Inter-Church Commission of Justice and Peace anniversary

The Inter-Church Commission of Justice and Peace (CIJP) founded by Fr. Javier Giraldo in Colombia will celebrate its 25th anniversary on 9 December 2013. The CIJP, a Pax Christi partner in the country, is a human rights NGO made up of 50 members accompanying communities and organisations that affirm their rights, without resorting to violence, in areas of armed conflict. The Commission is present in eight of the 32 departments of Colombia. Martha Inés Romero, Latin America and Caribbean Coordinator of Pax Christi International will attend the event. ■

1 December: World AIDS Day 24-hour prayer vigil

On 1 December, the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, a Pax Christi member

organisation based in the U.S.A., led a World AIDS Day 24-hour prayer vigil pray for those living with HIV and AIDS and for those whose lives were cut short due to HIV or AIDS. Read more [here](#). ■

Pax Christi USA co-signs letter to Congress regarding humanitarian aid

Pax Christi USA has co-signed a letter urging the US Congress to release a plan to avoid decreasing humanitarian aid resources and to raise their level up to the standards prior to the economic crisis. Further recommendations to the US Congress include a fiscal year 2014 budget that will replace the sequestration of funding with a balanced deficit-reduction plan, together with a strong national commitment to alleviate extreme poverty and ensure economic growth and national security. Read more [here](#). ■

Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo issues report on violence against women

On the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, on 25 November, the Guatemalan NGO Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo, Member Organisation of Pax Christi International, presented a report stating that 5,247 women have been killed so far this year. Many other members of different groups protested in front of the Supreme Court of Justice in the Guatemala City to ask for an improvement in the protection of women. During the protest, judges of the Court listened to their inquiries while Thelma Aldana, former president of the Court, informed that 119 million quetzals (around EUR 11 million) have been invested to address this issue. Read more (in Spanish) [here](#). ■

Justice and Peace Commission in Haiti holds General Assembly

The Haitian Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace held its General Assembly Meeting on 19-23 November, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Attended by 70 participants from ten different dioceses across the country, the meeting undertook a reflection process on the country's political, social, economic and environmental situation, and sought to put forward ideas and recommendations on how to best tackle challenges in these areas. The statement issued at the end of this meeting can be accessed [here](#) (in French). ■

REDEPAZ welcomes agreement between Colombian government and FARC

Pax Christi International's Member Organisation, Red Nacional de Iniciativas Ciudadanas por la Paz y contra la Guerra (REDEPAZ), welcomes the partial agreement reached between the Colombian government and the guerrilla group FARC-EP. This agreement is seen as a step forward into the definite solution of the armed conflict in Colombia. REDEPAZ is therefore urging the government to take action into signing similar agreements with other armed groups such as Ejército Popular de Liberación (EPL) or Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN). Read more [here](#). ■

Comissão Pastoral da Terra coordinates amarch to re-establish Agrarian Reform in Brazil

The latest blockage of the Agrarian Reform in Brazil has led several social movements to organise marches to defend the rights of rural workers. One march brought over 2000 people from several areas of the Brazilian

region of Alagoas to raise awareness concerning the inequality existing among rural workers and elites in Brazil. Comissão Pastoral da Terra, a Brazilian Member Organisation of Pax Christi International, together with different social groups and associations, is working to re-establish the Agrarian Reform that will prevent the eviction of the rural workers and will assure stability in their lives. Read more [here](#). ■

Serpaj-Chile prepares Christmas campaign #YoRegalounGestodePaz

The "For a Peaceful World without War Toys" campaign has been driven by Serpaj-Chile Peace and Justice Service for over 20 years ago. This campaign is part of the global actions for the demilitarisation of conscience, institutions and society. #YoRegalounGestodePaz will come to light in December through various interventions, media materials and a promotional video. Read more [here](#). ■

ASIA - PACIFIC

Jesuit Refugee Service supports post-Haiyan relief efforts in the Philippines

The Jesuit Refugee Service Asia Pacific, a Pax Christi Member Organisation based in Thailand, channelled its support to the post-Haiyan relief efforts in the Philippines through Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan, a local Jesuit-led organisation. Read more [here](#). ■

A global call for international assistance for the crises at Fukushima

On 5 November 2013, the US Green Party, together with many different organisations

including Pax Christi International, sent a petition to the United Nations asking for assistance in resolving the crises that followed the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear catastrophe in Fukushima, in March 2011. The letter, addressed to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, stresses the importance of relegating the responsibility of the nuclear reactor to a better prepared engineering firm that is able to remove the contaminated water in a safer way with better security measures and better coverage for the Japanese people and the international community. Read the full petition [here](#). ■

Japan Catholic Council for Justice and Peace

On 1 November, the Japan Catholic Council for Justice and Peace, a Pax Christi International member organisation, addressed a letter to the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe regarding the Draft "Special Secret" Bill. Endorsed by 232 individuals and 30 groups, the letter strongly opposes the draft bill which would enable the Japanese administration to "decide arbitrarily" on matters to be designated as "Special Secret," which would be against the basic principles of the Japanese Constitution and against those who seek a free and peaceful society where human dignity is protected. Read the letter in full length [here](#). ■

MIDDLE EAST

Protection of Civilians in Syria

IKV Pax Christi Netherlands is organising a symposium on the protection of civilians in

Syria, on 4 December, in Amsterdam. The event will confront latest insights in the concept of protection of civilians with practice of the security situation for civilians in Syria. What are the possibilities and limitations to international intervention? What approach can contribute to solving the Syrian crisis? The symposium will feature speakers from academia, journalists and practitioners from the civil society. For further details and registration, send an email to: symposiumSVW2013@ikvpaxchristi.nl. ■

Pax Christi Flanders to hold meeting on Syria

Brigitte Herremans, Middle East expert of Broederlijk Delen and Pax Christi Flanders, will conduct an information session about Syria, in the city of Herent, Belgium, on 3 December 2013. Three Syrians guests will also be invited to give their perspective on the situation. Find out more information about the event [here](#). ■

National Lobby of Parliament for Palestine

A National Lobby for Palestine was held at the UK House of Commons on 27 November. Organised by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign with the support of Pax Christi UK and others, the event brought together hundreds of supporters of Palestine to call on the UK Government and the Parliament to take action for Palestinian human rights and against ethnic cleansing and racism. Read more [here](#). ■

Pax Christi Germany on labelling of Israeli settlement products

Pax Christi Germany through its Middle East experts in Berlin and Baden-Württemberg calls on the German government to support the end of the occupation and colonisation

of the West Bank, and the blockade of Gaza, and to stand for a negotiated settlement on the basis of international law. Of particular importance for Pax Christi Germany is the implementation, as of 1 January 2014, of the EU Directive on labelling of Israeli settlement products. Read more [here](#). ■

EUROPE

Pax Christi International Statement on the Civil War in Syria

On 26 November, Pax Christi International released a statement calling for a just, negotiated, political solution to the war in Syria. Responding to the ongoing violence in Syria and the great suffering of the Syrian people, Pax Christi International appeals for full humanitarian access in the country and pleads for strong international support for Geneva 2 negotiations based on a framework that ensures justice. Read the statement in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [German](#), [Italian](#) and [Portuguese](#). ■

Pax Christi Austria against inhumanity

This November, Pax Christi Austria joined a petition calling on the Austrian government to undertake a thorough reform of the national refugee and asylum-related legislation. Supported by numerous NGOs and individuals, the petition puts forward recommendations for a fair, human and efficient asylum procedure, as well as a timeline for the review of the existing asylum and refugee legislation before the end of 2014. Bishop Manfred Scheuer, President of Pax Christi Austria, is a member of the

Committee steering this initiative. Read more [here](#). ■

Pax Christi Flanders General Assembly

Pax Christi Flanders held its General Assembly meeting on 23 November, in Antwerp, Belgium. Michel De Samblanx was designated as the new president of Pax Christi Flanders. He succeeds Jo Hanssens, who led the Flemish Pax Christi section for three mandates of three years each. Pax Christi Flanders' new Board was also elected during this meeting. Fr. Paul Lansu of the Pax Christi International Secretariat was elected as a Board member. Read the press release (in Flemish) [here](#). ■

Pax Christi Germany on arms transfers to Saudi Arabia

In a recent interview for the German radio station domradio.de, Wiltrud Rösch-Metzler, vice-president of Pax Christi Germany and member of the Pax Christi International Board, talks about Germany's arms deliveries to Saudi Arabia over the past year. In what she calls a "devastating account", Wiltrud Rösch-Metzler deplores the lack of transparency in the decision-making process with regard to arms transfers to third countries, notably to Saudi Arabia for which arms exports worth 1.237 billion euros were approved in 2012. Read the full interview (in German) [here](#). The audio recording (in German) is available [here](#). ■

Child Soldiers International's open letter to the Minister of State for Armed Forces in the UK

Child Soldiers International has written a letter to the Minister of Defence in the UK to raise awareness of the fact that many

soldiers have been sent to various wars when they were still teenagers. The letter includes a petition for the Minister to raise the age for recruitment from the current age of 16 to the age of 18 in the UK. All church authorities in Wales and several Christian peace groups, including Pax Christi UK's Secretary General Pat Gaffney, have signed this petition. Read the full letter [here](#).

DISARMAMENT/ DEMILITARISATION

Disarmament for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century

Fr. Paul Lansu of the Pax Christi International Secretariat led a workshop entitled "Move the Money! Disarmament for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century" during the 13th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates which took place in Warsaw, Poland, in late October. In his intervention, Fr. Lansu pressed for an end to the over-funding of military establishments and for the creation of new funds to tackle poverty, human insecurity and other common threats to the planet. He also spoke about peace building and reconciliation and presented a paper entitled "[The European Union as a Peace Building Entity](#)". Read an account of the event from the Roostergnn News Agency [here](#). ■

Defence Matters

A high-profile conference on how to address the array of security and defence issues facing NATO and its members took place in Brussels on 26 November. Hosted by Carnegie Europe and co-sponsored by NATO, the conference entitled "Defence

Matters," brought together defence officials from the Alliance's member and partner nations with leading international security experts in a bid to stimulate a frank, critical, and constructive discussion on how and why defence matters for the citizens of both European and North American allies. It was an opportunity to deliberate the role that countries can play in turning defence investment into national and international priorities that safeguard overall well-being and economic security. Fr. Paul Lansu represented Pax Christi International at this event. Read more [here](#). ■

Campaign to Stop Killer Robots

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots welcomes the historic decision taken by nations to begin international discussions on how to address the challenges posed by fully autonomous weapons. Concluded on 15 November, the agreement marks the beginning of a process that the campaign believes should lead to an international ban on these weapons to ensure meaningful human control over targeting decisions and the use of violent force.

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is a coordinated international coalition of NGOs concerned about the implications and impact of fully autonomous weapons or "killer robots" as they are commonly known. It is supported by several Pax Christi Member Organisations. IKV Pax Christi Netherlands is part of the Steering Committee. Read more [here](#). ■

HUMAN RIGHTS

Pax Christi International Peace Award 2013

The 2013 Pax Christi International Peace Award has been granted to the International Memorial Society for its outstanding work in keeping alive the memory of the victims of political repression in Russia's recent history and for its deep commitment to human rights in the country. The Award has been graciously funded by the Cardinal Bernardus Alfrink Peace Fund since 1988, and it honours contemporary individuals and organisations who make a stand for peace, justice and non-violence in different parts of the world. The award ceremony took place in Leuven, Belgium, on 14 November 2013. The acceptance speech delivered by Mr. Arseny Roginskiy, President of the International Memorial Society Board, is available in [Russian](#), [English](#) and [French](#). The speech delivered by Marie Dennis, Co-president of Pax Christi International, is available [here](#). ■

Human Right to Peace

On 4 November, Pax Christi International has endorsed a joint statement with recommendations on a future UN declaration on human right to peace issued by the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities, the Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law, the International Observatory of the Human Right to Peace, and 24 additional CSOs. Read more [here](#). ■

Two Years On: Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

ALEF-Act for Human Rights, a Lebanese nongovernmental organisation, issued a report entitled "Two Years On: Syrian Refugees in Lebanon" with the assistance of IKV Pax Christi. Over 700,000 Syrian refugees were registered in Lebanon at the end of

September 2013. In this report, ALEF raises concern over many alarming trends concerning the safety and protection of Syrian refugees in their host country. For example, Syrian refugees' UNHCR registration card does not entitle them to refugees' status in the eyes of the Lebanese authorities; thus, their stay is based on the Lebanese residency law which requires constant renewal. In addition, ALEF goes into detail regarding the situation and life of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and takes a closer look at the possible ways of providing protection for refugees. Read the full report [here](#). ■

Open Letter to candidates to the Human Rights Council

On 5 November, Pax Christi International, along with 40 other NGOs, signed on to an [open letter](#) to the United Nations General Assembly expressing concern about the clear failure of some candidates to the Human Rights Council elections to fully comply with the criteria of upholding the highest human rights standards and cooperating with the Human Rights Council. The letter was delivered by the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR). A press release can be found on the [ISHR website](#). ■

HUMAN SECURITY

Oslo Accords at 20: the humanitarian reality and ways forward

On 22 November, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Centre for European Policy Studies held a high-level event in Brussels to take stock of the impact of the non-implementation of the Oslo Accords on the

humanitarian situation in Palestine. The event provided an opportunity for the international community to reflect on its own responsibility as a stakeholder operating on the ground and debate practical recommendations for addressing and mitigating the humanitarian situation. Fr. Paul Lansu represented Pax Christi International at this event. Read more [here](#).

IKV Pax Christi makes recommendations for Sudan's chronic war

Concerned about the little steps being made by the international community to address Sudan's chronic war, IKV Pax Christi Netherlands put forward recommendations for the Dutch Government to continue its diplomatic commitment to find a resolution for the conflict in Sudan as a matter of priority. For more information on this subject, read two articles on the IKV Pax Christi website (1) [here](#) and/or (2) [here](#). ■

Syrian Refugees – What role for the EU?

On 27 November, IKV Pax Christi and the Heinrich Böll Foundation held a debate on the situation of Syrian refugees in the neighbouring countries, and the role of the European Union in talking this. Pax Christi International was represented by Secretary General José Henríquez and Senior Policy Advisor Paul Lansu. Read more [here](#). ■

IKV Pax responds to the State Budget 2014 by giving more importance to the human security

IKV Pax Christi has recommendations to make after examining next year's State Budget planned by the Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. A meeting was

organised by IKV Pax Christi on 27 November to address these issues. IKV Pax Christi intends to discuss different issues such as corporate social responsibility, conflict, human rights, arms trade and land conflict in Africa. Read more [here](#). ■

JUST WORLD

Peace and Security in the Post-2015 Framework

On 28 November, the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO), of which Pax Christi International is a member, organised a meeting in Brussels on the role of civil society in ensuring the inclusion of peace and security in the post-2015 framework. The objective of the meeting was to identify possible strategies and points for advocacy for the EU and the European civil society to ensure their effective participation in the implementation of the post-2015 framework. Fr. Paul Lansu represented Pax Christi International at this event. Read more [here](#). ■

The 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development

This November, Pax Christi International endorsed two statements to be submitted to the 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, one of the ten functional commissions established by the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

These statements have been issued as follow up to the World Summit for Social Development, and the 24th special session of the General Assembly, which focused on

“poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all”. One [statement](#) was coordinated by the International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the other [statement](#) addressing migration as a cross-cutting issue was initiated by UNANIMA International, a non-governmental organisation with consultative status at the Economic and Social Council.

37th session of UNESCO General Conference

The 37th session of UNESCO's General Conference took place in Paris, France 5-20 November. The meeting set the direction for UNESCO's work over the next eight years. The new Medium Term Strategy (2014-2021) adopted by the Conference positions UNESCO to play a leadership role in defining the development objectives that will replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the areas of education, science, culture, communication and information. Colette Petit and Alain Thellier de Poncheville, Pax Christi representatives at the United Nations, attended the meeting. Read more [here](#). ■

UN proclaims International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflicts

Even though the humanitarian causes are more visible, armed conflicts have a huge impact on the environment as well. This impact has drawn the attention of the UN who has proclaimed 6 November as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflicts.

Wim Zwijnenburg of IKV Pax Christi Netherlands held a presentation at the European Parliament on 7 November to talk about the impact of the war of Iraq on the environment. To learn more, please click [here](#). ■

PEACE SPIRITUALITY

Vatican Radio Interview with Marie Dennis

Pax Christi International Co-president Marie Dennis gave an interview to the Vatican Radio on the relevance of Pope John XXIII's Encyclical *Pacem in Terris* or "Peace on Earth" for Pax Christi's peacebuilding work in today's world. Read the interview [here](#) or listen to the audio recording [here](#). ■

Thirteen Catholic Groups in Solidarity with Indigenous People

On 25 November, 13 Catholic groups, including Pax Christi International, announced their request to Pope Francis to issue a formal rescission of the 15th century papal bulls that provide the basis for the Doctrine of Discovery. This initiative is led by the Loretto Community. The membership of the 13 groups includes women and men religious and laypeople. The groups' request stands in solidarity with indigenous peoples' persistent requests to every pope since 1984 to do the same. Read more [here](#). ■

World Day of Prayer and Action for Children

The World Day of Prayer and Action for Children was celebrated on 20 November, on Universal Children's Day. Initiated by the NGO Arigatou International, whose Director,

Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali is a member of the Pax Christi International Board, the World Day has promoted prayer and action for the well-being of children on Universal Children's Day since 2008. World Day activities took many forms, including mobilisation and media campaigns, workshops, religious services and vigils, and common action to protect children from violence. To learn more about this initiative, visit: <http://www.dayofprayerandaction.org/>. ■

Spirituality of Reconciliation

The Pax Christi Institute in the Philippines in cooperation with the 9th Batch of the University of St. La Salle Master of Arts in Conflict and Reconciliation Studies [MACRS], Balayan, Center for Lasallian Ministries and the Vocations office recently organised a talk on "Spirituality of Reconciliation" at USLS Cody Conference Hall. Pax Christi International Co-President Marie Dennis was a guest speaker at this event. Read more [here](#). ■

Annual Advent Peace Service

On 9 December, Pax Christi UK will hold its Annual Advent Peace Service in London at the St. Aloysius Church. This event will be followed by an alternative Christmas Market with fair trade goods from Palestine, Peru and Africa and mulled wine! Read more [here](#). ■

ADVOCACY

NGO/DPI Executive Committee

Pax Christi International endorsed the proposal of the Executive Committee of

Non-Governmental Organisations Associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (NGO/DPI) to contact Member States of the United Nations for the purpose of restoring the position of Chief of the NGO Relations Section to the DPI budget for 2014-2015. ■

BalkanBorrel on Bosnia

The next BalkanBorrel entitled “Activism in divided Bosnia: from census to consensus?” will be organised by IKV Pax Christi Netherlands in co-operation with NGO Linking Europe, on 10 December. Darko Brkan, leader of the organisation Zašto ne, will speak about the power of the people in Bosnia’s present and future.

Also featuring: Dion van den Berg (IKV Pax Christi) and Laura Boerhout (historian Southeastern Europe). The event will take place in Utrecht, Netherlands.

For further details and registration, email balkanborrel@ikvpaxchristi.nl. ■

PUBLICATIONS

Pax Christi USA’s Fall 2013 Peace Current

The fall 2013 edition of the Pax Christi USA membership newsletter, the Peace Current, is now [online](#). It features national, regional, and local updates, as well as Pax Christi USA’s latest article on the spirituality of nonviolence and peace-making. ■

SACBC’s November 2013 Justice and Peace Newsletter

The Justice and Peace department of the Southern African Catholic Bishop’s Conference (SACBC) released its latest newsletter. This November, SACBC said farewell to its Justice and Peace coordinator, Fr. Mike Deeb, and welcomed his successor to this role, Fr. Stanlaus Muyebe OP, who will take office in January 2014.

Read about SACBC’s other activities, initiatives, workshops and conferences [here](#).

Pax Christi UK November Newsletter

The November issue of Pax Christi UK’s newsletter is around various First World War commemorations, providing resources for members and supporters interested in taking action in connection to these commemorations. Read more [here](#). ■

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns’ News Notes

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has published its bi-monthly November-December 2013 News Notes. Among others, this issue features a detailed report regarding USA’s relations with Latin America, Brazil and Cambodia. Read more [here](#).

The November Middle East Notes of the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns feature articles on the peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians regarding the settlement construction, the region’s invisible Christians, control of the Jordan Valley, and the “de-development” strategy of the Israeli government towards the Palestinians. Read more [here](#). ■

Pax Christi Austria’s November 2013 Newsletter

Pax Christi Austria released its November 2013 Newsletter. It includes the latest updates from local initiatives in Carinthia and Vorarlberg, Austria. Some other key headlines depict Pax Christi Austria's response to Lampedusa and their work in Palestine/Israel. Read the full newsletter [here](#) in German. ■

National Commission for Justice and Peace in Pakistan, November Newsletter

The National Commission for Justice and Peace (NCJP), a Member Organisation of Pax Christi International in Pakistan, has released its November newsletter. This issue presents an overview of NCJP's current work projects, recent activities and peace initiatives in Pakistan. Read the full newsletter [here](#). ■

International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) November Newsletter

The International Network of Museums for Peace (INMP) is a worldwide network of peace-related sites, centers and institutions, of which Pax Christi International is a member, published its November newsletter. This issue features articles on Kenyan journeys of peace, the 8th International Conference of Museums for Peace, peace philanthropy and other peace-related activities that INMP and its partners are involved in. Read more [here](#). ■

PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL IN THE MEDIA

Pax Christi International's latest statement on Syria (26 November 2013) was featured by:

[Agenzia Fides](#) (English)
[Independent Catholic News](#) (English)
[Radio Vaticana](#) (Italian)
[Kerknet Niews](#) (Flemish)

The 2013 Pax Christi International Peace Award was featured by:

[Radio Vatican](#) (French)
[Independent Catholic News](#) (English)
[Human Rights Defenders](#) (Russian)
[APIC - Agence de Presse Internationale Catholique](#) (French) ■

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