

SOMALIA: Family Chains Girl to Tree for Leaving Islam

Since May 10, Nurta Mohamed Farah has been imprisoned at her home in southern Somalia because she became a Christian, according to Compass News Direct. According to witnesses, Nurta's family keeps the 17-year-old chained to a tree by day and puts her in a small, dark room at night.

"When the woman's family found out that she converted to Christianity she was beaten badly but insisted on her new-found religion," a source told Compass News on the condition of anonymity. "Her parents also took her to a doctor who prescribed medication for a 'mental illness' but it had no effect in swaying her from her faith," he said.

"There is little the community can do. I have advised our community leaders to keep monitoring her condition but not to meddle for their own safety. We need prayers and human advocacy for such inhuman acts."

Nurta's suffering began after she declined her family's offer of forgiveness in exchange for renouncing Christianity, according to the source.



Please Pray!

According to Compass News, conversion from Islam to another religion in Somalia is considered socially unacceptable. Those suspected of conversion face harassment or even death from members of their community. Please pray that God will protect Nurta and intervene in rescuing her from harm's way. Pray that God will give her the strength to remain steadfast in her Christian faith. Pray also that her parents will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior and be delivered from the deception of Islam.

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