

INDIA: Muslim Attackers Sever Christian Prof's Hand

Eight assailants attacked a college professor and severed his right hand and part of his arm in Kerala, India. T.J. Joseph, a professor at Newman's College in Thodupuzha, was accused of offending a group of Muslim students with some questions he included in a test.

Due to protests from Islamic groups, Prof. Joseph was suspended from his job and apologized for his "unintentional error." Still, he continued to receive threats.

On July 4, as Prof. Joseph returned from church, a van pulled up beside him. The assailants forced him from his car and attacked him with knives and swords, amputating his lower arm and inflicting deep wounds to his body.

Two activists of the militant Islamic group, Popular Front of India, were arrested in connection with the attack and police officials involved in the probe have received death threats. Prof. Joseph has expressed forgiveness for his attackers.



Please Pray!

Please pray for T.J. Joseph's physical and emotional healing.

Pray for his attackers to come to know the love of Christ and that God would open their eyes to the truth of His goodness and mercy.

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