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RELIGIOUS U.N. IN JERUSALEM ?

Ashkenazi chief rabbi, Yonah Metzger, meeting with the Dalai Lama of Tibet, suggested that representatives of the world's religions establish a United Nations in Jerusalem, representing religions instead of nations.

"Instead of planning for nuclear war and buying tanks and fighter jets, it will invest in peace," Metzger said. He later reported that the Tibetan leader was very excited about the idea and offered to help advance it.

Also at the meeting was Chief Sephardic Rabbi Shlomo Amar, Rabbi David Rosen of the American Jewish Committee (who is on good terms with the Roman Catholic Church), Rabbi Menachem Froman of Tekoa, kadis (Ethiopian rabbis) and various **Islamic sheikhs**.

- ISRAELNN.com / 20 Feb 06

IRAN OUTLAWS MUSLIM CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's regime is dealing a severe blow to Christian revival in the country by outlawing Muslims who convert to Christianity. Ethnic Christians are still allowed to express their faith within their own church walls, but those who come from a Muslim background face tremendous risk because the government wants them to return to Islam.

Iran's new policy has brought fear to the church because they are forbidden to support these [believers], and as a result are removing their support from their brothers and sisters of Muslim origin.

"That is regrettable," said Open Doors staff worker Stefan Van Velde. "They [former Muslims] now form little cell groups that only meet in secret. This makes it more difficult for the government to track them down. At the same time, it's very hard for organizations like Open Doors to reach them too. This is a problem because most [of the former Muslims] are new converts to Christianity. They have very little knowledge of the Bible. There is a big risk that false doctrines will arise," he said.

And now a contrasting other report ...

CHRISTIAN WEBSITES ATTRACTING MANY FROM MUSLIM WORLD

While hard-line Muslim nations make accessing Christian websites difficult, it's not impossible, and these websites are making an incredible impact.

Strategic Resource Group (SRG) helps organizations reach out to the lost inside the 10/40 Window. SRG reports Christian websites are receiving nearly **9 million hits** (people checking out the sites) **per month** from the Middle East. One Christian organization hosting chat rooms for Arabic-speaking web users estimates that more than 42,000 people visit those sites daily.

About 2,000 Arabic language Bibles are downloaded from the Internet each month. One organization estimates that 20 people per month are giving their hearts to Christ as a result of learning about the Christian faith on these websites.

Although some Islamic governments try to block these websites, the Internet generally knows no borders. More than half of the population in the Middle East is 25 years old or younger, and many of these young people own computers or have access to them. This technology has connected people together through e-mail groups, networks, blogs and chat rooms.

Christian organizations are seizing the Internet opportunity to create communities of people who can openly talk about faith issues in a safe environment. In the greater Middle East, the Internet represents a crucial growth sector for communicating the Christian message in Arabic, Farsi and regional languages. - Mission Network News / 16 Feb 06

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