

# Troops' Bibles Destroyed in Afghanistan

## Military Chaplains Rights Under Attack

Dear Citizen Activists,

PLEASE HELP GIVE OUR TROOPS THE SAME RELIGIOUS LIBERTY THEY SACRIFICE TO PROVIDE FOR OTHERS.

The Pentagon under the Obama Administration has just acknowledged seizing and burning the privately owned Bibles of American soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The Bibles had been printed in the local Pashto and Dari languages, and sent by private donors to American Christian soldiers and chaplains, for distribution to American troops on overseas military bases during optionally-attended Christian worship services. Had the Bibles not been seized and destroyed, they could have legally been given as gifts during off-duty time to Afghani citizens who welcome our troops in their homes, as an expression of American gratitude for Afghani hospitality, promoting our democratic ideals of freedom of religion and freedom of the press.

Instead, after the Muslim television network Al Jazeera aired a video showing American troops worshipping in the chapel on their own military base, the privately owned Bibles were confiscated and destroyed. Caving in to pressure from extremist Muslim and Atheist groups, the U.S. military spokesman Maj. Jennifer Willis told Reuters reporters, "I can now confirm that the Bibles shown on Al Jazeera's clip were, in fact, collected by the chaplains and later destroyed. They were never distributed." When questioned about the authenticity of the video, U.S. Army Colonel Greg Julian admitted the Al Jazeera reporting was biased against the American Christians: "Most of this is taken out of context ... this is irresponsible and inappropriate journalism."

But instead of confronting Muslim and Atheist enemies of religious liberty, the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen now appears to defend the destruction of the soldiers' private property, stating during a Pentagon briefing that the military's position is that it will never "push any specific religion." He did not address the possibility that by seizing and burning privately owned Bibles, the Obama Administration may now be enforcing state atheism upon our troops.

HELP CONGRESS PROTECT MILITARY CHAPLAINS WHO PRAY "IN JESUS' NAME."

We can report without bias that in June 2009, the U.S. Congress will again consider a bi-partisan bill supporting military chaplains rights, co-sponsored by two North Carolina Congressmen, Mike McIntyre (D-NC) and Walter Jones (R-NC), in the House Armed Services Committee. The pro-chaplain bill, H.R. 268, would simply guarantee military chaplains of all diverse faiths the right to pray publicly according to the dictates of their conscience. You can read the details in the article about that bill, which was published by the Washington Times on 7 May 09, at the web-site: [www.prayinjesusname.org](http://www.prayinjesusname.org).

To pass that bill into law, the two North Carolina Congressmen will first need several more co-sponsors, and the blessing of the House Armed Services Committee. Then they'll need some bi-partisan Senators to initiate a Senate version. Do you know if your own Congressman or Senator supports religious freedom for chaplains? Perhaps you might call your own Congressman at 202-225-3121, to voice your opinion about H.R. 268.

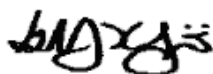
But remember, 100 emails = 10 phone calls = 1 fax in political capital, since the Congressional staffers must handle each paper and usually write a reply. So please join our automated fax-petition campaign first, and we will fax all 435 Congressmen on your behalf.

SIGN OUR ONLINE PETITION, & WE WILL FAX YOUR PETITION TO ALL 435 CONGRESSMEN, SAVING YOU HOURS OF LABOR!

### ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Call your own Congressman and both Senators at 202-225-3121, and ask them if they support military chaplains right to pray according to their faith, even if they end their prayers "in Jesus' name."
- 2) Tell them your own opinion about H.R. 268, which would protect military chaplains right to pray publicly according to conscience.
- 3) Ask your Congressman to tell the Pentagon to stop seizing and burning our troops privately-owned Bibles in Afghanistan.
- 4) Sign the online petition at [www.PrayInJesusName.org](http://www.PrayInJesusName.org) and WE WILL FAX your petition to all 435 Congressmen automatically.
- 5) Pray to God, in Jesus' name, that our military troops and chaplains will freely enjoy the same liberty they sacrifice to protect for us.

God Bless you, In Jesus' Name,



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P.S. Time is urgent! The House Armed Services Committee could vote on this as early as mid-June. Please don't wait another minute. Our troops religious liberty is too important to be banned by easily-offended atheists and Muslim extremists.