



Pakistan: 2012 Religious Freedom Report (Paperback)

By United States Department of State

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. large type edition. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This report presented by the U.S. Department of State examines the state of religious freedom in Pakistan. Included in the report are examples of societal abuses or discrimination based on religious affiliation, belief, or practice. During the year, societal intolerance continued while there were increasing attacks against members of the Shia Muslim community. Human rights and religious freedom advocates and members of minorities reported self-censorship due to a climate of intolerance and fear. Acts of violence and intimidation against religious minorities by violent extremists exacerbated existing sectarian tensions. Violent extremists in some parts of the country demanded that all citizens follow their authoritarian interpretation of Islam and threatened brutal consequences if they did not abide by it. Violent extremists also targeted Muslims who advocated tolerance and pluralism. There were scores of attacks on Sufi, Hindu, Ahmadiyya Muslim, Shia, and Christian gatherings and religious sites, resulting in numerous deaths and extensive damage. Some religious groups protested against public debate about potential amendments to the blasphemy laws or against alleged acts of blasphemy. [Large Print edition 18pt].



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