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Secularists and atheists in Bangladesh are at "serious" risk of persecution, new UK government guidance says. [Read More »](#)

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The National Secular Society has condemned a Nigerian court for sentencing a humanist activist to 24 years in prison for 'blasphemy'. [Read More »](#)

## [NSS calls for better free speech protection in NI hate crime reform](#)

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The National Secular Society has warned proposed reforms to Northern Ireland's hate crime laws could undermine free speech. [Read More »](#)

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Egypt may ban 'non-specialists' from discussing religion in the media after a journalist expressed doubts about the Quran. [Read More »](#)

## [NSS urges government to aid Ahmadi Muslim prosecuted for blasphemy](#)

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The NSS had urged the FCO to intervene in the case of an Ahmadi Muslim woman prosecuted for 'blasphemy' in Pakistan. [Read More »](#)

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The government has warned that the term 'Islamophobia' has been used to silence different viewpoints during a House of Lords debate. [Read More »](#)

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Apostasy is punishable with death in nearly a dozen countries, according to a new report from Humanists International. [Read More »](#)

## [Campaigners call for release of Iranian blogger who 'insulted Islam'](#)

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Over 200 organisations and individuals have called for the release of an Iranian blogger imprisoned for 'blasphemy'. [Read More »](#)

## **Nigerian Humanist leader charged over 'blasphemous' Facebook posts**

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Nigerian Humanist leader Mubarak Bala is facing formal charges over Facebook posts which allegedly contained 'blasphemous' content. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS urges release of Humanist leader after a year in detention**

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The NSS has urged authorities in Nigeria to release Mubarak Bala, who was arrested a year ago after being accused of insulting Muhammad. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS urges repeal of Northern Ireland blasphemy laws**

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The NSS has called on the Northern Ireland executive to repeal its "archaic" blasphemy laws. [Read More »](#)

## **Hate crime bill passes and blasphemy law abolished in Scotland**

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Scotland's hate crime bill, which will introduce 'stirring up hatred' offences and abolish the blasphemy law, has passed its final vote. [Read More »](#)

## **Man killed in court while on trial for blasphemy in Pakistan**

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A man has been shot dead in court while standing trial for blasphemy in Pakistan. [Read More »](#)

## [Nigerian Humanist leader 'faces charges over insulting religion'](#)

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The UK government has said the president of the Humanist Association of Nigeria has been charged over claims he insulted religion. [Read More »](#)

## [Ministers take up case of Nigerian Humanist arrested for blasphemy](#)

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The government has said it's looking in to the case of the arrested Nigerian Humanist leader Mubarak Bala "on an urgent basis". [Read More »](#)

## [Fears for safety of Nigerian Humanist leader after blasphemy arrest](#)

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The president of the Humanist Association of Nigeria has been arrested for blasphemy for a second time, sparking fears for his safety. [Read More »](#)

## [NSS welcomes Scottish government proposal to abolish blasphemy law](#)

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The NSS has welcomed a proposal from the Scottish government which would abolish the country's blasphemy law. [Read More »](#)

## [Blasphemy laws exist in 69 countries, report finds](#)

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Sixty-nine countries have blasphemy laws and penalties have hardened in parts of the world in recent years, a report has found. [Read More »](#)

## [NSS urges government to review its language on blasphemy laws](#)

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The NSS has asked the government to review its stance on blasphemy laws amid concern that ministers only criticise their "misuse". [Read More »](#)

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