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## **NSS calls for consistent action on religious persecution**

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The National Secular Society has reiterated the need to defend all victims of religious persecution after a government minister said the UK would focus "in particular" on Christian communities under threat. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS intervenes at UN Human Rights Council over UK failure to outlaw caste discrimination**

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The National Secular Society has spoken out at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to criticise the UK Government over its failure to tackle caste based discrimination, as the UN has repeatedly urged it do. [Read More »](#)

## **Human rights group warns against global blasphemy law**

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The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) has warned the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) against pushing once more for a global blasphemy law. [Read More »](#)

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The National Secular Society has expressed concern over new "anti-extremism" plans announced in the Conservative Government's first Queen's Speech. [Read More »](#)

## **IHEU report reveals extent of global discrimination against non-believers**

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The International Humanist and Ethical Union's second annual report on the state of human rights for non-believers, atheists and agnostics around the world has found a global "trend towards targeting 'atheists'." [Read More »](#)

## **Obstructionist tactics to block human rights groups from advising UN condemned by UN Special Rapporteur**

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The UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of assembly and association, has criticised repeated efforts to block human rights NGOs from being able to advise the United Nations. [Read More »](#)

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Non-religious and Christian parents who have been allocated places for their children at a Sikh free school have argued that their right to educate their children according to their beliefs is being infringed. [Read More »](#)

## **Attempts to protect women's rights in Afghanistan have been blocked by clerics in the parliament**

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Khalil Ahmad Shaheedzada, a conservative lawmaker for the Herat province, said parliament withdrew the legislation because of opposition from religious parties that considered the law un-Islamic. [Read More »](#)

## **Religious opt-outs make Australia's anti-discrimination law a "bigot's charter"**

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In a move that has enraged human rights advocates, the Australian government has given

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## **European secularists raise concerns about nomination of Maltese reactionary to European Commission**

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## **UK Government accused of not upholding freedom of belief**

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## **International controversy rages over German ban on circumcision**

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The court decision in Germany that held that circumcision, carried out for religious — as opposed to medical — reasons, is potentially harmful has been fiercely opposed by religious interests, putting pressure on Chancellor Angela Merkel. [Read More »](#)

## **Peter Tatchell named Secularist of the Year 2012**

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