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[Pakistan's PM calls on 'Muslim world' to raise 'blasphemy' at UN](#)

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Pakistan's prime minister has called on "Muslim countries" to raise a coordinated objection to cartoons of Muhammad at the UN. [Read More »](#)

[UN tells Pakistan to end blasphemy laws and protect minorities](#)

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The UN's Human Rights Committee has told Pakistan to end its blasphemy laws and do more to protect religious minorities. [Read More »](#)

[Separate religion and state, urges UN Special Rapporteur](#)

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The United Nations' Special Rapporteur Karima Bennouna has recommended that states provide for the separation of religion and state to help counter religious extremism. [Read More »](#)

[UK must honour equality and human rights obligations, NSS tells UN](#)

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The National Secular Society has urged the UN Human Rights Council to recommend to the UK Government that it abolish religious discrimination in faith schools' admissions procedures. [Read More »](#)

[NSS intervenes at UN Human Rights Council over UK failure to outlaw caste discrimination](#)

Posted: Mon, 19 Sep 2016

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 »](#)

Parents protest against religious discrimination in Irish schools

Posted: Mon, 04 Jul 2016

Irish parents demonstrated over the weekend for reform to the country's school admissions – in an education landscape still dominated by the Catholic Church. [Read More »](#)

Vatican tells new bishops they don't "necessarily" need to report sex abuse of children

Posted: Thu, 11 Feb 2016

The National Secular Society has expressed its concern over guidelines for newly appointed bishops published by the Vatican which state that bishops do not always need to report clerical sex abuse to the authorities. [Read More »](#)

UN calls on Ireland to recognise needs of non-Christian children in the education system

Posted: Thu, 04 Feb 2016

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has criticised Ireland in its periodic review, urging the country to protect the rights of non-religious and non-Christian children and families. [Read More »](#)

Mexico blasted by UN Child Rights watchdog over child abuse in Catholic institutions

Posted: Fri, 21 Aug 2015

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child has strongly criticised Mexico over "corroborated reports that hundreds of children have been sexually abused for years by clerics of the Catholic Church and other religious faiths". [Read More »](#)

NSS briefs UN committee on state of children's rights

Posted: Wed, 01 Jul 2015

The National Secular Society has warned that faith schools are becoming increasingly divisive and inimical to the realisation of children's rights in a submission to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. [Read More »](#)

Deference to faith is preventing effective challenges to the "horror" of witchcraft accusations and persecution

Posted: Thu, 12 Mar 2015

The Witchcraft and Human Rights Information Network ([WHRIN](#)) has warned that "considerable reluctance" to intervene in people's faith is preventing an effective response to suffering caused by witchcraft accusations. [Read More »](#)

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

Posted: Fri, 31 Oct 2014

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 »](#)

UN Committee Against Torture criticises Vatican failures on child abuse

Posted: Fri, 23 May 2014

The UN Committee Against Torture has criticised the Vatican (in its guise as The Holy See) for several failures in its handling of the child abuse scandal. [Read More »](#)

IHEU defends freedom of thought for all at the UN

Posted: Wed, 12 Mar 2014

The International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) has spoken out at the Human Rights Council (HRC) to defend freedom of thought for all – including the non-religious. [Read More »](#)

UN marks “Malala Day”

Posted: Fri, 12 Jul 2013

Malala Yousafzai, the inspirational and courageous schoolgirl from Pakistan who was shot by the Taliban in October for campaigning in support of female education, has addressed the United Nations in New York. [Read More »](#)

IHEU attacks Islamic states over freedom of expression

Posted: Wed, 13 Mar 2013

International Humanist and Ethical Union representative Roy Brown has again spoken out at the United Nations Human Rights Council to remind Islamic States of their responsibility to uphold the right to freedom of expression. [Read More »](#)

NSS draws international attention to UN report that berates USA on its lax approach to clerical child abuse

Posted: Tue, 19 Feb 2013

A UN Committee has expressed deep concern to the US Government about its failure to properly deal with sexual abuse committed by clerics and leading members of faith-based organizations. [Read More »](#)

United Nations speaks out against Female Genital Mutilation

Posted: Wed, 05 Dec 2012

The United Nations General Assembly has passed a resolution condemning female genital mutilation, the first time the practice has been denounced at such a high level. [Read More »](#)

We must defend freedom of speech, says United Nations expert

Posted: Thu, 08 Nov 2012

In a statement issued by the United Nations, its special rapporteur on freedom of expression, Frank La Rue, has said that it is essential to create an environment conducive to critical discussions of religious and racial issues and to promote understanding and tolerance by deconstructing negative stereotypes. [Read More »](#)

[Islamic bloc abandons plans for global blasphemy law at UN](#)

Posted: Tue, 16 Oct 2012

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation has revealed that it has abandoned plans to introduce a global blasphemy law through the United Nations. [Read More »](#)

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