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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 »](#)

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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 »](#)

Protect free speech, NSS tells Scottish review of hate crime laws

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The NSS has urged the Scottish government to protect free speech and abolish blasphemy laws

as it considers proposals on hate crime. [Read More »](#)

[Event to mark 30th anniversary of fatwa against Salman Rushdie](#)

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An event to commemorate the women who defended the right to publish *The Satanic Verses* is to be held in London next Thursday. [Read More »](#)

[Pakistani court upholds blasphemy acquittal in death row case](#)

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Pakistan's top court has upheld its decision to acquit Asia Bibi, who spent eight years on death row on blasphemy charges. [Read More »](#)

[Report highlights religious threat to global human rights](#)

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Blasphemy laws, supremacist ideologies, sectarianism, 'caste' systems and exclusionary laws are among the ways religion restricts human rights globally, according to a parliamentary group. [Read More »](#)

[Pakistani court orders woman facing death for blasphemy to be freed](#)

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Pakistan's Supreme Court has ordered the freeing of Asia Bibi, who awaited a death sentence for blasphemy for eight years. [Read More »](#)

[Ireland votes to remove blasphemy from constitution](#)

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The NSS has welcomed Irish voters' decision to repeal the blasphemy provisions in their country's constitution. [Read More »](#)

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