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**DR. ED HINDSON**

My dear friends,

While we anxiously anticipate the second coming of Christ with an eye to the sky, we also need to work as diligently as possible to reach as many as we can with the Gospel of Jesus!

It has been nearly 2,000 years since Jesus gave the Great Commission to evangelize the whole world. And in those twenty centuries, the Gospel has been taking to every continent on earth in one form or another.

We walk by faith and trust God to touch the hearts of our faithful friends to support our ministry. If God lays it upon your heart, please know your prayers and gifts are well invested here.

Today I challenge you to pray more, read God's Word more, share your faith, and live each day to God's glory!

Until He returns,

*Ed Hindson*

## President Trump Nominates Pro-Life Judge to Supreme Court



President Trump officially nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U.S. Supreme Court and Christians from both ends of the political spectrum have released statements of support and opposition ahead of the Senate's vote upcoming vote.

"Today it is my honor to nominate one of our nation's most brilliant and gifted legal minds to the Supreme Court," Trump said in the White House Rose Garden with Barrett at his side. "She is a woman of unparalleled achievement, towering intellect, sterling credentials and unyielding loyalty to the Constitution."

The nomination comes a week after Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a liberal icon, died of metastatic pancreatic cancer at age 87. Barrett, who has been nominated to the Supreme

# Churches Under Attack Through COVID Regulations

Many Christian pastors and celebrities are warning that some politicians taking advantage of the pandemic to enact religious persecution throughout the nation. Southern Baptist leader Albert Mohler Jr. believes that some politicians are using the COVID-19 pandemic as a way to enact policies that reflect an “overt hostility” toward churches. The president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, was a speaker at the recent Values Voter Summit.



Family Research Council President Tony Perkins interviewed Mohler for the segment, with the former talking about a “spiritual dynamics” to recent events in the United States. At one point, Perkins asked Mohler when churches should start to question “the motives of government” regarding COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on in-person worship.

Mohler responded he believed “some politicians have used COVID-19 as an opportunity for overt hostility to religious congregations and especially the Christian churches. And that overt hostility is what we have to confront.”

“No government authority has a right to say that the church isn’t essential. No government authority has the right to tell us how we are to order our worship services, and no government has the authority to say that Christian churches or other religious gatherings can be uniquely discriminated against,” Mohler continued

Mohler did express support for “reasonable,

temporary, generally applicable rules” aimed at curbing the pandemic, but warned, “that’s not what we’re looking at in some cases.” As an example, he referenced Capitol Hill

Baptist Church of Washington, D.C., which recently filed a lawsuit against Mayor Muriel Bowser over outdoor worship gathering restrictions. The suit accused Bowser and government officials of being “discriminatory in

their application of the ban on large scale gatherings,” pointing out that the mayor herself spoke at an outdoor event in June that had thousands of attendees.

In a similar manner, actor Jim Caviezel spoke out against cancel culture, saying religious leaders in America need to rise up because churches are under persecution. Caviezel, best known for his portrayal of Jesus Christ in “The Passion of the Christ,” told Fox News that Christians are “being persecuting for their faith. If Christians don’t watch out, it will be canceling Christianity as well.”

The actor, whose latest film “Infidel” is a true story about an American Christian who’s kidnapped in Cairo, Egypt, and imprisoned in Iran under false spying charges, called on Christian leaders to stand up for their faith. “A lot of our pastors, our bishops, our priests, they’re laying right over. They let their churches be burned. How do we know that? Well, it’s right there in the news,” he said. “That’s why we’re in this situation right now. We can’t go to churches. We can’t go into our church.

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# Iran Attempting to Force US Troops Out of Iraq

Iran is pushing Iraq to eject US troops but is wary of carrying out attacks that could cause casualties to US personnel stationed in its western neighbor. Iraqi Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein met with senior Iranian officials during a trip to Iran in what were among the first major face-to-face meetings in a while due to the Covid crisis. They come amid increasing rumors of Iran's role in Iraq, and warnings by the US against continued attacks on its embassy in Baghdad.

The Iran-Iraq discussions this began with a meeting between Hussein and Iran's Speaker of the Consultative Assembly, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf. Qalibaf and Hussein are both Kurdish, and Hussein is not known for anti-US sentiments,



but as Iraq's foreign minister he was in Iran to hear out the Iranians on the latest issues. "We believe that Iraq currently has a positive role in the region," the Iranian said.

He then claimed the US backed ISIS and spreads instability in the region and Iraq. "Some countries in the region, under pressure from the United States, normalized relations with the Zionist regime. Undoubtedly, the Islamic world should not be silent on this issue, and it is necessary because the issue of Palestine is the first priority of the Islamic Ummah," Qalibaf said.

He emphasized that Iran has always

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Why? Because they could get contaminated, right? So why are we on airplanes?"

Caviezel insisted that keeping churches closed during the pandemic is affecting those who need it most in these times. "I have had friends that have committed suicide. I have seven SEAL buddies that lost seven of their friends committing suicide. Would it have helped to get into a church especially during this time? Absolutely. And is it good for mental

illness? Yes, it is," he stressed.

Churches across the country closed their doors beginning in the spring to help curb the spread of COVID-19. With gathering restrictions still in place months later, some churches have chosen to defy orders or file lawsuits, claiming discrimination against places of worship, including the aforementioned Capitol Hill Baptist church and John MacArthur's Grace Community Church among others.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that churches will be allowed to function freely throughout the nation and that religious persecution would be halted.

Court, is currently serving on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. “Judge Barrett has demonstrated a steadfast dedication to upholding the Constitution as written, and not legislating from the bench,” a White House fact sheet noted. “Judge Barrett’s excellent judicial record shows she will protect the rights of Americans and defend the rule of law.”

Many Christian leaders support Barrett’s nomination. Johnnie Moore, a prominent religious freedom advocate, wrote on Twitter: “@POTUS has selected the perfect candidate for the most important judicial seat in a generation, or more. Confirmation = supermajority at SCOTUS.”

Similarly, the Family Research Council thanked Trump for the nomination. “Once again, President Trump is following through on his promise and has selected a nominee who has a proven, originalist track record,” FRC President Tony Perkins, who attended the White House announcement, said in a statement. “Senate Democrats have already made clear there will be a fight over the nominee regardless of who it is, so the president is making the fight worth it. Thanks to President Trump, we now have the opportunity after many decades to finally return lawmaking back to the legislatures that are elected by the people,” he added.

Both Perkins and Moore made references to California Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s earlier criticism of Barrett’s Catholic faith. During a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in 2017 following Barrett’s nomination to the Seventh Circuit Court, Feinstein said of Barrett’s religious beliefs: “the dogma lives loudly within you.”

After the nomination, the national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List launched a

digital ad buy featuring a video about Barrett, part of an overall seven-figure investment specifically for the Supreme Court. “President Trump has chosen an absolute all-star in Judge Amy Coney Barrett to serve as our nation’s newest Supreme Court justice,” SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser said in a statement. “Amy Coney Barrett is a brilliant jurist in the mold of the late Justice Scalia, and President Trump could not have made a stronger selection to fill this Supreme Court vacancy. We have full confidence that the pro-life Senate majority will move swiftly to confirm her before the election.”

Maureen Malloy Ferguson, a senior fellow for The Catholic Association, called Barrett “a brilliant and esteemed constitutional scholar who is admired as much for her magnanimous heart as for her intelligence. In the hearings, Americans will get to know an extraordinary woman: a principled and independent judge, a loving mother.”

However, the pro-abortion activist group NARAL Pro-Choice America called on its supporters to “fight as hard as we can to stop Trump and McConnell from rushing this confirmation process.”

“If confirmed, Barrett will cement Trump’s supermajority against keeping abortion legal, protecting healthcare access, safeguarding our right to vote, and so many other questions of fundamental freedom and justice,” NARAL’s President Ilyse Hogue said.

Whether or not Barrett will be approved in the Senate is still undecided, although Republicans in the Senate seem to think they have enough votes to approve the nomination. An approval would certainly solidify the Supreme Court with a strong pro-life and religious freedom majority.— *PNL*

**PRAY:** Pray for the confirmation process of Judge Amy Coney Barrett and for her family as they go through this stressful and trying time.

# German police threaten Israeli with crime for show of Israeli flag

German police in the city of Frankfurt have launched an investigation against an Israeli musician and may press charges against her after she waved the Israeli flag at an anti-Israel demonstration that was organized by a pro-BDS group. Israeli author Chaim Noll wrote on the popular German website “The Axis of Good” that criminal proceedings could be initiated against Ana Agre, an Israeli musician who works in Germany.



Noll wrote that on July 1 this year, Agre ran into an anti-Israel demonstration near her home that was arranged by the pro-Palestinian organization, Samidoun, which seeks to secure the release of convicted Palestinian terrorists from Israeli prisons and supports the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

Agre went up to her apartment to fetch an Israeli flag which was about the size of a kitchen towel and returned to the square where the protesters were marching together with their German supporters.

Noll reported that a Frankfurt police officer addressed Agre in English, recorded her identity, and advised her to leave because her presence was “provocative to the young Muslims.” He added “Ana obviously entered into a discussion with the police officer, in English, but he ended the conversation by ordering her to leave. When she asked him why, here in Frankfurt, she was not allowed to display the Israeli flag, the officer responded: ‘Because I don’t like it.’”

Noll wrote that several march participants

approached Agre and confronted her with slogans, including “Nazis out.”

“In the minds of those young Muslims and their German supporters, an Israeli flag is apparently a Nazi symbol,” Noll wrote. He said Agre had received a summons in the mail a few days later ordering her to appear at Frankfurt criminal police headquarters on October 7 to make a statement, citing an “offense according to Criminal Code,

paragraph 185.” Failure to appear at the station without good cause would result in the matter being passed on to the “law enforcement agency in charge,” the summons, signed by officer J. Schmidt said.

Frankfurt police issued a statement in response to *The Jerusalem Post* article that “a 50-year-old woman appeared [at the anti-Israel demonstration] and waved the flag of Israel in the direction of the demonstrators who were still there. She held up her middle finger to a 29-year-old demonstrator... [and] the participant filed a criminal complaint on-site for insult.”

It added the police were obliged to respond and “subsequently established the personal details of all those involved and of witnesses. The police then expelled the 50-year-old to prevent further provocations and possible arguments.”

The statement did not address Agre’s allegations that she was called a “Nazi” and the police official who said he disliked her Israeli flag. It was also unclear how the Israeli

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supported Iraq as an Islamic country. Hussein stressed the need to further strengthen bilateral relations between the two neighboring countries and called the dredging of the Arvand River and the railway connection between Iran and Iraq among the most important issues on the agenda.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani also met with the Iraqi foreign minister. He talked about the “unity of Shi’ites” in Iraq and Iran and mentioned relations with Kurds in Iraq.

“We are with the government and people of Iraq to help the unity and cohesion of Iraq,” Rouhani said. “We have always made our views clear and unequivocal in our political positions. We know the stability of the region. [We are] emphasizing that trying to get the United States out of the region is not our job: it is the duty of any country where Americans are present. “Iran claimed it was against interfering in the internal affairs of Iraq and the relations between Iraqi groups,” he added.

In fact, Tehran has been backing Kataib Hezbollah and other militias in Iraq. It has also

fired rockets at Kurdish dissident groups and put pressure on the northern Kurdish region of Iraq. Hussein said that with the emphasis of the Iraqi prime minister, a specialized committee had been appointed to conduct negotiations and prepare the ground for the implementation of agreements between the two countries. The members of this committee will travel to Iran in the coming weeks. Tehran needs Baghdad as an ally and trade partner. It uses Iraq as a dumping ground for its products and has sponged up Iraqi assets and infrastructure. They also see Iraq as a possible ally and mobilization center in a future war with Israel should it occur.

Iran has funded and armed militias in Iraq. Many Iraqis have protested against Iran over the last year. After dozens of attacks on US forces and Washington handing over more bases to Iraqis, Iran feels it might finally be able to eject the US from Iraq. This would be a win for Iran. However, Tehran must tread carefully because the US has shown it will carry out airstrikes if American soldiers or personnel are harmed.— *PNL*

**PRAY:** Pray for protection for our American troops serving in harms way across the world.

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flag signified a provocation for the police.

Frankfurt, in the state of Hesse, and is the electoral district of controversial German Green Party MP Omid Nouripour, who is on the advisory board of the German Palestinian Society, a pro-BDS group that has called for Israel to be dismantled. Nouripour declined to answer a query about Agre’s case.

This is yet another example of the growing anti-Semitism that is being rekindled throughout

much of Europe. History has clearly been forgotten or ignored when someone waving an Israeli flag is called a Nazi. This type of blatant anti-Semitism throughout Europe may eventually allow the antichrist, who will come from a Roman background, to persecute the Jewish people with limited objectives, just as Hitler was able to accomplish during World War II when he, the Nazi, murdered six million Jewish people.— *PNL*

**PRAY:** Pray for Jewish people throughout the world facing discrimination and persecution and for those that seek to rewrite history.