

RUSSIA'S SYSTEMATIC ATTACK ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

2006 >

Russia revises the Law on Counteracting Extremist Activity, which vaguely defines extremism.

Criminal & Administrative Investigations

Police search Witnesses' homes and houses of worship for "extremist" literature.

c. 2007

The Prosecutor General's Office directs all local prosecutors to investigate Jehovah's Witnesses for signs of extremist activity.

Starting in 2009

Relying on blatantly false "expert" studies, courts declare dozens of the Witnesses' publications to be "extremist."

87 PUBLICATIONS CURRENTLY DECLARED EXTREMIST

2010

Permit to distribute the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines revoked

March 2015

Importation of the Witnesses' publications forbidden

July 2015

Official website banned

2016

Authorities seeking to have a Bible translation produced by the Witnesses declared extremist

Assets Liquidated

Witnesses' local legal entities declared extremist and liquidated

3 COMPLETELY LIQUIDATED

18 LIQUIDATIONS BEING PURSUED

Houses of worship confiscated

Police Plant Evidence!

Police are caught planting banned literature to fabricate evidence. Several instances have been recorded on video.

Witnesses are detained or charged

with possessing or distributing banned literature or for continuing the activities of a banned organization.

16

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

100+

ADMINISTRATIVE CONVICTIONS

> 2016

Jehovah's Witnesses' National Administrative Center

The Prosecutor General's office is now threatening to liquidate the Witnesses' national administrative center for alleged "extremist activity." If the prosecution succeeds, the Witnesses could be deprived of their right to practice their beliefs.