

# News Reports

## Attack on a Vietnam monastery

**A recent attack on a monastery practicing a non-traditional brand of Buddhism is just one of a number of incidents that has raised concerns about curbs on religious freedom in Vietnam.**

BBC News, August 2, 2009

## Religious row flares in Malaysia

**Police in Malaysia have said they will release nine Christians mistakenly accused of trying to convert Muslim university students to Christianity.**

BBC News, August 2, 2009

## Desperate youth challenge state at the cost of their lives

**Waddah (a 26 year-old man) appeared the last time standing on the shoulders of his colleagues during a demonstration in Radfan. He was wearing the flag of the state of the south, before unity. According to his friends, Waddah has been in the forefront of participants- for over two years- in all demonstrations of the Southern Movement, which call for separation.**

Yemen Times, July 22, 2009

## China Censors News of Hu's Son

**HONG KONG—Chinese authorities shut down sections of two major Web portals in the wake of news reports that President Hu Jintao's son is linked to a Namibian graft probe, industry sources said.**

Radio Free Asia, rfa.org, July 24, 2009

## **Indian rights activists blast baby dropping ritual**

**Rights activists have lashed out at local officials who allowed hundreds of infants to be dropped from a roof of a mosque in western India in the belief that the fall – which ends when the babies are caught in a bedsheet – would ensure good health and prosperity for their families.**

New Zealand Herald, August 3, 2009

## **Netizens\* Defy Tiananmen Silencing**

**As the 20-year anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown approaches, Chinese netizens\* find ways to work around government censorship.**

**\*(A “netizen” is an active internet user.)**

Radio Free Asia, rfa.org, April 22, 2009

## **Cambodia's Judiciary on Trial**

**PHNOM PENH —As talks aimed at clamping down on alleged corruption at the Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal failed to reach agreement, rights groups warned that a clean and independent judicial system remains a long way off for Cambodia.**

Radio Free Asia, rfa.org, April 9, 2009

## **Iran's Leader Approves Ahmadinejad Presidency**

**TEHRAN (Reuters) -- Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has formally endorsed the second term presidency of Mahmud Ahmadinejad after a disputed election that plunged Iran into its worst crisis since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.**

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, August 3, 2009