



'Deeply troubling': Court on stunning precipice of making it illegal to be a 'basic Christian witness'

May 27, 2026 *wnd.com* reported: "The United Kingdom is on the stunning precipice of making it illegal to deliver a "basic Christian witness" by preaching the Gospel and reading from the Bible. And now it's up to an appeals court to determine which direction the nation will move.

The situation comes in the case of a minister, Clive Johnston, who recently was convicted for preaching a biblical message on the edge of a pro-abortion censorship zone.

"This ruling sets a deeply troubling precedent. I was not protesting abortion. I was peacefully preaching the Gospel, reading from the Bible, and pointing people to the hope found in Jesus Christ," Johnston said in a report at the Christian Institute.

"If this conviction is allowed to stand, it will signal that basic Christian witness and public expressions of faith can be criminalized simply because they take place in the wrong location..."

Contagion of conspiracy theories makes Ebola epidemic harder to contain

May 27, 2026 *Washington Post* reported: "As a deadly outbreak of Ebola spreads through the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, one conspiracy theory is that non-profit workers brought the disease to get more money. Another is that the outbreak has been fabricated to frighten the population and gain access to minerals, including gold.

There are people who refuse to accept that preventing the spread of Ebola, which is transmitted through contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person, requires forgoing some traditional funeral rites. And there are others who do not believe Ebola exists at all — it is a fiction, they say, to steal aid money.

"There is mistrust of authorities and mistrust of humanitarian actors," said Rose F.

Tchwenko, the Congo country director for Mercy Corp, an aid organization, adding that some residents believe the disease is "fabricated."

Last week, a group of young people unable to believe that their friend, a 30-year-old soccer player, had died of Ebola decided to take back his body by force, attacking a hospital in Rwampara and forcing health workers to flee. Amid the chaos, six patients also fled, a hospital worker told *The Washington Post*, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

The next day, 18 patients with suspected cases of Ebola ran away after an attack on Mongbwalu General Hospital. The incidents, in towns at the center of the Ebola outbreak, underscored the scale of misinformation that health workers face as they confront a crisis in which the World Health Organization said there are at least 750 suspected cases and 177 deaths.

Distrust and inaccurate information about Ebola are endemic in Congo, experts say, but appear to be worse during this outbreak because funding cuts have decimated other help coming to the region and have fueled confusion about the role of the West.

"The people here don't believe that there is Ebola," said Luc Malembe, 40, a politician who filmed the hospital attack in Rwampara last Thursday. "That's why they are not protecting themselves. We need a lot of sensitizations here."

A doctor at the hospital that was attacked said that residents stormed in, demanding the body of the soccer player who had died hours earlier, intending to bury him according to local custom..."

Iran: US strikes violate ceasefire

May 26, 2026 *telegraph.co.uk* reported: "Tehran has accused Washington of violating the ceasefire agreement after American forces attacked Iran overnight.

US forces carried out "defensive" strikes on a missile site and two Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) mine-laying boats, which officials said were targeting the United States.

Iran criticised the "bad faith and unreliability" of Washington, adding that it would be held accountable for "all consequences arising from these hostile acts".



