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- **Pakistan** where a Muslim mob attacked & burned a Christian church & Christian's homes following an accusation that 2 Christians desecrated the Quran. Several other churches were damaged. Muslim leaders tried to help police stop the mob attack.
- **Those dealing with the fire season in Canada, the U.S. Europe, North Africa & elsewhere** – the heat & dry conditions in many places are contributing to the serious fire danger. Unhealthy smoke is a continuing issue. The situation in Canada is still dire as an entire city & large parts of the North West Territory have had to evacuate.
- **Rohingya Refugees** in India who are facing some of the same abuse & discrimination they fled from in Myanmar.
- **Afghanistan** where women & girls have been stripped of their rights including education, & the ability to work in all but a few jobs. Women's healthcare is becoming hard to come by; cases of forced marriage, sexual abuse, & domestic violence are climbing. More women & girls are committing suicide. Poverty & hunger are a growing problem – especially where women, who were the primary bread winners, are no longer allowed to work.
- **Haiti** – Gangs control about half of the country with fear, intimidation & violence. Especially in the capital, people are fleeing their homes & neighborhoods because of the violence. 190,000 people have fled their homes since last year. 350 have been killed – at least a dozen of them have been lynched by vigilante groups since April. Hunger is a growing problem as gangs are seizing food supplies at gunpoint, making food hard to come by.
- **People Facing Flooding or storms** – Among them, those effected by hurricane Hilary. Many people are still recovering from earlier flooding including in Pakistan, Japan, India, the Philippines, China, & elsewhere in the U.S.
- **People experiencing excessive heat** – Much of the world continues to face warmer than usual temperatures. The full impact on health, food supplies, and the environment is still being determined, but is deadly for too many. Unusually warm ocean water contributes to the problem. It is killing coral reefs, & harming other marine life.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – Already this year, 27,710 people have died in gun violence (up 733 from last week) including 1,155 children (up 41 from last week). 24,416 people have been injured (up 710 from last week) including 3,148 children (up 84 from last week). 15,444 of the deaths are suicides (up 396 from last week). There have already been 461 mass shootings (up 47 from last week) this year. (Gun Violence Archive statistics).
- **Continue to remember those dealing with COVID** – including long COVID. There is a summer surge in cases going on right now & several new variants.
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