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Afghan Man to Be Executed for Converting to Christianity?

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While pondering the stakes involved in the struggle for religious liberty around the world, consider this report published in today's edition of *USA Today*:

A man in Afghanistan is being prosecuted in a Kabul court and could be sentenced to death after being charged with converting from Islam to Christianity, a crime under the country's Islamic sharia laws, a judge said Sunday.

The trial highlights a struggle between religious conservatives and reformists over what shape Islam will take here four years after the ouster of the Islamic fundamentalist Taliban regime.

The defendant, Abdul Rahman, 41, was arrested last month after his family accused him of becoming a Christian, according to Judge Ansarullah Mawlawezada. Rahman was charged with rejecting Islam. His trial started Thursday.

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