

Today's Martyrs – April 1971

Sunday April 4, 1971



East Pakistan – now Bangladesh: Jessore

Fr Mario Veronesi SX (aged 58, Italian citizen, **shot dead** by Pakistani soldiers while attempting to protect refugees in his mission compound during the Operation Searchlight pogrom)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Bangladesh.htm

http://www.archive.xaviermissionaries.org/M_Stories/Martyrs/Veronesi.htm

Monday April 5, 1971



Lithuania: Adutiskis

Fr Bronius Laurinavicius (**UPDATE**: again refused to give the parish baptismal and matrimonial books to a government agent)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=350&Itemid=235

Monday April 12, 1971



Lithuania: Kybartai

L Salciunaite (secondary school student, assigned an essay entitled ‘The nearer the church, the farther is morality’, refused to write the essay, received a failing grade)

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http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=347&Itemid=232

Wednesday April 21, 1971



East Pakistan – now Bangladesh: Ruhea, Thakurgaon

Fr Lucas Marandi (aged 48, tortured and **stabbed to death** by Pakistani soldiers)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Bangladesh.htm

<http://www.genocidebangladesh.org/bangladesh-war-of-independence-west-pakistani-soldiers-kill-catholic-priests/>

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