

Today's Martyrs – August 1977

Tuesday August 9, 1977



Zimbabwe - then Rhodesia: Lupane, Matabeleland

Drunken guerrillas attack a mission, kill two missionaries, drive patients including women in labor into the bush

Sr Anna Ploner CPS (aged 53, South African citizen, **shot dead** by drunken guerrillas)

Sr Damiane Drechsler (aged 43, hid from the guerrillas, survived)

Dr Johanna Decker (aged 59, German citizen, **shot dead** by drunken guerrillas)

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

Saturday August 27, 1977



Russia: Potma, Mordovia

Nijole Sadunaite (aged 39, Lithuanian national, factory worker, sister of Jonas Aloyzas Sadunas; convicted of libel of the Soviet state and sentenced on [June 17, 1975](#) in [Vilnius, Lithuania](#) to three years' imprisonment followed by three years' internal exile; **UPDATE:** released from the labor camp and sent into internal exile)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8415145M/A_Radiance_in_the_Gulag

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