

Today's Martyrs – December 1977

Sunday December 9, 1977



Russia: Chernogorsk

Alexander 'Sasha' Petrovich Vashchenko (aged 18, **UPDATE**: convicted for refusing military service, sentenced to three years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

Dinah Vashchenko (aged 12, sister of Alexander 'Sasha' Petrovich Vashchenko, beaten for attempting to say goodbye to her brother in the courtroom)

Jacob Petrovich Vashchenko (aged 15, brother of Alexander 'Sasha' Petrovich Vashchenko, beaten for attempting to say goodbye to his brother in the courtroom)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4190509M/The_Siberian_Seven

Tuesday December 18, 1977



Argentina: the Argentine Sea, near Santa Teresita, La Costa, Buenos Aires

Sr Alice Domon (aged 40, French citizen, abducted, severely tortured and beaten, **thrown alive and naked out of a military airplane over the Argentine Sea to her death**)

Sr Renee Duquet (aged 61, French citizen, abducted, severely tortured and beaten, **thrown alive and naked out of a military airplane over the Argentine Sea to her death**, body later recovered on the shoreline and buried in a mass grave)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Domon

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/L%C3%A9onie_Duquet

Monday December 24, 1977



Russia: Boguchany, Krasnoyarsk Krai

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; released from the labor camp near [Potma, Mordovia](#) and sent into internal exile on [August 27, 1977](#);

UPDATE: while hospitalized with chronic bronchitis overheard a conversation concerning a newborn girl left to die in an unheated storeroom, baptized the baby, told the nurses they were worse than fascists, the baby died the next morning)

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

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