

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – August 1979

**Saturday August 4, 1979**



**El Salvador: San Esteban Catarina, San Vicente**

Fr Alirio Napoleon Macias Rodriguez (**assassinated**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napole%C3%B3n\\_Mac%C3%ADas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napole%C3%B3n_Mac%C3%ADas)

**Tuesday August 7, 1979**



**Guinea: Camp Boiro concentration camp**

Archbishop Raymond-Marie Tchidimbo CSSP (aged 58, arrested in [Conakry](#) on [December 24, 1970](#), tortured; sentenced to life imprisonment on [January 23, 1971](#); **UPDATE**: freed, flown to exile in Rome)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond-Marie\\_Tchidimbo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond-Marie_Tchidimbo)

**Tuesday August 14, 1979**



**Ethiopia: Addis Ababa**

Patriarch Theophilos aka Meliktu Jenbere (aged 69, arrested on [February 17, 1976](#) for ordaining 5 bishops without government approval; **UPDATE**: **executed by strangulation with electrical wire**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abuna\\_Theophilos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abuna_Theophilos)

**Wednesday August 29, 1979**



**Iran: Isfahan**

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, home ransacked by Revolutionary Guards)

Margaret Thompson Dehqani-Tafti (wife of Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, mother of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, home ransacked by Revolutionary Guards)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4256365M/The\\_Hard\\_Awakening](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4256365M/The_Hard_Awakening) - page 48-50

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