

Today's Martyrs – May 1980

Thursday May 1, 1980



Iran: Tehran

Jean Waddell (aged 58, secretary to Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, interrogated in her home by Revolutionary Guards, beaten and strangled into unconsciousness, shot while unconscious and left for dead, severely wounded, hospitalized, survived, doctor who saved her life later threatened with death)

Diana Hunt (wife of Fr Paul Hunt, mother of Rosemary, missionary, attempted to visit Jean Waddell with her two daughters, abducted and held by Jean's assailants for over a half hour, called the police who then discovered Jean, fled the country later in the month)

Rosemary Hunt (young daughter of Diana and Fr Paul Hunt, attempted to visit Jean Waddell with her mother and sister, abducted and held by Jean's assailants for over a half hour, fled the country later in the month)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL4256365M/The_Hard_Awakening - page 71-75, 96

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1918728/The-Rt-Rev-Hassan-Dehqani-Tafti.html>



Burundi: Muyange, Gihanga, Bubanza

Fr Arnold Knevels M.Afr (aged 40, Belgian national, **killed**)

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



Guatemala

Fr Conrado de la Cruz Concepcion (Philippine citizen, abducted and disappeared, **presumed dead**)

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

Tuesday May 6, 1980



Iran: Tehran

Bahram Dehqani-Tafti (aged 24, son of Margaret Thompson and Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, brother of Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, military conscript, university English teacher, abducted, interrogated, and **shot dead** most likely by government agents while returning home from the university)

Margaret Dehqani-Tafti (mother of Bahram Dehqani-Tafti, was nursing Jean Waddell in the hospital when she received word of her son's murder, refused to leave her side until a qualified replacement could be found)

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, shot at in his bed by likely by government agents on **October 26 1979**, not injured; fled the country on **November 2, 1979**; **UPDATE**: later wrote a prayer that was read the his son's funeral: "O God, Bahram's blood has multiplied the fruit of the Spirit in the soil of our souls...So when his murderers stand before Thee on the day of judgment, remember the fruit of the Spirit by which they have enriched our lives, and forgive")

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1918728/The-Rt-Rev-Hassan-Dehqani-Tafti.html>

Monday May 12, 1980



Guatemala

Fr Walter Voordeckers CICM (Belgian citizen, **assassinated**)

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

May 1980, date unknown



Iran: Tehran

Fr Paul Hunt (husband of Diana Hunt, father of Rosemary and one other daughter, missionary, fled the country)

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