

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – June 1994

**Sunday June 5, 1994**



### **Rwanda: Gakurazo, Muhanga**

Fr Alfred Kayibanda (aged 44, **killed**)

Fr Bernard Ntamugabumwe (aged 32, **killed**)

Fr Denis Mutabazi (aged 78, **killed**)

Fr Emmanuel Uwimana (aged 30, **killed**)

Fr Fidele Gahonzire (aged 33, **killed**)

Fr Francois-Xavier Muligo (aged 39, **killed**)

Fr Innocent Gasabwoya (aged 74, **killed**)

Br Jean-Baptiste Nsinga (**killed**)

Fr Jean Marie Vianney Rwabilinda (aged 32, **killed**)

Bishop Joseph Ruzindana (aged 51, **killed**)

Fr Sylvestre Ndaberetse (aged 45, **killed**)

Bishop Thaddee Nsengiyumva (aged 45, **killed**)

Archbishop Vincent Nsengiyumva (aged 59, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Rwanda.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm)

**Tuesday June 7, 1994**



### **Rwanda: Nyamirambo, Nyarugenge**

Br Alexandre Kayitera (**killed**)

Br Emmanuel Itegekwanande (killed)

Br Gerard Rwaka (killed)

Br Louis Kaneza (killed)

Br Louis Rwahigi (killed)

Br Stanislas Gofi (killed)

**Rwanda: Nyundo, Rubavu**

Br Viateur Gakwerere (killed)

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**Wednesday June 8, 1994**



**Philippines: Basilan**

Fr Cirilo Nacorda (abducted, released 3 months later)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman\\_Catholic\\_Territorial\\_Prelature\\_of\\_Isabela](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic_Territorial_Prelature_of_Isabela)

**Friday June 10, 1994**



**Rwanda: Nyamirambo, Nyarugenge**

Br Pierre Gacamumakuba (killed)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Rwanda.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm)

**Friday June 24, 1994**



## **Iran**

Mehdi Dibaj (aged 59, convert, arrested in 1983 in Sari, held without trial, tortured; sentenced to death for apostasy on December 3, 1993; released on January 16, 1994 after an international outcry; **UPDATE**: abducted)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehdi\\_Dibaj](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehdi_Dibaj)

**Wednesday June 29, 1994**



### **Iran: Tehran**

Tateos Michaelian (aged 62, disappeared)

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/obituary-tateos-michaelian-1412187.html>

**June 1994, date unknown**



### **Turkey: Meer**

Hurmus Diril (mayor, arrested after government forces destroyed the village)

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