

Today's Martyrs – March 2003

Saturday March 1, 2003



Iraq: Bagdad

Helal Farag Seylo (**killed**)

Iraq: Mosul

Manal Saad Allah Matta (**killed**)

Valantina Besheer Farag (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Tuesday March 4, 2003



Philippines: Davao, Mindanao

William Hyde (aged 59, missionary, U.S. citizen, **killed** in a bomb explosion at the airport)

http://assets.baptiststandard.com/archived/2003/3_10/pages/philippines.html

Tuesday March 11, 2003



Congo, Democratic Republic: on the Tshimpi Matadi road

Fr Dieudonne Mvuezolo-Tovo (**shot dead** by a man in a military uniform)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Wednesday March 12, 2003



Iraq: Bagdad

Shapi Shamoon Khananisho Alaniroy (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Thursday March 20, 2003

Invasion of Iraq by U.S. led coalition forces begun

Saturday March 22, 2003



Colombia: Armenia

Fr Nelson Gomez Bejarano (aged 52, **killed** by robbers)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Sunday March 23, 2003



United States – Georgia: Hamilton

Sr Lucie Kristofik (aged 72, abducted)

Sr Mary Philomena Fogarty (aged 67, Irish national, abducted)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2003-03-27-georgia-nun_x.htm

Tuesday March 25, 2003



Iraq: Alyaranok bridge, Bagdad

Yelda Mansour Ishak Altalany (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>



Nigeria: Awhum

Br Clement OCSO (aged 40, **murdered** during a bus robbery)

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United States – Virginia: Virginia Beach

Sr Lucie Kristofik (aged 72, abducted in Hamilton, Georgia on **March 23, 2003**; **UPDATE**: rescued by police)

Sr Mary Philomena Fogarty (aged 67, Irish national, abducted in Hamilton, Georgia on **March 23, 2003**; **UPDATE**: **murdered**, body dismembered)

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Friday March 28, 2003



Guatemala

Todd Fields (aged 41, husband of Lynnell, father of Savannah and Sophia, U.S. citizen, missionary, **shot dead** during a robbery)

Lynnell Fields (widow of Todd Fields)

Savannah Fields (aged 14, daughter of Todd and Lynnell Fields)

Sophia Fields (aged 10, daughter of Todd and Lynnell Fields)

http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2003-03-31/news/0303310208_1_missionary-guatemala-honduras

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