

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – unknown month 2004



### North Korea

Hyun Sarah (aged 23, imprisoned, beaten, told her interrogators "My name is Hyun Sarah, it's the name that God and my church have given to me. I'm a child of God and I'm not scared to die. So if you want to kill me, go ahead and kill me'", **disappeared**)

<http://mattersindia.com/2019/02/christians-in-north-korea-face-terrible-persecution-report-defectors/>



### Pakistan: Faisalabad, Punjab province

Julie Aftab (aged 17, attacked with acid on **June 15, 2002** by two men after offering a mild defense of Christianity to their insults, lost an ear, eye, many teeth, bone in her face and left arm, muscles in both arms, and much of her esophagus, perpetrators released by police after claiming she had committed blasphemy, hospitals refused to treat her when the perpetrators and those who initially aided her said they would burn the hospitals down, finally treated but thought that she would not survive, parents' home later destroyed by arson; **UPDATE**: twice shot at by Islamic radicals, left for the United States for medical treatment)

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Pakistani-acid-attack-victim-finds-new-life-in-3690925.php>



### Iraq: Bagdad

Abed Bho Tana (**killed**)

Emad Aabosh Younan (**killed**)

Faaiz Matta Youssef (**killed**)

Fakhry Mattaka Wizy (killed)

Farag Curcas Shaaya (killed)

Fredrik Zeya Mando (killed)

Maher Rahim Merouky (killed)

Mikhaeal Rahim Kerdi (killed)

Nabil Wilson William (killed)

Paulina Yaquo Shaba (killed)

Rania Papa Beno Golagh (killed)

Seif Adnan Kadso (killed)

Stiv Adnan Kadso (killed)

Zeya Franso Batrowzy (killed)

### **Iraq: Mosul**

Bassam Zera (killed)

Hekmat Toma Tola (killed)

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



### **Haiti**

Fr Gerard Jean-Juste (aged 58, fled the country in 1971 rather than sign a loyalty oath;

**UPDATE:** arrested on charges of hiding pro-Aristide soldiers, released)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%A9rard\\_Jean-Juste](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%A9rard_Jean-Juste)