

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – April 2007

**Sunday April 1, 2007**



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Salem Louka Shamoon (**killed**)

### **Iraq: Shamas, Mosul**

Fr Ragheed Aziz Matta Ganni (aged 35; **UPDATE**: church attacked, said “We empathize with Christ, who entered Jerusalem in full knowledge that the consequence of his love for mankind was the Cross. Thus, while bullets smashed our church windows, we offered up our suffering as a sign of love for God”)

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

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves\\_in\\_Crimson\\_Fields](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves_in_Crimson_Fields) pgs 171-175



### **South Africa**

Sr Anne Thole (aged 35, **died** while rescuing AIDS patients from a fire at a hospice)

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

**Monday April 2, 2007**



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Shawky Faayek Matta (**killed**)

**Iraq: Telskuf, Mosul**

Hanna Namrood (**killed**)

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**Friday April 6, 2007**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Talal Habeeb Shaaya (**killed**)

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**Saturday April 7, 2007**



**Rwanda**

Fr Richard Bimeriki (Congolese citizen, shot on [March 12, 2007](#) in [Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) by men in military uniforms who had invaded the parish demanding a drink; **UPDATE: died in hospital**)

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

**Sunday April 8, 2007**

**Easter / Pascha – Eastern and Western Calendars**

**Monday April 9, 2007**



**Iraq: Al Dura, Bagdad**

Noaman Matta Noaman (**killed**)

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**Tuesday April 10, 2007**



**Iraq: Al Fayaran, Bagdad**

Nezar Greg Karkin (**killed**)

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



**Brazil: Belem**

Fr Wolfgang Hermann (aged 46, German citizen, **murdered** during a probable robbery)

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

**Wednesday April 11, 2007**



**Philippines: Mabungtot, Luzon**

Fr Fransiskus Madhu (aged 30, Indonesian national, **shot dead** by men carrying military type weapons)

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



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Qays Massoud Al Gazrawy (**killed**)

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



### **Spain: Murcia**

Fr Salvador Hernandez Seller (aged 75, **killed** in his residence with blows to the head)

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

**Thursday April 12, 2007**



### **Iraq: Kirkuk**

Samer Sabah Mikha Altapakh (**killed**)

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**Friday April 13, 2007**



### **Iraq: Palestine Street, Bagdad**

Massoud Qays Al Gazrawy (**killed**)

### **Iraq: Sengar, Mosul**

Noureya Youssef Kegog (**killed**)

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

Wednesday April 18, 2007



**Iraq: Al Mashtal, Bagdad**

Hassan Toma Maskouny (**killed**)

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**Turkey: Malatya**

**Three Christians tortured and murdered by five Muslims who had attended their prayer service**

Gokhan Talas (discovered the attack on Pastor Necati Aydın, Ugur Yuksel, and Tilmann Geske, called police)

Pastor Necati Aydın (aged 36, convert, husband of Semse, father of a preschool son and daughter, tortured, **murdered** after police arrived)

Semse (widow of Pastor Necati Aydın, mother of a preschool son and daughter)

Susanne Geske (widow of Tilmann Geske, mother of three aged 8 to 13)

Tilmann Geske (aged 45, German citizen, husband of Susanne Geske, father of three aged 8 to 13, tortured and **murdered**)

Ugur Yuksel (aged 32, engaged to marry, tortured, **murdered** after police arrived)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zirve\\_Publishing\\_House\\_massacre](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zirve_Publishing_House_massacre)

Monday April 23, 2007



**Iraq: Tel Kaif, Mosul**

Nageeb Hormoz Hanna Aga (**killed**)

**Iraq: Tellskuf, Mosul**

Hanna Namrood Curcas (killed)

Hanna Homi Hanna Almenkishy (killed)

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

**Tuesday April 24, 2007**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Hossam Nezar Maskouny (killed)

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

**Wednesday April 25, 2007**



**Turkey: Beyoglu district, Istanbul**

David Byle (aged 37, Canadian-U.S. citizen, husband of Ulrike, father of five, charged with 'forceful missionary activity' and disturbing the peace)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2016/04/u-s-evangelist-in-turkey-detained-ordered-to-be-deported/>

**Thursday April 26, 2007**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Sarkoun Ashoor Nasser (killed)

**Iraq: Maysalon Square, Bagdad**

Hany Hanna Youssef Bedaweed (killed)

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

**Friday April 27, 2007**



**Turkey: Istanbul**

David Byle (aged 37, Canadian-U.S. citizen, husband of Ulrike, father of five, arrested on [April 25, 2007](#), charged with ‘forceful missionary activity’ and disturbing the peace;  
**UPDATE:** released)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2016/04/u-s-evangelist-in-turkey-detained-ordered-to-be-deported/>

**Saturday April 28, 2007**



**Iraq: Bagdad Road**

Udai Abd Al Maseeh Ktola (**killed**)

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**Sunday April 29, 2007**



**Iraq: Baqubah, Diyala**

Deyaa Toma Zeya (**killed**)

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