

Today's Martyrs – May 2009

Sunday May 3, 2009



Iraq: Alshiekhan, Mosul

Toni Ador Shaoal (**killed**)

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

Monday May 18, 2009



Sri Lanka

Fr Mariampillai Thaddeus Sarathjeevan (**died** while saving refugees in the civil war, may have been attacked by soldiers)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mariampillai_Sarathjeevan

Saturday May 23, 2009



Nepal: Kathmandu

Fr Silas Bogati (was officiating at Mass when a bomb planted by Hindu radicals exploded killing 2 and injuring dozens, said “This incident has greatly shocked whole Catholic community”)

Celeste Joseph (aged 15, student, **killed**)

Deepa Patrik (aged 30, hospitalized, **died**)

Br Lalit (said “As we finished the first prayer song of Gloria, suddenly I heard a huge sound and immediately saw burning flame. The injured started crying and everyone was rushing out of the church”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Attack-on-Kathmandu-Cathedral:-%E2%80%9Ca-woman-planted-the-bomb%E2%80%9D-15329.html>

May 2009, date unknown



India: Madhya Pradesh state

A bishop, two priests, a nun, and two lay people were accused of illegal conversions

Bishop Mathew Vaniakizhakkal (arrested)

Fr Jolly Kannukodan (arrested)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh:-After-eight-years,-bishop-absolved-from-charge-of-forced-conversion-40580.html>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/catholics-exonerated-of-conversion-charges-in-india/79015>