

Today's Martyrs – July 2009

Sunday July 12, 2009



Iraq: Bagdad

Seil Sabah Khamo (**killed**)

Iraq: Kirkuk

Aziz Rizko Nissan Albidary (**killed**)

Iraq: Palestine Street, Bagdad

Aseel Sabah Khamo Khabeer (**killed**)

Marwan Nabil (**killed**)

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

Monday July 13, 2009



Cuba: Regla

Fr Mariano Arroyo Merino (aged 74, Spanish citizen, **murdered** in his rectory)

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2009/jul/13/cb-cuba-priest-killed-071309/>

Friday July 17, 2009



China: Shanghai

Zheng Enchong (aged 59, husband of Jiang Meili, civil rights attorney, sentenced in 2003 to 3 years[imprisonment for defending people against local corrupt officials; released in 2006, placed under house arrest; **UPDATE**: detained and tortured)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2009/06/christian-attorney-zheng-enchong.html>

Saturday July 18, 2009



Egypt: Alexandria

Amira Morgan (daughter of Samira Markos, sister of Meena, factory worker, abducted while on her way to work, forced to convert to Islam)

Samira Markos (mother of Amira Morgan and Meena, said "At 10 o'clock of the same morning [as the abduction] someone called me and asked if I was Amira's mother. He introduced himself as Sheikh Mohammed, and said that my daughter is fine and will convert to Islam. When I cried and begged him to let me have my daughter back, he said he would let me see her again after her conversion to Islam...[Later] when I started to cry at the Mosque entrance, one of them came to me and said 'Listen, mother of Amira, I am warning you not to report the abduction to the police or do anything, the price will be your son Meena being slaughtered in front of your own eyes. I am not threatening, I'm talking seriously. Listen, your daughter Amira will convert to Islam next Friday, and we are now preparing her for that. Now go home and stay indoors until everything is quietly over...All the Muslims in our neighborhood know about the abduction. I could not get hold of my husband [in Libya], and even my Christian friends have abandoned me as they are afraid of the Salafis who are in complete control of the region")

Meena (aged 9, son of Samira Markos, brother of Amira Morgan, threatened with death)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20090730152320.htm>

Monday July 20, 2009



Turkey: Istanbul

Gregor Kerkeling (German national, **stabbed to death** after leaving a church, mentally ill perpetrator admitted that he wanted to kill a Christian)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/06/christians-shaken-after-attack-on-their-church-building-in-istanbul-turkey/>

Wednesday July 22, 2009



Egypt: Alexandria

Ingy Basta (aged 18, abducted while on her way to repair her cell phone)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20090730152320.htm>

Saturday July 25, 2009



Iraq: Bagdad

Carlo Adel Gameel (**killed**)

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Sunday July 26, 2009



Iraq: Tel Kaif, Mosul

Alaa Besheer Nigm Hatawy (**killed**)

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

July 2009, date unknown



United States - Ohio: New Albany

Fathima Rifqa Bary (aged 16, convert, Sri Lankan citizen, ran away from her parents' home after they discovered her conversion and threatened to “take care of her”, travelled by bus to Orlando, Florida)

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