

Today's Martyrs – August 2009

Saturday August 1, 2009



Pakistan: Gojra Colony [ghetto], Toba Tek Singh district, Punjab province

Muslims rioted after false rumors were circulated of Christian desecration of Quranic verses on printed wedding materials, forty homes and a church were burned to the ground

Hameed Maseeh (aged 50, **burned to death**)

Asia Bibi (aged 20, **burned to death**)

Asifa Bibi (aged 19, **burned to death**)

Imamia Bibi (aged 22, **burned to death**)

Musa (aged 7, **burned to death**)

Akhlas Maseeh (aged 40, **burned to death**)

Parveen (aged 50, **burned to death**)

Mukhtar Maseeh (accused of Quran desecration, not arrested)

Talib Maseeh (father of Imran Maseeh, accused of Quran desecration, not arrested)

Imran Maseeh (son of Talib Maseeh, accused of Quran desecration, not arrested)

Rafiq Masih (said “They were shouting anti-Christian slogans and attacked our houses”)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2009_Gojra_riots

Monday August 3, 2009



Turkey

İsmail Aydın (abducted by a Turkish nationalist, called a ‘missionary dog’, threatened with having his throat slit, released thanks to police negotiations)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/12/suspected-arsonist-sought-in-fire-at-bible-distribution-center-in-istanbul-turkey/>

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

Thursday August 6, 2009



China: Xinjiang Autonomous Region

Alimujiang Yimiti (husband of Gulinuer, sentenced to 15 years in prison for his religious beliefs)

Gulinuer (wife of Alimujiang Yimiti)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/01/caa-news-visitation-privileges-for-wife.html>

Tuesday August 18, 2009



Iraq: Kirkuk

Sabah Dawood Askar (killed)

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

August 2009, date unknown



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Justice Jamshed Rehmatullah (denied permanent status on the Lahore High Court, had been the first and so far only Christian on the court)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/lahore-high-court-to-remove-only-christian-judge-from-bench/>