

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – October 2009

Sunday October 4, 2009



Iraq: Kirkuk

Emad Eleya Abdal Kareem (killed)

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

Monday October 12, 2009



Iraq: Al Ghadeer, Bagdad

Samer Mowafik Alankar (killed)

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

Tuesday October 13, 2009



United States - Florida: Orlando

Fathima Rifqa Bary (aged 17, convert, Sri Lankan citizen, ran away from her parents' home in [New Albany, Ohio](#) in [July 2009](#) after they discovered her conversion and threatened to “take care of her”; **UPDATE**: court ruled that she be returned to Ohio)

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

Thursday October 15, 2009



Iraq: Bartella, Mosul

Bashaar Sameer (**killed**)

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

Thursday October 22, 2009



United States – New Jersey: Chatham

Fr Edward J Hinds (aged 61, **stabbed 32 times** by the church janitor, had attempted to fire the janitor after discovering the janitor had an outstanding warrant on a child sex abuse charge, body found the following day)

https://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2009/10/arrest_is_made_in_killing_of_p.html

<https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Janitor-Priest-New-Jersey-Stab-Death-Edward-Hinds-Church-136069388.html>

Sunday October 25, 2009



Iraq: Bagdad

Araa Karh Bait Hanna (**killed**)

Samer Matta Naoum (**killed**)

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

October 2009, date unknown



Mexico: Ciudad Juarez

Pastor Eduardo Garcia (father of Abraham and Griselda, said “The telephone rang and I heard my wife yell. I was on the second floor, but I heard her cry ‘No!’ very loudly. So I went downstairs quickly and asked, ‘What happened?’ And she just said, ‘They killed Abraham’...The pain we feel is really strong. We wouldn’t wish it on anyone... We had decided to try to rescue the city, but I never imagined we would become a part of the statistics”)

Abraham Garcia (aged 24, son of Pastor Eduardo Garcia, **killed** by organized criminals)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/04/christians-easy-targets-in-mexicos-lawless-borderlands/>