

Today's Martyrs – December 2012

Saturday December 1, 2012



Pakistan: Nankana Sahab, Punjab

Nadeem Masih (aged 22, son of Yousaf Masih, mentally challenged, accused of Quran desecration, arrested, **died in police custody**)

Yousaf Masih (father of Nadeem Masih)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3972>



Uzbekistan: Sailyk village, Bostanlyk district

Christians charged with multiple offenses due to religious activity at a holiday resort

Gennady Chen

Vladimir Zhikhar

Aleksandr Lokshev

Gennady Timoyev

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1783



Nigeria: Chibok, Borno state

Pastor Michael Peter Yakwa (**shot dead** in a Boko Haram attack on the Church of the Brethren)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18905.html>

Sunday December 2, 2012



China

Gong Shengliang (serving a sentence of life imprisonment for "assault"; **UPDATE:** has suffered a stroke in prison)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/urgent-imprisoned-south-china-church.html>

Monday December 3, 2012



Philippines: Manila

Bishop Gabriel Reyes (**UPDATE:** announced that the faithful will fast and pray for the defeat of the Reproductive Health bill)

Rene Bullecer (director of Human Life International, stated that opposition to the Reproductive Health bill will move ahead)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32788&lan=eng>



Indonesia: Bekasi

Pastor Gagang (described how congregations are being driven from their churches including by the imposition of \$125,000 building permits)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=12007>



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab state

Bargeeta Almby (aged 71, Swedish national who had worked for 38 years as a missionary, in critical condition after being shot repeatedly in the chest while seated in her car)

Pastor Liaquat Kaiser (said that the attack on Bargeeta Almby was premeditated and came without prior threat)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32792&lan=eng>



Armenia: Yerevan

Vartkes Sahakyan (sentence for refusal of military service postponed)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1774

Tuesday December 4, 2012



Kazakhstan

Dmitry Bukin (found guilty of illegal missionary activity, fined a maximum of 100 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months minimum wage income)

Kazakhstan: Almaty

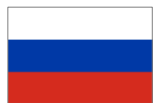
Pastor Makset Djabbarbergenov (arrested in Almaty on [September 5, 2012](#), was likely to have been deported back to Uzbekistan despite having official refugee status; **UPDATE:** released from prison, taken to the airport to be reunited with his wife and children, flown to Germany, prohibited from entering Kazakhstan until 2017)

Aigul Djabbarbergenov (wife of Makset Djabbarbergenov, **UPDATE:** flown to Germany with her husband and children)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1792

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1777

http://www.compassdirect.org/english/country/easterneuropeandeurasia/article_1951943.html



Russia: Rostov-on-Don

Christians facing charges of organizing a banned extremist organization

Yuri Baklushin

Aleksei Koptev

Aleksandr Skvortsov

Nikolai Trotsyuk
Kirill Chetverikov
Andrei Goncharov
Oksana Goncharova (wife of Andrei Goncharov)
Vladimir Kozhukhov
Tatyana Kravchenko
Kirill Kravchenko (son of Tatyana Kravchenko)
Vladislav Kruglikov
Karen Minasyan
Vladimir Moyseenko
Vyacheslav Shchekalev
Sergei Trotsyuk (son of Nikolai Trotsyuk)
Roman Voloshchuk

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1786

Wednesday December 5, 2012



Pakistan: Green Town, Lahore, Punjab province

Rafia Bibi (aged 14, abducted)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4175>



Syria: Damascus

Patriarch Ignatius IV Hazim (aged 91, primate of the Greek-Orthodox of Antioch and All the East, **died of natural causes**, had worked to end the civil war until he became too ill)

Syria: Aleppo

Youssef Karme (father of three children, **shot dead** after dropping off Armenian Catholic Archbishop Boutros Marayati, Maronite Bishop Youssef Anis Abi-Aad and a priest at the airport)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32815&lan=eng>
<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Greek-Orthodox-Patriarch-of-Antioch-Ignatius-IV-Hazim-dies-26550.html>



Egypt

Imad Gad (former MP and political analyst, said that acceptance of President Morsi's emergency decree would mean "Egypt will resemble Iran")

Egypt: Cairo

Ramy Sabri (pharmacist, detained by a Muslim Brotherhood militia, held in the presidential palace for 16 hours, beaten and tortured in view of security personnel who did not intervene)

Mina Phillip (engineer, detained by a Muslim Brotherhood militia, beaten and tortured)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1016-victims-of-islamists-attack-during-cairo-protests-speaks-out>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/997-copts-alarmed-at-mursi-s-power-grab>

Thursday December 6, 2012



Pakistan: Rawalpindi

Pastor Ashraf Aslam (falsely accused of blasphemy and of abducting his sister Arzoo from her husband, in hiding)

Arzoo (sister of Ashraf Aslam, fled from her husband to her brother due to efforts to convert her to Islam)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3981>



Nigeria: Yankaba area, Kano city

Daniel Nwachukwu (aged 17, **shot dead** by gunmen who rode a motorbike and shouted "Allah is Greater")

Chukwuemeka Emmanuel Agazie (aged 16, **shot dead** by gunmen who rode a motorbike and shouted "Allah is Greater")

Solomon Agazie (father of Chukwuemeka Emmanuel Agazie)

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/18/two-igbo-students-killed-by-gunmen-in-kano.html>

Saturday December 8, 2012



China: Shenzhen, Guangdong province

Cao Nandi (arrested for preaching about the 'real meaning' of Christmas in a public park along with eight other Christians, released)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/urgent-shenzhen-police-detain-preacher.html>



Pakistan: Green Town, Lahore, Punjab province

Rafia Bibi (aged 14, abducted on **December 5, 2012**, **UPDATE**: forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4175>



Iran: Shiraz, Fars province

Fariba Nazemian (convert, wife of Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh, arrested during a home church meeting on **February 8, 2012**, charged with "acts harmful to the Islamic Regime"; released on temporary bail; **UPDATE**: trial completed but no verdict rendered)

Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh (convert, husband of Fariba Nazemian, arrested during a home church meeting on **February 8, 2012**, charged with "acts harmful to the Islamic Regime"; **UPDATE**: trial completed but no verdict rendered, still in prison)

Mohamad-Reza Partoei Kourosh (convert, arrested on [February 8, 2012](#); **UPDATE**: trial completed but no verdict rendered, still in prison)

Mojtaba Hosseini (convert, arrested at a house church along with up to nine others on [February 8, 2012](#); **UPDATE**: trial completed but no verdict rendered, still in prison)

Vahid Hakkani (convert, arrested during a home church meeting on [February 8, 2012](#), charged with “acts harmful to the Islamic Regime”; **UPDATE**: trial completed but no verdict rendered, still in prison)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5897:christian-prisoners-still-in-uncertainty-after-ten-months&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Somalia: Beledweyne

Mursal Isse Siad (aged 55, **shot dead** for converting to Christianity)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2012/12/christian-shot-to-death-in-somalia/>

Sunday December 9, 2012



Sri Lanka: Weeraketiya area, Hambantota district, Southern province

Pradeep (pastor of Jeevanalokaya Sabhawa church, beaten by a mob that also destroyed church property)

Date: [December 9, 2012](#)

Location:

Source: <http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18262.html>



United Kingdom: Motherwell, Scotland

Bishop Joseph Devine (sent a letter to Prime Minister David Cameron in which he stated that no one believes the government's promises that the churches will be immune from legal action by homosexual activists if same sex marriage is legalized)

United Kingdom: Portsmouth, England

Bishop Philip Egan (sent a letter to all parishes in which he asked if the government will require the church to support its ideology)

http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/the-disciple-of-nero-uk-bishop-castigates-david-ferguson-over-gay-marriage-p?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Lifesitenews.comLatestHeadlines+%28LifeSiteNews.com+Latest+Headlines%29

Monday December 10, 2012



China: Shanghai

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (ordained as bishop in Shanghai on [July 7, 2012](#), then disappeared after stating in his first homily that he would resign from the state-sponsored church; **UPDATE:** has been stripped of his episcopal office by the government appointed and Vatican-unrecognized Bishops' Conference of the Catholic Church of China)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Under-arrest,-Mgr-Ma-Daqin-is-stripped-of-his-title-as-Shanghai-bishop-26587.html>



Syria: Aleppo

Sam Ghannoum (aged 28, composer and singer, taken allegedly by the secret police on [October 15, 2012](#); **UPDATE:** released)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32841&lan=eng>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Vadim Shim (fine of 100 times the minimum monthly wage for possessing Christian books upheld)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1783



Brazil: Sao Felix do Araguaia

Bishop Emeritus Pedro Casaldáliga (aged 84, forced to leave a village due to threats caused by his support of native tribes)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32840&lan=eng>

Tuesday December 11, 2012



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Bargeeta Almby (aged 71, Swedish national who had worked for 38 years as a missionary, in critical condition after being shot repeatedly in the chest while seated in her car;

UPDATE: flown to Sweden for medical treatment, still unconscious)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32850&lan=eng>



Algeria

Mohamed Ibaouene (aged 36, convicted in absentia in [Tigzirt](#) court of pressuring a Muslim in Tindouf to change his religion on [July 4 2012](#) - though his accuser was not present, sentenced to one year in prison and fined 50,000 dinars; **UPDATE:** notified of his conviction)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/algeria-upholds-conviction-of-christian-convert-from-islam-prison-sentence-rescinded-fine-increased-90068/>

Wednesday December 12, 2012



Pakistan

Birgitta aka Bargeeta Almby (aged 71, Swedish national who had worked for 38 years as a missionary, shot repeatedly in the chest while seated in her car in [Lahore](#); **UPDATE**: **died** in a hospital in [Stockholm, Sweden](#))

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5937:swedish-missionary-died-at-hospital-following-shooting-in-pakistan&catid=81:regions&Itemid=278

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2012/12/71-year-old-swedish-missionary-martyred.html>

Thursday December 13, 2012



China: Pingdingshan, Henan province

Han Hai (detained on [April 14, 2012](#), charged on [October 19, 2012](#) in Ye County, Henan province with engaging in cult activities and membership in the 'Shouters', a charge he denies; **UPDATE**: trial begun)

Hu Linpo (detained on [April 14, 2012](#), charged on [October 19, 2012](#) in Ye County, Henan province with engaging in cult activities and membership in the 'Shouters', a charge he denies; **UPDATE**: trial begun)

Dr Li Baiguang (**UPDATE**: head of the law firm representing Han Hai and Hu Linpo)

China: Wuhan

Fr Joseph Shen Guoan (forced to resign as diocesan administrator by the government after he refused episcopal ordination without Vatican approval)

Fr Francis Wu Zhengfu (locked in a room by authorities to prevent him from meeting his new parishioners)

Fr Joseph Huang Xuefeng (prevented from leaving his old parish by the authorities)

China

Gong Shengliang (serving a sentence of life imprisonment for "assault"; has suffered a stroke in prison on [December 2, 2012](#), **UPDATE**: authorities refuse to release him on medical parole)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Wuhan-Government-gravely-interferes-in-fate-of-priests-and-future-bishop-26688.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/7-christians-go-on-trial-in-henan.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/urgent-imprisoned-south-china-church.html>



Pakistan

Ashiq Masih (husband of Asia Bibi, has requested asylum from the Spanish government due to death threats received by his family which are related to his wife's conviction on blasphemy charges)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/572>



Syria: Howache

Iyad Salloum (aged 30, **killed** in the shelling of a Christian neighborhood)

Fady Haddad (aged 34, **killed** in the shelling of a Christian neighborhood)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32869&lan=eng>

Saturday December 15, 2012



China: Shenzhen, Guangdong province

Cao Nandi (arrested for preaching about the 'real meaning' of Christmas in a public park along with eight other Christians, released; **UPDATE**: arrested for preaching in the park after his release from jail, sentenced to 13 days administrative detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/well-known-preacher-detained-for-second.html>

Sunday December 16, 2012



China: Yibin

Bishop John Chen Shizhong (aged 95, **died of natural causes**, had been sent to a forced labor camp in the 1950's and 1960's)

<http://www.zenit.org/article-36299?l=english>



Iraq: Kirkuk

Clergy concelebrate a Divine Liturgy that was shaken by the terrorist bombing of two nearby mosques

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri

Archbishop Louis Sako (**UPDATE**)

Apostolic Nuncio Giorgio Lingua

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32899&lan=eng>



Egypt

Andrawes Oweida (described Islamist bullying of voters during the constitutional referendum)

Ernia William (submitted a complaint of a polling site judge who refused to seal ballots on the constitutional referendum)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1050-rampant-irregularities-reported-during-the-referendum-process>



Brazil: Novo Hamburgo village, Rio Grande do Sul state

Fr Eduardo Teixeira (aged 35, **shot dead** during a robbery at a traffic light)

Fr Rafael Barbieri (witnessed the shooting of Fr Eduardo Teixeira)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32912&lan=eng>

Monday December 17, 2012



Syria

Youhanna X aka Youhanna Yazigi (aged 57, elected patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church of Antioch at [Balamand Monastery, Tripoli, Lebanon](#))

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Youhanna-X-is-the-new-patriarch-of-the-Greek-Orthodox-Church-of-Antioch-26662.html>

Tuesday December 18, 2012



Kyrgyzstan

Almas ('young girl', after conversion to Christianity was beaten by her parents, placed for days in an unheated room, had her face held against a hot stove, finally was sent to work in a sewing sweatshop)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/25344-kyrgyzstan-girl-burned-for-faith-in-christ>



Egypt

Olivia Ghita (businesswoman, commented after Coptic women were prevented from voting in the constitutional referendum "At one point in our history, Cleopatra, a woman, ruled Egypt. Now you have a constitution that makes women not even second-class but third-class citizens. This constitution is tailored for one specific group [the Muslim Brotherhood]. It's a shame. I am very upset.")

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/18/group-of-christian-women-banned-from-voting-in-egypt-s-refer.html>



Turkey: Istanbul

Sabo Boyaci (complained that the land recently granted by the government for his Syrian Orthodox church is in fact a Latin Catholic cemetery seized in 1951 which should instead be returned to its rightful owner)

http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/turkey/article_1967543.html



Argentina: Barracas neighborhood, Buenos Aires

Fr Jose Maria Di Paola (returning to his work with drug addicts despite death threats)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32909&lan=eng>

Wednesday December 19, 2012



India: Orissa state

Christians falsely accused of the murder of Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati still in prison after four years

Bijay Kr Sunseth (father of six, imprisoned)

Pabitra (wife of Bijay Kr Sunseth)

Gornath Chalanseth (father of four, imprisoned)

Ruta (wife of Gornath Chalanseth)

Budhadeb Nayak (father of five, imprisoned)

Nilandri (wife of Budhadeb Nayak)

Bhaskar Sunamajhi (father of one, imprisoned)

Debaki (wife of Bhaskar Sunamajhi)

Durjo Sunamajhi (father of five, imprisoned)

Gumili (wife of Durjo Sunamajhi)

Munda Badmajhi (father of four, imprisoned)

Bamdiguali (wife of Munda Badmajhi)

Sanatan Badmajhi (father of four, imprisoned)

Badusi (wife of Sanatan Badmajhi)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa:-four-innocent-Christians-still-in-prison-after-four-years-26673.html>



Egypt: Assiut

Shady Magdy Tobia (after the constitutional referendum stated "When all issues become religious and all the talk is about championing Islam and its prophet, then, as a Christian, I am excluded from societal participation. If this does not change, things will only get worse for Christians.")

Emad Awny Ramzy (businessman, after the constitutional referendum stated "In Assiut, we face more danger than in Cairo. Here they can easily identify, monitor and attack us.")

Egypt: el-Aziah

Montaser Malek Yacoub (acting mayor, has approved the construction of two churches without approval from Cairo)

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=wNCZPrVb



United States – Maryland: Baltimore

Sr Constance Carolyn Veit (has said that her religious order will be forced to leave the U.S. if the healthcare reform contraceptive and abortion mandate is upheld)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/obamacare-mandate-may-force-nuns-devoted-to-the-eldery-to-leave-u.s>

Thursday December 20, 2012



Palestine: Bethlehem

Samir Qumsieh (journalist, head of Al-Mahed Nativity TV, described the tensions surrounding the celebration of the Nativity this year)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/As-thousands-of-pilgrims-visit-Bethlehem-for-Christmas,-the-Christian-exodus-continues-26683.html>



Iran: Tehran

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of two, arrested during a family visit, held in Evin Prison and threatened with death)

Naghmeh Abedini (wife of Saeed Abedini)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5972:iranian-american-pastor-arrested-imprisoned-in-evin-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Nigeria: Mainari village, Borno state

Ayuba (aged 29, husband, father of three aged 7, 5, and 1, shot three times after he refused to convert to Islam, left for dead, wife found him and had him brought to Cameroon for hospitalization, said “I have been praying that these Boko Haram gunmen will eventually get to know Jesus, repent of their crimes against the church, and become the followers of Jesus”)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/two-attempted-murders-by-boko-haram-show-islamic-extremist-motives/>

Friday December 21, 2012



Indonesia: Bekasi, West Java

Rev Palti Panjaitan (Batak Christian Protestant Church, **UPDATE:** has been holding services in the street since 2007 due to government refusal to issue a building permit for the sealed church)

Indonesia: Bogor, West Java

Dwiati Novita Rini (GKI Yasmin church, **UPDATE:** has been unable to hold services in its church due to government refusal to issue a building permit)

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/home/beleaguered-indonesian-churches-still-shut-this-christmas/562909>



Kazakhstan: Pavlodar

Nurzhan Aglakov (found guilty of illegal missionary activity after he answered a neighbor's questions about his faith, fined a maximum of 100 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months minimum wage income)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1792



Canada: Quebec

Archbishop Pierre-Andre Fournier (protested a court decision to require a Catholic school to cease teaching its religion courses and to adopt a “secular” and “neutral” Ethics and Religious Culture course provided by the provincial government)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/quebec-bishops-slam-court-decision-forcing-loyola-to-teach-39neutral39-reli>

Saturday December 22, 2012



Pakistan: Peshawar

Bishop Sarfarz Humphrey Peters (**UPDATE:** Asked that all churches turn off outdoor lights and cancel public parties on Christmas Eve following the assassination of Senior Minister Bashir Ahmad Bilour: “[Bilour] was so close to the Church and often asked us to pray for him and the country amid the war on terror. We have lost a broad-minded politician who had good relations with the minority communities in this Taliban-infested region.”)

Pastor Ejaz Gill (said that assassinated Senior Minister Bashir Ahmad Bilour had made key contributions to the education and health sectors of the province)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/state-ministers-killing-dampens-holiday-spirit/66952>



Egypt

Pope Tawadros II (**UPDATE**: accused by the Muslim Brotherhood newspaper of violating Biblical teachings on political involvement, reminded of Anwar Sadat's banishment of his predecessor to a monastery for 4 years)

Youssef Boutros Ghaly (former Finance Minister, accused by the Muslim Brotherhood newspaper of being a U.S. spy)

Naguib Sawiris (**UPDATE**: accused by the Muslim Brotherhood newspaper of tax evasion)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1069-brotherhood-party-newspaper-attacks-the-copts-and-their-church>

Sunday December 23, 2012



Egypt: Nahda village, el-Ameriya

Agape Essam Girgis (aged 13, abducted by two teachers - one a known Salafist - and the school social worker who attempted for nine days to convert her to Islam, beaten when she refused, returned to her family)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/take-action/advocacy-work/1179-the-ordeal-of-a-coptic-girl-13-abducted-by-muslims>

Monday December 24, 2012



Turkmenistan

Dovran Matyakubov (**UPDATE**: resentenced to two years imprisonment for refusing military service)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1802



Nigeria: Peri, Yobe state

Pastor Yohana Sini (aged 50, **killed** with five others in a Boko Haram attack on the Evangelical Church Winning All, which was burnt to the ground along with 20 homes of Christians)

Rev Idi Garba (described the attack that killed Pastor Yohana Sini)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/575>

Tuesday December 25, 2012
Christmas – Western Calendar



Indonesia: Samosir Island, Sumatra

Fr Herman Nainggolan (described the fake nail bomb attack on Salaon Toba Catholic Church)

Indonesia: Bekasi, West Java

Rev Palti Panjaitan (described how his congregation of 200 was pelted with rotten eggs on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the Christmas Eve attack also saw the use of thrown cow urine and dung)

Indonesia: Jakarta

Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo (complained of government intransigence in the issuance of permits for churches)

<http://www2.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/12/30/catholic-church-receives-bomb-threat-post-christmas.html>

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/12/25/jakarta-archbishop-complains-about-church-permits.html-0>

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/25/rotten-egg-attack-mars-indonesia-christmas-celebration.html>



Pakistan: Iqbal Town, Islamabad

Ashraf Masih (shot in the leg while fleeing gunfire from a mob that attacked his church)

Iqbal Masih (shot in the leg and arm with gunfire from a mob that attacked his church)

Shahzad Masih (beaten with sticks by a mob that attacked his church)

Yousaf Masih (seriously injured by a mob that attacked and injured more than a dozen Christians including children)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4028>



Turkmenistan

Yadgarbek Sharipov (convicted and sentenced to one year imprisonment for refusing military service)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1802



Iran: Rasht

Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani (released on [September 8, 2012](#) from prison with time served, no new charges filed; **UPDATE:** re-arrested and returned to prison because the director of Lakan Prison claimed he had been released several days too early and needed to complete his term and finish his paperwork, was unable to celebrate Christmas with his family)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6100:nadarkhani-conditionally-released-for-the-second-time&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/574>



Iraq: Mosul

Fadi Ibrahim (middle school student, forced to take a school exam on Christmas Day and thus miss Mass)

Mina Faris (elementary school student, forced to take a school exam on Christmas Day)

Saad Matti (elementary school student, said that his teachers always schedule exams on Christian holidays)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20121223185649.htm>



Tanzania: Zanzibar City

Fr Ambrose Mkend (shot and seriously wounded in the arm and chest while walking home from church)

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/28/priest-shot-in-suspected-muslim-attack.html>



Sudan: Koda

Ayoub Kodi (evangelist, wounded in his home by bombs from government aircraft)

Basama Kodi (home destroyed by bombs from government aircraft)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue19166.html>



Nigeria: Abuja

Hope Ehiawaguan (aged 16, left flowers at the grave of her brother who was killed in a church attack on [December 25, 2011](#), said "I feel safe. Not because of security here ... because we have a greater security in heaven")

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/25/christmas-brings-fear-of-church-bombs-in-nigeria.html>



United States - New Jersey: Highland Park

Yana Pangemanan (wife of Harry Pangemanan, facing deportation to Indonesia which she had fled due to anti-Christian and anti-Chinese rioting)

Harry Pangemanan (husband of Yana Pangemanan, facing deportation to Indonesia)

<http://mychristianblood.blogspot.com/archive/2012/12/25/christian-indonesians-live-in-nj-church-s-sanctuary-to-avoid.html>

Thursday December 27, 2012



Vietnam: Hanoi

Le Quoc Quan (aged 41, lawyer, blogger, and human rights activist, arrested for tax evasion)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Vietnam,-arrested-Catholic-activist-on-hunger-strike-26783.html>



China: Shanghai

Hu (Korean pastor, seized by authorities while delivering a sermon, held for two hours and told he would be expelled from the country)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/12/urgent-korean-pastor-threatened-with.html>



Iran: Tehran

Mostafa Bordbar (aged 26, convert, arrested while celebrating Christmas)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6181:a-christian-convert-arrested-at-christmas-remains-in-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt

Nadia Henry (resigned from the Shura Council [Senate] citing its domination by the Muslim Brotherhood)

Freddie Bayaady (Evangelical Church representative on the Shura Council [Senate])

Andrea Zaki (deputy leader of the Evangelical Church, announced that a replacement for Nadia Henry would be named)

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/church-representative-resigns-shura-council>



Mexico: Jacona, near Jiquilpan, diocese of Zamora

Fr Santiago Alvarez Figueroa (aged 27, disappeared while travelling to his parents' home after Mass)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=33017&lan=eng>

Friday December 28, 2012



India: Kalmady village, Udupi District, Karnataka state

Fr Alban D'Souza (forced by Hindu nationalists to remove a banner in honor of Our Lady of Velankanni)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka:-anti-Christian-attacks-even-on-Christmas-26727.html>



Kazakhstan

Talgat Bilbayev (detained for talking about the Bible)

Ahmet Alseiyitov (detained for talking about the Bible)

Marat Nurbayev (detained for talking about the Bible)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1792



Iran

Farshid Malayeri Fathi (sentenced to six years imprisonment for "being the chief agent of foreign organizations in Iran and of administrating funds for foreign organizations"; **UPDATE:** is coming up on the second anniversary of his imprisonment)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6026:details-of-pastor-fathis-arrest-on-second-anniversary-of-his-imprisonment&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Sweden: Tensta suburb, Stockholm

Reza Jabbari (convert, Iranian citizen, as of **November 15, 2012** reportedly faces imminent deportation to Iran where he faces likely persecution - the Swedish court expressed doubt as to the sincerity of his conversion and the likelihood of persecution in Iran; **UPDATE:** denied asylum by another immigration official, reportedly police are seeking to take him into custody)

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2012/December/Swedish-Officials-Order-Iranian-Christian-Deported-for-Second-Time/>

Saturday December 29, 2012



Pakistan

Basharat Khokher (police constable, facing death threats for acting as a bodyguard for Rimsha Bibi Masih)

Parvaiz Masih (imprisoned along with his wife on false evidence, **died in prison due to lack of medical care** for his diabetes, wife died under similar circumstances a few months earlier)

Danish (child of Parvaiz Masih, now orphaned)

Aanan (child of Parvaiz Masih, now orphaned)

Hina (child of Parvaiz Masih, now orphaned)

Pakistan: Gilgit

Kamarat (street cleaner, brother of Liaquat, **shot dead**)

Liaquat (street cleaner, brother of Kamarat, **shot dead**)

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2012/12/christian-couple-dies-in-jail-medical.html>
<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2012/12/second-christian-brother-dies-in-gilgit.html>
<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2012/12/rimshas-christian-bodyguard-gets-death.html>



Iran: Tehran

Rev Vruir Avanesian (aged 60, held in Evin prison without charge, taken to a hospital for dialysis, had been in critical condition)

Rima Avanesian (wife of Vruir Avanesian, visited briefly with him in the hospital)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6049:christian-pastor-transferred-to-hospital-for-treatment-in-prison-uniform&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt: Cairo

Jamil Habib (Coptic Catholic member of the Shura [Senate], has announced he will not resign)

Majid Akkad (Melkite Catholic member of the Shura [Senate], has announced that he will not resign)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32949&lan=eng>



Turkey: Istanbul

Marissa Kuchuk (aged 84, **murdered**, crime scene showed signs of anti-Christian motives)

<http://www.armenianweekly.com/2013/01/01/84-year-old-armenian-woman-brutally-murdered-in-istanbul/>



Libya: Misrata

Wagdi Malak Hanna (aged 40, married with 3 young daughters, **killed** in the bombing of a Coptic church)

Ashraf Samy Adly (aged 26, married and wife expecting their first child in 3 months, **killed** in the bombing of a Coptic church)

Fr Timothaus Bishara Adly (condemned the bombing of a church that killed two Egyptian Christians)

Fr Marcus Zaghoul (pastor of the bombed church)

<http://www.coptnet.com/2013/01/01/press-release-regarding-the-attack-on-our-coptic-orthodox-church-in-misrata-lybia/>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1085-libya-s-coptic-church-speaks-out-on-misrata-killing>

Monday December 31, 2012



China: Mengzhou city, Henan province

Zhang Keding (home raided by authorities during a prayer service)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/02/henan-mengzhou-house-church-raided.html>



Iran: Rasht

Mohammad-Reza Yohan Omid (arrested and transferred to an unknown location)

Behzad Ta'ali Pasand (arrested and transferred to an unknown location)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6070:two-members-of-the-non-trinitarian-faith-arrested-in-rasht&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

December 2012, date unknown



China: Shahe city, Hebei province

Qin Zhiyuan (prosecuted for organizing a crowd to assault a government entity after he lead 194 peasants to a court to successfully demand that their case for compensation for government labor be heard)

China: Wuhan

Fr Francis Wu Zhengfu (locked in a room by authorities to prevent him from meeting his new parishioners)

Fr Joseph Huang Xuefeng (prevented from leaving his old parish by the authorities)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/two-priests-dismissed-in-wuhan/66947>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/christian-who-successfully-led-peasant.html>



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Pastor Kamran Gill (aged 39, widowed with a 9 year old daughter, received death threats due to evangelization efforts)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18308.html>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Gennady Chen (fined US\$2000)

Vladimir Zhikhar (fined US\$2000)

Aleksandr Lokshev (fined US\$2000)

Gennady Timoyev (fined US\$2000)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1824



Iran: Evin Prison, Tehran

Pastor Farshid Malayeri Fathi (in jail since December 2010; sentenced to six years imprisonment for "being the chief agent of foreign organizations in Iran and of administrating funds for foreign organizations"; **UPDATE:** has written a letter to the parents of the children in Sandy Hook, Connecticut: "I really don't know what word in the world could comfort you, what relief could be helpful for your broken heart, and which hand could clean the tears which fall from your cheeks. I just want to say: I am so sorry and you are in my prayers....I believe we will have enough time in heaven with our lovely children forever. There is no gun there, there is no prison, and there is no pain. In the hope of that glorious day. Your Brother in Christ from prison in Iran.")

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18367.html>



Iraq: Bagdad

Basima Kamil (aged 42, wife, mother, teacher, fled for Turkey)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20161019160446.htm>