

## Today's Martyrs – March 2013

Friday March 1, 2013



### China: Wudoushan, Mianzhu, Sichuan province

An Baozhu (home raided during a church meeting, Bibles seized, ordered to return to her home province within three days)

### China: Fengtai district, Beijing

Li Yulian (abducted while arriving at a Bible study, is likely being forcibly returned to her home province)

Chen (reported on the kidnapping of Li Yulian)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/sichuan-authorities-raid-house-church.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/update-sister-li-of-lu-village-church.html>



### India: Bhalutangara village, Kankadahada block, Dhenkanal, Orissa state

Rabinarayana Marandi (convert, beaten after refusing demands to financially contribute to a Hindu religious festival, driven from his village)

Rev Christopher Takri (described the attack on Rabinarayana Marandi)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)

Saturday March 2, 2013



### Egypt: Cairo

Bahey el-Din Hassan (director of the Cairo Center for Human Rights Studies, called on the Egyptian government to intervene with the Libyan government to protect over 100 Egyptian Christians who have been arrested in Benghazi for allegedly possessing religious materials in their homes)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1268-president-should-intervene-to-release-arrested-copts-in-libya-says-rights-leader>

**Sunday March 3, 2013**



**Turkmenistan: Galkynysh, Lebap Region**

Narmurad Mominov (fined US\$265 for possession of an illegal Bible and New Testament, unnamed codefendant told by the judge "If you want to know about God, read the Quran")

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1836](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1836)



**Kazakhstan: Kentau, South Kazakhstan region**

Anatoli Lunev (religious service raided, forced to write a statement)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1827](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1827)

**Monday March 4, 2013**



**Kazakhstan: Ayagoz**

Pavel Leonov (fined 100 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months minimum wage income)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)

**Tuesday March 5, 2013**



### **China**

Gao Zhisheng (Christian human rights attorney charged with violating probation at the end of his probation, **UPDATE**: still in prison)

Geng He (wife of imprisoned Christian human rights lawyer Gao Zhisheng, **UPDATE**: has called on the U.S. government to seek his release)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/geng-he-speak-on-hill-for-her-husband.html>



### **Uzbekistan: Samarkand**

Savlat Shakirov (fined US\$1170 for possessing religious literature)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1889](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1889)



### **Eritrea**

Patriarch Abune Antonios (disappeared in 2006, reportedly detained by the government in a darkened room, health declining, diabetic condition requires medical attention;

**UPDATE**: still reportedly under house arrest, 1500-2000 other Christians also being held in various locations)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=12181>

**Wednesday March 6, 2013**



### **China: Shizuishan, Ningxia Hua Autonomous Region**

Chen Weizhen (described her detention by the authorities after she attempted to publish a Christian magazine)

### **China: Yichun, Heilongjiang**

Pastor Zhan Gang (attempted to visit Pastor Sun Wenxian after her beating, hospitalization, and house arrest, but was prevented from leaving his hotel room by police)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/12/chinese-christian-writes-about.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/local-government-confines-visiting.html>



### **Pakistan: Sanghia Hill, Punjab province**

Pastor Karama Patras (accused of blasphemy on [October 13, 2012](#) for praying for the good health of Muslims, beaten by a mob, arrested; **UPDATE**: released on bail after his accuser said that he had "incorrectly" accused him and said he had no objections to his release)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33333->

[ASIA PAKISTAN A Christian Pastor released who was arrested for alleged blasphemy](#)



### **Kazakhstan: Oral**

Viktor Nelepin (found guilty and given an official warning)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)



### **Libya: Benghazi**

Ezzat Hakim Atallah (**died from torture** at the hands of Preventive Security after being arrested without charge when his phone number was found in the cell phone of Sherif Ramses)

Effat Hakim Atallah (brother of Ezzat Hakim Atallah)

Kamal Ramzi (brother-in-law of Ezzat Hakim Atallah)

Sherif Ramses (arrested for possession of Christian books)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1300-coptic-detainee-in-libya-dies-from-torture>



### **Nigeria: Sheka, Sharada Phase 111 in Kumbotso, Kano state**

Bishop Ransom Bello (condemned the murder of 13 Christian factory workers by Boko Haram and the "nonchalant" attitude of the state government)

<http://pmnewsnigeria.com/2013/03/06/nigeria-13-christians-killed-in-kano/>

**Thursday March 7, 2013**



### **Kazakhstan: Oral**

Sergei Krasnov (fined 50 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income)

### **Kazakhstan: Zelenovsky**

Viktor Maksin (fined 50 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)



### **Iran: Robot-Karim**

Ebrahim Firouzi (convert, aged 28, disappeared on the way to work, apparently arrested by plain-clothes police, family eventually found him in the local jail but later transferred to Evin Prison in Tehran)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6519:ebrahim-firouzi-a-christian-convert-arrested-for-second-time&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6519:ebrahim-firouzi-a-christian-convert-arrested-for-second-time&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **Colombia: Valledupar**

Eliud Landero (aged 33, husband of Elizabeth Chaparro, **shot dead** by armed rebels in his home, his two sons were spared)

Elizabeth Chaparro (aged 31, wife of Eliud Landero, **shot dead** by armed rebels in her home, her two sons were spared)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/10/02/armed-rebels-victimize-christians-in-colombia-with-impunity/>

**Friday March 8, 2013**



**Indonesia: Bandung, West Java province**

Theophilus Bela (**UPDATE**: described how the Banua Niha Keriso Protestant church has been ordered by a local Muslim leader to remove all Christian items from their church and abandon it or else face a crowd of militants)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33348-ASIA\\_INDONESIA\\_Radical\\_Islamic\\_groups\\_stop\\_to\\_the\\_churches\\_in\\_West\\_Java](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33348-ASIA_INDONESIA_Radical_Islamic_groups_stop_to_the_churches_in_West_Java)



**India: Moodubelle village, Udupi, Karnataka**

Rev Robert Lobo (home attacked by 30 Hindu fundamentalists during a night prayer vigil, beaten and hospitalized)

Fr Ramesh Poojari (beaten, hospitalized with a serious head injury)

Ramesh (beaten, hospitalized)

Prem (beaten, hospitalized)

Suraj (beaten, hospitalized)

Shantharam (beaten, hospitalized)

Janardhan (beaten, hospitalized)

Sujatha (beaten, hospitalized)

Shakisala (beaten, hospitalized)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka,-dozens-of-Hindu-fundamentalists-attack-a-Christian-community-27346.html>

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



**Pakistan: Joseph Colony [Ghetto], Badami Bah, Lahore, Punjab province**

Sawan Masih (reported by a barber to have committed blasphemy, arrested)

Ison (wife of Sawan Masih)

Chaman Masih (father of Sawan Masih, also accused of blasphemy)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Lahore,-more-than-100-Christian-homes-burned-over-blasphemy-charge-27347.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4176>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4174>

**Saturday March 9, 2013**



**Pakistan: Joseph Colony [Ghetto], Badami Bah, Lahore, Punjab province**

Salamat Masih (described the mob attack that followed the arrest of Sawan Masih for blasphemy and which burned down over 200 Christian homes 1 Church and 19 shops injuring 35 and causing hundreds to flee: "We were working like every day when we started to hear a noise, and suddenly a wall of people fell upon the colony. They threw acid and stoned our houses, then set them on fire. The authorities intervened only when everything was destroyed")

Fr Inayat Bernard (**UPDATE:** called in a Christian team of lawyers and activists due to the tensions surrounding the charges against Sawan Masih)

Bishop Akram Gill (aged 53, wounded in an attack on Christian homes following the accusations of blasphemy against Savan Masih)

Charles Rickey Gill (son of Bishop Akram Gill, wounded in an attack on Christian homes following the accusations of blasphemy against Savan Masih)

Alfred Vicky Gill (son of Bishop Akram Gill, wounded in an attack on Christian homes following the accusations of blasphemy against Savan Masih)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/i-am-thankful-to-god-for-persecution-says-bishop-akram-gill/>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Lahore,-more-than-100-Christian-homes-burned-over-blasphemy-charge-27347.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4176>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4174>



### **Libya: el-Hamam, Beida**

Milad Mina (described his detention at a camp with 400 other Coptic Christians who were being tortured or forced to engage in heavy work with little food, released and deported)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1294-returnee-tells-of-copts-tragedy-in-libya>

**Sunday March 10, 2013**



### **India: Dengabahalli, Dhenkanal, Orissa state**

Mohan Soren (convert, fled with his family after receiving threats that they would be killed)

Rev Christopher Takri (**UPDATE:** described the threats against Mohan Soren)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



### **Iran: Shiraz**

Eskandar Rezaie (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE:** trial begun but postponed with no date set, bail set at US\$ 80,000)

Massoud Rezaie (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE:** trial begun but postponed with no date set, bail set at US\$ 80,000)

Mohammad Vahid Roghangir (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE:** trial begun but postponed with no date set, bail set at US\$ 200,000)

Shahin Lahooti (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE:** trial begun but postponed with no date set, bail set at US\$ 80,000)



Suroush Saraie (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE**: trial begun but postponed with no date set, bail set at US\$ 80,000)

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/iran.detained.christians.face.exorbitant.bail.demands/31826.htm>



### **United Kingdom: Aberdeen, Scotland**

Rev Dominic Smart (church denied rental of a hotel meeting room due to its traditional views on marriage)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/church-banned-from-using-hotel-following-dispute-over-practising-homo>

**Monday March 11, 2013**



### **Pakistan**

Fr Emmanuel Yousuf Mani (director of the National Commission of Justice and Peace, **UPDATE**: issued a report stating "Government and police are the perpetrators of violence against Christians" after the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground while police stood aside)

Peter Jacob (director of the National Commission for Justice and Peace, **UPDATE**: issued a report stating "Government and police are the perpetrators of violence against Christians" after the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground while police stood aside)

### **Pakistan: Islamabad**

Fr Bonnie Mendes (**UPDATE**: said during a joint Christian-Muslim human rights demonstration that the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground "unequivocally shows the evil intentions that lie behind accusations of blasphemy. This was a premeditated way to threaten, destroy and loot the property of Christians, and possibly even kill them.")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-Christians-and-Muslims-protest-against-Lahore-arson-attack-27349.html>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33365->

[ASIA PAKISTAN Commission Justice and Peace Government and police are the perpetrators of violence against Christians](#)



### **Central African Republic: Bangassou, Rafa, and Zemio**

Bishop Juan Jose Aguirre Munos (**UPDATE:** reported on the advance of the jihadist group Seleka, which now has control of at least 80% of the country and has attacked two Catholic missions and is advancing on a third, also described how Seleka forces robbed and destroyed the rector's house of the diocesan minor seminary, the carpenter's shop, the internet center, the Catholic college, the pharmacy, and a new surgery block where patients were thrown on the floor to steal the mattresses)

Jean Marie (Catholic mission mechanic, severely beaten in an attempt to find the location of mission automobiles)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/otherafrica/article\\_2374568.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/otherafrica/article_2374568.html/)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33369->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Seleka consists largely of jihadists our situation is similar to that of Mali says the Bishop of Bangassou](#)



### **Sweden: Stockholm**

Majid Khosravi (convert, Iranian citizen, brother of Hamid Khosravi, is facing deportation to Iran where he could face arrest and the death penalty for apostasy, application for asylum has been denied)

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[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6461:iranian-christians-on-the-verge-of-deportation-to-the-islamic-republic-of-iran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6461:iranian-christians-on-the-verge-of-deportation-to-the-islamic-republic-of-iran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **Nigeria: Abuja**

Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama (**UPDATE**: commented on the growth and splintering of the Boko Haram terrorist group and their recent murder of seven European and Lebanese workers)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33366->

[AFRICA NIGERIA Boko Haram is now divided into several groups among which there is Ansaru said Mgr Kaigama#.UUANB8X76So](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33366-)

**Tuesday March 12, 2013**



**Pakistan: Ahata Machine No. 2, Jehlem City, Punjab province**

George Masih (led a demonstration of 250 Christians in support of the Christians who lost homes in the [March 9, 2013](#) riot and called for repeal of the blasphemy law, has been accused by local Muslims of committing blasphemy by calling for its repeal, arrest is threatened, 26 local Christian families have been threatened with arson as a result)

**Pakistan: Sialkot**

Dr Emanuel Adil Ghouri (**UPDATE**: condemned the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground)

Professor Yousf Nyear (condemned the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground)

Pastor Javid Gull (condemned the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground)

Pastor Jhon Sana Uhlal (condemned the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground)

Pastor Daneal Zikrea (condemned the [March 9, 2013 Lahore](#) attack in which 178 Christian homes were burned to the ground)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4196>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4193>



**Kazakhstan: Mamlyut**

Valeri Alekseev (fined 100 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income)

Nikolai Kokotov (fined 100 MFIs - 1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)

**Thursday March 13, 2013**



**India: Guriya village, Chhattisgarh state**

Pastor Budhram Baghel (church on his property demolished by a mob led by members of the Hindu nationalist organization Vishwa Hindu Parishad after allegations were published that the church was on government land)

Rev Rakesh Dass (described how local officials stood by while a mob demolished a church on land owned by Pastor Budhram Baghel)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



**Turkmenistan: Dashoguz**

Atamurat Suvkhanov (aged 27, sentenced to one year imprisonment for refusing military service, in poor health)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1817](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1817)



**Egypt: Dishna, Qena province, Upper Egypt**

Ishak Hafez Daoud (reported that his damaged and outdated church will not be able to be replaced despite the issuance of all permits unless all local Muslims agree to the construction)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/take-action/advocacy-work/1309-permit-on-hand-but-copts-cant-rebuild-church-without-muslims-permission>



**Libya: Benghazi**

Guirguis Isaac Khalil (beaten and tortured - including listening to the screams of a man apparently being beheaded - by the group Sharia Supporters, escaped to Egypt)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1308-imprisoned-christian-returned-from-libya-we-were-tortured>

**Friday March 14, 2013**



**China: Shizuishan, Ningxia Hua Autonomous Region**

Chen Weizhen (described her detention by the authorities after she attempted to publish a Christian magazine; **UPDATE**: escaped from the province)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/12/chinese-christian-writes-about.html>



**Pakistan**

Ryan Stanten (aged 16, accused on [October 11, 2012](#) of blasphemy for forwarding text messages which he had not read, home in Sui Gas Colony, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi attacked by mob, furniture set afire, whereabouts unknown; **UPDATE**: has escaped Pakistan with his family)

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/03/ryan-stanton-and-family-escape-pakistan.html>



**Uzbekistan: Guliston, Syrdarya region**

Naziya Ziyatdinova (aged 76, suffers from Parkinson disease, apartment subjected to an "anti-terror" raid in which she was removed from her bed and religious books, Bible, and DVDs were taken and ordered destroyed)

Zulfiyya Teplonogaya (daughter of Naziya Ziyatdinova)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1843](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1843)



**Kazakhstan: Astrakhan district, Akmola region**

David Degterenko (aged 9, son of Tatyana Degterenko, questioned by police after he brought two religious audio CDs to school as gifts for his teachers)

**Kazakhstan: Esil**

Sergei Chuvashkin (administrative case against him filed in court)

**Kazakhstan: Akmola Region**

Vyacheslav Cherkasov (Christian literature seized March 3, 2012 and March 10, 2012 in Shchuchinsk; **UPDATE**: a court verdict fines him one month's wages and orders the destruction of the Christian literature)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1813](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1813)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1868](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1868)

**Saturday March 15, 2013**



**Iran**

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit, held in Evin Prison in Tehran and threatened with death; **UPDATE**: object of a congressional hearing in Washington to which no State Department representative appeared to testify, all were “too busy”)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6500:obama-administration-abandons-pastor-saeed-abedini-at-congressional-hearing&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6500:obama-administration-abandons-pastor-saeed-abedini-at-congressional-hearing&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



**Egypt: Abaza village, Deir Mawas, Minya province**

Nadi Fahim Samaan (aged 40, **stabbed to death** after refusing to pay a ransom)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1324-refusing-extortion-a-copt-is-killed-by-thugs-mourners-condemn-targeting-of-copts>



## **Turkey**

Helen Machankova (aged 35, Russian national, converted to Christianity after her Muslim husband said he was glad to hear that Christians were being killed in Syria, **stabbed to death** by her husband after her conversion)

<http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2015/03/helen-machankova-neomartyr-march-15-2013.html#more>



## **Libya: Benghazi**

Amgad Makar Zaki (aged 26, described being humiliated and insulted during his detention by Supporters of Sharia)

Matta Younan (beaten and threatened with death in detention when he refused to say "Pope Shenouda was despicable")

Fr Paula (held in detention and tortured)

Sherif Tawwab Nabil (aged 15, detained by Supporters of Sharia for four days after found to have a cross tattoo on his wrist, beaten, tortured, and forced to insult Pope Shenouda for food)

Atef Nadi Habib (aged 33, detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured)

Subhi Andrawis (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured)

Nashaat Mina (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured)

Medhat Khamis (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured)

Bushra (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten severely despite old age)

Mina Salah (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured)

Hani Gaber (detained by Supporters of Sharia, beaten and tortured, threatened with death)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1315-we-were-tortured-till-we-wished-for-death-say-copts-detained-in-libya>

**Sunday March 16, 2013**



**Pakistan: Kalaswala village, Sialkot district, Punjab province**

Pastor Naeem Bhadhar (severely beaten, motorcycle destroyed, hospitalized, threatened with blasphemy charges)

**Pakistan: Green Town, Lahore**

Rafia Bibi Mansha (aged 14, abducted on [December 5 2012](#), forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married on [December 8 2012](#), appeared in court on February 4 2013 to accuse her 'husband' of abduction and rape, is now the subject of threats for abduction again to return her to her 'husband'; **UPDATE**: court ruled that the 'marriage contract' was invalid, abductors have been arrested)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4224>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4204>



**Kazakhstan: Balpyk-bi, Almaty region**

Zhayna Zhumabayeva (detained for five hours, Bible seized, facing charges)

Olga Karpova (detained for five hours, Bible seized, facing charges)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1828](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1828)



**Sweden: Stockholm**

Parvaneh Sarabadi (convert, Iranian citizen, widow, husband killed by relatives after his conversion, illegally fled Iran and entered Sweden, denied asylum, attempt on [February 15, 2013](#) to deport her back to Iran failed when the pilot refused to fly the aircraft with her aboard, **UPDATE**: in police detention and about to be deported)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6503:another-christian-convert-parvaneh-sarabadi-at-risk-of-deportation-to-iran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6503:another-christian-convert-parvaneh-sarabadi-at-risk-of-deportation-to-iran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



**Nigeria: Kurudu, Abuja Capital Territory**



Fr Jerome Ituah (said "Out of the 52 Catholic churches in Maiduguri diocese, 50 of them have been destroyed by Boko Haram. Yet the faithful are not discouraged of their faith. You would always see them worshipping under rain and sun in open places at the site of their destroyed places of worship")

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2013/03/18/Priest-Boko-Haram-destroyed-50-churches/UPI-46881363613632/#ixzz2WFjjcFZW](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2013/03/18/Priest-Boko-Haram-destroyed-50-churches/UPI-46881363613632/#ixzz2WFjjcFZW)

**Monday March 17, 2013**



**Vietnam: Dak Ha commune, Dak Glong district, Dak Nong province**

Hoang Van Ngai (aged 38, **died while in police custody**, body severely bruised, official cause of suicide by electric shock is disputed by his family)

Hoang Van Pa (brother of Hoang Van Ngai, reported screams from his brother's cell prior to the removal of his brother's severely bruised body by police)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33811-ASIA\\_VIETNAM\\_Authorities\\_confirm\\_the\\_thesis\\_of\\_suicide\\_for\\_the\\_Christian\\_leader\\_who\\_died\\_in\\_prison#.Ubk3Q4zD8fQ](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33811-ASIA_VIETNAM_Authorities_confirm_the_thesis_of_suicide_for_the_Christian_leader_who_died_in_prison#.Ubk3Q4zD8fQ)  
<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue19189.html>



**Nigeria: Heipang, Plateau state**

Dung Bot (aged 80, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Rwang Davou (aged 71, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Pam Rwang Davou (aged 47, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Martins Pam Rwang Davou (aged 6, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Rev Barnabas Kebang (described the attack that killed the Davou family)

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ec6d7eb2533a90581f839110&id=cf409252d2&e=4dd4dd3cf1>

**Tuesday March 18, 2013**



**China: Kurla City, Qimo County, Xinjiang**

Sister Xu (detained after police discovered a prayer meeting in her home, will be released after 15 days detention, husband and son detained and released)

Brother Chen (detained after leading a prayer meeting at the home of Sister Xu, released after suffering a heart condition relapse)

Sister Cao (avoided detention by police by deactivating her cell phone and leaving her home)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/a-house-church-in-xinjiang-was-raided.html>



**India: Orissa state**

**Christian leaders met with and prayed with the families of the seven Christians who were falsely accused of the murder of Hindu leader Laxamananda Saraswati**

Pastor Prasan Pradhan

Pastor Sushant Pradhan

Pastor Sunil Parichha

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**)

Br K.J. Markose (**UPDATE**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa:-7-innocent-Christians-still-in-prison,-victims-of-sham-trials-27832.html>



**Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province**

Arshad Bibi (aged 35, arrested after being falsely accused of theft of her employer's jewelry, tortured by police to confess, later released)

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/03/fake-blasphemy-fake-affair-fake-theft.html>



**Kazakhstan: Saran, Karaganda region**

V. Podborodova (detained)

P. Starodubtseva (detained)

**Kazakhstan: Esil, Akmola region**

Sergei Chuvashkin (**UPDATE**: trial for unregistered missionary activity delayed due to incorrect records)

**Kazakhstan: Kokshetau**

Andrei Rakin (administrative case against him filed in court)

Andrei Korolev (administrative case against him filed in court)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1814](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1814)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1828](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1828)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1822](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1822)



**Nigeria: Sabon Gari**

Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor (**UPDATE**: condemned the suicide car bomb attack on a bus terminal in a Christian district that killed at least 25 and injured 60)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/nigeria/2346192/>

**Wednesday March 19, 2013**



**Iran: Shiraz**

Massoud Rezaie (**UPDATE**: released on bail)

Mohammad Vahid Roghangir (**UPDATE**: released on bail)

Suroush Saraie (**UPDATE**: released on bail)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6571:three-non-trinitarian-christians-temporarily-released-from-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6571:three-non-trinitarian-christians-temporarily-released-from-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)

Wednesday March 20, 2013



**China: Guilin city, Yangshuo County, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region**

Michale Considine (former fiance of Chen Weizhen, aided her escape from the [Shizuishan, Ningxia Hua Autonomous Region](#) provincial authorities)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/12/chinese-christian-writes-about.html>



**Kyrgyzstan: Osh**

Oksana Koryakina (aged 33, daughter of Nadezhda Sergienko, under house arrest on fraud charges after her church filed registration applications)

Nadezhda Sergienko (aged 54, mother of Oksana Koryakina, under house arrest on fraud charges after her church filed registration applications)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1819](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1819)



**Kazakhstan: Oskemen, East Kazakhstan region**

Zhangazy Biimbetov (detained, charged with discussing or sharing faith with others)

Pastor Vitaly Krasilnikov (church service raided)

**Kazakhstan: Kokshetau, Akmola region**

Zhanat Abilova (detained)

Pakizat Ismagulova (detained)

**Kazakhstan: Zhezkazgan, Karaganda region**

Maya Pustovit (detained)

Svetlana Pavlushenko (detained)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1828](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1828)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1827](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1827)



**Egypt: El-Wasta, Beni Suef province**

Fr Makkar (accused by a Muslim family of using 'black magic' to convert their 19 year old daughter to Christianity, church and Christian businesses and homes stoned, Christian businesses forced to close, abduction of a Christian girl threatened in retaliation, police state that the daughter fled an arranged marriage and married another Muslim and left the country)

**Egypt: Abu El-Abbas village, Beni Mazar district, Minya province**

Fr Mikhail Ibrahim (described the attempts of local Muslims to halt construction of a new service building for the parish)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1339-thousands-of-muslims-besiege-minya-church-site-hurl-stones>

**Thursday March 21, 2013**



**Indonesia: Bekasi, West Java**

Pastor Leonard Nababan (called for calm after the local government demolished the Huria Kristen Batak Protestant Setu Church)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/West-Java,-Bekasi-church-demolished-to-gain-Islamist-consent-ahead-of-elections-27462.html>



**Egypt: Cairo**

Amir Ayad (abducted, beaten in a mosque that had been taken over by the Muslim Brotherhood and left for dead on a roadside, hospitalized with skull and arm fractures and bleeding in his right eye)

Ezzat Ayad (brother of Amir Ayad)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/03/26/egyptian-mosque-turned-into-house-torture-for-christians-after-muslim/#ixzz2OhWKnMZD>

Friday March 22, 2013



**Indonesia: Kepa Duri**

Fr Matthew Widyolestari (warned by Islamic extremists to cancel Holy Week services)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/West-Jakarta:-Islamist-threats-against-Holy-Week-celebrations-27488.html>



**China: Xuzhou, Jiangsu province**

Bishop Emeritus Thomas Qian Yurong (aged 99, **died of natural causes**)

Bishop John Wang Renlui (succeeded Bishop Thomas Qian Yurong)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/bishop-emeritus-of-xuzhou-dies/67840>



**Pakistan: Islamabad**

Rimsha Bibi Masih (aged 11 or 14, has Down's Syndrome, arrested on a charge of blasphemy on **August 18, 2012** for burning pages of the Quran; charges dismissed by the Islamabad High Court on **November 19, 2012**; **UPDATE**: case reopened by the High Court at the request of prosecutors)

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/03/rimsha-masih-trial-reopens.html>



**Iran: Tehran**

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit, held in Evin Prison and threatened with death; **UPDATE**: reported that he had signs of being beaten but the prison nurse refused to treat him 'in our religion we are not suppose to touch you, you are unclean. Baha'i and Christians are unclean!')

<http://global.christianpost.com/news/pastor-saeed-abedini-sends-troubling-letter-detailing-mistreatment-in-prison-92442/#sctwqhwt85m8Tfm2.99>



## **Iraq**

Patriarch Louis Sako (**UPDATE**: reported that only 57 Christian churches remain in the country, down from more than 300 ten years ago)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130322025710.htm>

**Saturday March 23, 2013**



## **Peru: Lima**

Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani Thorne (called on Peruvians to stand against the international aid organizations that are pressuring Peru to liberalize its abortion law)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/tens-of-thousands-of-peruvians-march-in-opposition-to-the-legalization-of-a>

**Sunday March 24, 2013**

**Palm Sunday – Western Calendar**



## **Indonesia: Kepa Duri**

Fr Matthew Widyolestari (warned by Islamic extremists on [March 22, 2013](#) to cancel Holy Week services, **UPDATE**: went ahead with Palm Sunday Mass despite the threats)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/West-Jakarta:-Islamist-threats-against-Holy-Week-celebrations-27488.html>



**India: Gunia village, Lohandiguda, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh state**

Kayaram Kashyat (brother of Musuram Kashyat, threatened by a mob with expulsion from his village)

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**India: Charlapalli, Ghatkesar Mandal, Andhra Pradesh state**

Pastor Bhaskar (forced by Hindus to halt construction of a church)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



**Uzbekistan: Mubarek, Kashkadarya region**

Vladimir Khanyukov (**UPDATE:** worship service in his home raided by police without warrant, church materials confiscated, is expecting administrative charges to be brought against him)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1824](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1824)



**Central African Republic: Bangui**

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (denounced the robbery of worshippers in front of the cathedral and suggested it was done as an act of intimidation against Christians)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33439-AFRICA\\_CENTRAL\\_AFRICAN\\_REPUBLIC\\_Let\\_us\\_avoid\\_the\\_political\\_crisis\\_to\\_become\\_religious\\_said\\_the\\_Archbishop\\_of\\_Bangui](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33439-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICAN_REPUBLIC_Let_us_avoid_the_political_crisis_to_become_religious_said_the_Archbishop_of_Bangui)

**Monday March 25, 2013**



**India: Gunia village, Lohandiguda, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh state**



Kayaram Kashyat (brother of Musuram Kashyat, threatened by a mob with expulsion from his village, **UPDATE**: beaten at the home of the village chief, hospitalized)

Musuram Kashyat (brother of Kayaram Kashyat, threatened by a mob with expulsion from his village, **UPDATE**: beaten at the home of the village chief, hospitalized)

**India: Nagra, Balrampur Ramanujganj, Chhattisgarh state**

Pastor Mukti Prakash Lakra (organized an “Open Special Gospel Meeting” that was shut down by police after forced conversion allegations were lodged)

**India: Vasnathvihar, Moulali, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh state**

Pastor Timothy (detained by police due to a complaint alleging forced conversions)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)

**Tuesday March 26, 2013**



**India: Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh state**

K. Kamamma (home invaded during a prayer meeting, verbally abused, Bibles torn)

Ravi Babu (beaten during the invasion of the home of K. Kamamma)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



**Kazakhstan: Akmola region**

Vyacheslav Cherkasov (**UPDATE**: court order to destroy his Bibles and other literature rescinded)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1822](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1822)

**Wednesday March 27, 2013**



## **India: Uttar Pradesh**

Survati (wife of Ramnath, maimed during an attack on her home, hand severed)

Archana (aged 22, daughter of Ramnath and Survati, badly beaten, hand fractured)

Ramnath (husband of Survati, beaten)

Antika (daughter of Ramnath and Survati, beaten)

Arvind (aged 20, son of Ramnath and Survati, beaten unconscious)

Pastor Bablu (reported on the attack on the Survati family)

K. P. Yohannan (reported on the attack on the Survati family)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue19195.html>



## **Nigeria: Mile Bakwai**

Hosea Mashaf (farmer, attempted to aid residents of a nearby village but arrived after 18 people had been killed by Muslim attackers)

Geofrey Mafuyai (aged 35, **shot dead** in a minivan)

Mahana Jamok (aged 50, **shot dead** in a minivan)

Arandon Yusuf (aged 18, **shot dead** in a minivan)

Dung Dalyop (aged 38, **shot dead** in a minivan)

Mbata Machif (aged 36, **shot dead** in a minivan)

Maju Mahana (aged 25, wounded in the shooting of a minivan, hospitalized)

Nanle Enoch (aged 18, wounded in the shooting of a minivan, hospitalized)

Jamle Benjamin Sunday (aged 25, **shot dead**)

Kokiwo Malo (aged 65, **shot dead**)

Maren Galadima (aged 18, **shot dead**)

Gambo Geofrey Mafuyai (aged 45, **shot dead**)

Adamu Maren (aged 55, **shot dead**)

Zoron Adamu (aged 10, **shot dead**)

Maren Garba (aged 20, **shot dead**)

Danladi Mangar (aged 20, **shot dead**)

Joel Peter (aged 20, **shot dead**)

Boaz Masara (aged 20, **shot dead**)

Oge Emeka (aged 5, **shot dead**)

Jang (**shot dead**)

Malo Kabu (house burned)

Marion Bitrus (house burned)

Mapu Daniel (house burned)

Rev Barnabas Kebang (said “Since the year 2011, over 100 Christians have been killed here...We have about 140 of our church members displaced in this particular attack, and you can see them right here in the church premises. About 300 other Christians displaced in the attack are right now at the St. Thomas Catholic Church here in Bokkos, and another group of about 13 are camped at the Christ Apostolic Church also here in Bokkos town”)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue19494.html>

**Thursday March 28, 2013**



**China: Zhengding, Hebei province**

Fr Joseph Cheng (described the likely reaction to the beautification of Bishop Frans Schraven and eight European companions, who died protecting Chinese women from sexual slavery by the Japanese army)

Bishop Julius Jia Zhiguio (aged 78, has lived under constant government surveillance for several years)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/moves-start-in-the-netherlands-to-beatify-bishop-frans-schraven/67891>



**India: Mokhagoan, Chhattisgarh state**

Rev Raja Singh (described a failed attempt by Hindus to shut a day care center opened by the Indian Evangelical Mission)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article\\_2481359.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/article_2481359.html/)



**Iraq: Bartella, Mosul**

Shaker Saied Curcas Binoka (**killed**)

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



**Nigeria: Kirim village, Plateau state**

Rev John Dakwat (aged 34, along with his wife escaped an attack on his village by Muslim herders)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/605>

**Friday March 29, 2013**

**Good Friday – Western Calendar**



**Syria**

Bishop Luke (stated "our churches have been attacked in all provinces...everywhere--in Harasta, Arbin, Zabadani, Deraa, Aleppo, and around Damascus--our churches and our people have been attacked...our cathedral in Raqqa has been severely damaged. The outlaws assault parishioners and kidnap and kill priests...These people say they act with the Syrian people's best interests at heart, but it is not true.")

Fr Andrzej Halemba (stated that the civil war is an "incredible tragedy" for Syria and particularly for the country's Christian minority)

**Syria: Tabga, Raqqa province**

Zohair David (aged 44, father of four, abducted and **killed** after driving a doctor to work with the Free Syrian Army)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130403175229.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130329124316.htm>

**Saturday March 30, 2013**



## **China**

Pastor Zhan Gang (**UPDATE**: reported on his radio station of rising tensions between house churches and the authorities)

### **China: Shanghai**

Senior Pastor Gao Baoluo (under surveillance, landlord threatened, parishioners told their employment will be at risk if they continue to attend church, 70 year old mother summoned for questioning)

### **China: Yili, Xinjiang**

Yang Aixia (told by authorities that her house church would be demolished)

Li Ruimin (told by authorities that her house church would be demolished)

Dai Shujun (told by authorities that her house church would be demolished)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/reformed-church-in-shanghai-forced-by.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/news-flash-house-church-in-yili.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/03/exclusive-report-radio-free-asia-house.html>



## **Bangladesh**

Angelo Gomes (alias, aged 31, convert from Islam at the Easter Vigil)

Martha (alias, engaged to marry "Angelo Gomes", encouraged his conversion)

Fr Francis (alias, baptized "Angelo Gomes")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Easter-in-Bangladesh,-the-conversion-of-a-Muslim-to-bear-witness-to-Christ-to-others-27530.html>



## **Egypt: Mellawi**

Nadi Atef (writer applying for asylum in the United States, had been jailed for investigating the murder of Ayman Labib, said "It's hell here...religion's the elephant in the room no one talks about. I know Egypt's mostly hell for a Muslim too, but it's at least a Muslim hell.")

Ayman Labib (murdered at the hands of his Muslim fellow high school students in 2011)

Evon Loga Gabriuel (mother of Ayman Labib)

Nabeel (aged 51, father of Ayman Labib, said "You lose your country, you lose your son. But sometimes I feel joy knowing he's with God. He's better now, than he's ever had it...than any of us down here will ever have it.")

Evon Mossad (**UPDATE**: described how it is becoming more difficult to rally Christians in their own self-defense because they want to flee the country)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130330141125.htm>



**Nigeria: Mafang village, Kaura Local Government Area, southern Kaduna state**

Aboi Stephen (aged 21, abducted and **murdered** after complaining of Fulani [Muslim] herders being on his farm)

Iso Matthew Bulus (refugee, described an attack on the village by gunmen in black with sophisticated guns who killed 19 including women and children and burned the homes of 80 families)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/news/women-kids-among-19-killed-in-kaduna-attack/>

**Sunday March 31, 2013**

**Easter (Pascha) – Western Calendar**



**Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province**

Siddique Masih (aged 38, abducted by his former employer, beaten and tortured)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Lahore:-kidnapped-and-tortured-by-Muslims,-the-Easter-passion-of-a-38-year-old-Christian-27560.html>



**Kazakhstan: Zhaskent, East Kazakhstan region**

Aleksandr Balaev (aged 66, husband of Yekaterina Balaeva, caught in a police raid on a service in a private home)

Aleksei Murai (caught in a police raid on a service in a private home)

Galina Gileva (aged 73, caught in a police raid on service in a private home)

Natalya Mananskaya (caught in a police raid on a service in a private home)

Nina Afanasyeva (caught in a police raid on a service in a private home)

Oleg Savitsky (brother of Vitaly Savitsky, caught in a police raid on a service in a private home)

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Yekaterina Balaeva (wife of Aleksandr Balaev, caught in a police raid on service)

### **Kazakhstan: Stepnogorsk**

Pastor Igor Andreikin (invited to preach on Easter Sunday, church raided by police who accused him of illegal missionary activity, taken to the police station where he made a written statement that as a visiting minister of the same denomination he could not be engaged in missionary activity, released without charge, stated that police attempted to send two women into a sauna he was using and is concerned that they have crossed a line that may lead to planting drugs or other false evidence on church leaders)

Pastor Yevgeni Medvedev (church raided by police on Easter Sunday, taken to the police station where he made a written statement that he had invited Pastor Igor Andreikin to preach, released without charge)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1827](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1827)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1825](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1825)



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Fatin Yousef (aged 49, has sent one son to the United States and is arranging for her other children to emigrate due to the rising Islamists movements)

Fr Saad Sirop Hanna (abducted after saying the Divine Liturgy on [August 15, 2006](#); released on [September 11, 2006](#); **UPDATE**: led Easter Holy Qurbana at St Joseph Chaldean Church)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130331122800.htm>



### **Egypt: Shubra al-Kheima, Qalyubiya**

Abanoub Ashraf (aged 12, abducted at gunpoint in front of his church, shots fired at the church, ransom demanded)

Fr Paula (described the abduction of Abanoub Ashraf)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1364-coptic-child-kidnapped-in-front-of-shubra-church>



### **Central African Republic**

Fr Leo Tibenda (described how the rebels are targeting Christian homes while leaving Muslim homes alone)

### **Central African Republic: Ndele**

Pastor Jean Bosco Ndakouzou (home looted)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/otherafrica/article\\_2374568.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/otherafrica/article_2374568.html/)

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### **Nigeria: Gavva West village**

Haruna Zanga (aged 63, farmer, grandfather of Peter Biye, shot four times, hospitalized, warned by a Muslim acquaintance that the village would be attacked again)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/women-kids-in-boko-haram-caves/>