

## Today's Martyrs – April 2013

Monday April 1, 2013



### South Korea: Seoul

Archbishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung (in his Easter message asked for prayers for "those suffering from physical and spiritual pain" and especially "for the brothers and sisters of North Korea" during the current threats of war)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33447-ASIA SOUTH KOREA The Archbishop of Seoul Graces and blessings on our brothers and sisters in North Korea](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33447-ASIA_SOUTH_KOREA_The_Archbishop_of_Seoul_Graces_and_blessings_on_our_brothers_and_sisters_in_North_Korea)



### India: Bangalore, Karnataka state

Fr K J Thomas (aged 62, seminary rector, **beaten to death** with a brick in the seminary, seminary documents stolen but personal electronic items not stolen)

Fr Patrick Xavier (found the body of Fr K.J. Thomas)

Archbishop Bernard Moras (**UPDATE**: described Fr K J Thomas as "a devout and calm priest, whose death is a great loss for all of us and especially for the seminary: and his murder as "brutal, terrible and senseless")

Cardinal Oswald Gracias (**UPDATE**: described Fr K J Thomas as "a dear friend and a humble priest, compassionate, respectable and good-hearted, loved by everyone")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bangalore,-seminary-rector-murdered-on-Easter-27537.html>  
<http://www.ucanews.com/news/police-hunt-seminary-rectors-killer/67911>



### Nigeria: Abuja

Cardinal John Olorunfemi Onaiyekan (**UPDATE**: called on the government to consider amnesty for Boko Haram in exchange for Boko Haram's admission of wrongdoing in its killing of innocents)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/news/onaiyekan-consider-amnesty-for-boko-haram/>

**Tuesday April 2, 2013**



**India: Chhotesalna, Raipur, Chhattisgarh state**

Pastor Padam Pande (described the burning of a church that followed accusations of forced conversions)

**India: Jharkhand**

Pastor Samuel (released from prison after serving 8 years for false insurgency charges, converted 20 fellow inmates to Christianity)

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

<http://in.christiantoday.com/articles/missionary-released-after-eight-years-in-prison/7851.htm>



**Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province**

Siddique Masih (aged 38, abducted by his former employer, beaten and tortured, **UPDATE:** escaped out a third floor window, hospitalized with severe fractures and major kidney damage)

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



**Kazakhstan: Atyrau**

Zarina Burova (spouse of Aydos Sydykbayev, detained, not allowed to call an attorney)

Aydos Sydykbayev (disabled, spouse of Aydos Sydykbayev, detained, not allowed to call an attorney)

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



## **Sudan: Khartoum**

Salwa Fahmi Suleiman Gireis (aged 64, released from prison after seven weeks)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/sudan/article\\_2409181.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/english/country/sudan/article_2409181.html/)

**Wednesday April 3, 2013**



## **Pakistan: Francisabad, Gujranwala**

Eugien John (described how police stood by for two hours while mobs were incited by mosque loudspeakers to attack his Christian settlement)

Pastor Morris (described more details of the mob attack on the Christian settlement)

Mushtaq Gill (**UPDATE**: condemned an mob attack in which Christian owned homes, shops, and vehicles were damaged or destroyed following a group of Christian boys who passed a mosque while playing music on their cell phones)

Samson Salamat (Director of the Centre for Human Rights Education, condemned an mob attack in which Christian owned homes, shops, and vehicles were damaged or destroyed following a group of Christian boys who passed a mosque while playing music on their cell phones)

## **Pakistan: road between Badin and Karachi**

Saleem Khursheed Khokhar (former member provincial assembly, **UPDATE**: car came under gunfire, escaped)

## **Pakistan: Lahore**

Younis Masih (**UPDATE**: appeal of his 2007 conviction on blasphemy accepted, death sentence overturned, order issued for his release from prison, fined 100,000 rupees)

Mushtaq Gill (attorney for Younis Masih)

Danish Masih (lost all of his possessions including school supplies in the [March 9, 2013](#) attack on [Joseph Colony \[Ghetto\]](#), **UPDATE**: supplies now replaced)

Chand Masih (father of Danish Masih, said of life after the [March 9, 2013](#) arson attack of their home in [Joseph Colony \[Ghetto\]](#) "I sent the children to the Easter fair held at their school, but we did not go out for fun strolls like in previous years")

Bishop Rufin Anthony (**UPDATE**: donated \$7118 from the poor of his diocese to the victims of the [March 9, 2013](#) attack on [Joseph Colony \[Ghetto\]](#))

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/04/continues-attack-on-christians-of.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4251>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4252>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4249>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33451->

[ASIA PAKISTAN After eight years in prison a Christian sentenced to death for blasphemy has been acquitted](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33451-)

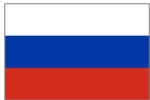
<http://www.ucanews.com/news/joseph-colony-children-to-get-education-fund/67924>



### **Tajikistan: Dushanbe**

Rizvon Jurayeva (fined US\$34 for illegally importing unlicensed religious literature)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1897](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1897)



### **Russia: Vyksa City, Nizhny Novgorod region**

Pavel Rusnak (fined 1000 Roubles [US\$30] for "production or distribution of extremist materials")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1856](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1856)



### **Nigeria: Jos**

Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama (stated following the [March 30-31, 2013](#) attacks that killed 19 and displaced 4500 "We are amazed at how these gangs are able to attack the villages and the security forces do not intervene. Police and soldiers appear on the scene only when the attackers have gone away")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33453->

[AFRICA NIGERIA Attacks on villages the Archbishop of Jos Where are the security forces](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33453-)

**Thursday April 4, 2013**



**Pakistan: Talab Sarae village, Manga Mandi, Punjab province**

Allah Ditta (aged 20, **shot dead** by Muslim villagers after he protested against their criticism of his physically handicapped sister)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4273>



**Kazakhstan: Zhaskent, East Kazakhstan region**

Galina Gileva (aged 73, caught in a police raid on service in a private home, **UPDATE**: suffered a heart attack four days later, fears that she will be fined)

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



**Syria: Cheikh Maksoud, Aleppo**

Bishop Antoine Audo SJ (**UPDATE**: described the displacement of hundreds of Christian families by anti-government forces)

Fr Michel Kayyal (abducted by rebels on [February 10, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: still missing)

Fr Maher Mahfouz (abducted by rebels on [February 10, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: still missing)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130411130325.htm>



**Egypt: Samalout**

Fr Estephanos (said "The state has made Christian blood cheap...The Islamists see Christians as a people who have no rights or even as non-citizens")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130404181524.htm>

**Friday April 5, 2013**



### **Vietnam: Tien Lang district, Haiphong**

Peter Doan Van Vuon (**UPDATE**: sentenced to five years' imprisonment on attempted murder charges for his resistance of a government eviction of his home and business, sentence was unusually light for the charges)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Peter-Doan-Van-Vuon,-anti-forced-evictions-hero,-gets-five-years-27580.html>



### **Kazakhstan: Petropavl**

Galina Klynina (detained)

Aleksandr Folomeyev (detained)

### **Kazakhstan: Aygoz**

Valentina Dyakova (aged 77, fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Tatyana Agaeva (fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Vera Poltoratskaya (fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Viktor Poltoratsky (fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

[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)



### **Iran**

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**: family has secretly escaped to Canada)

<http://www.maghrebchristians.com/2013/04/05/pastor-farshid-fathi-remains-in-jail/>



### **Egypt: Al-Khosous district, Qaliubia province**

Marsouq Atteya (**shot dead** outside St Georges church)

Morkos Kamal (**shot dead** outside St Georges church)

Victor Manqarios (**shot dead** outside St Georges church)

Essam Zakhary (**shot dead** outside St Georges church)

Fr Sourial Younan (described the killing of 10 young Coptic men outside his church by gunfire:

"It was as if war had broken out. We peeped through the windows and saw Coptic youth slain in front of the church, and families carrying their wounded away...Destruction and arson took place in the presence of police, who were unable to control the attack")

Nader Shukry (**UPDATE**: said that this attack was incited by nearby Muslim institutions to "purify the region of Christians")

Waguih Jacob (**UPDATE**: said that security forces were arranged a reconciliation meeting "during which the Copts are expected to give up all their rights as usual")

Alexander Samir Alexander (lawyer, former Member of Parliament, arrested as a scapegoat)

Andrew Aweidah (Maspero Youth Union Coordinator General, described how the police are not protecting Coptic homes which are being looted and torched)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Tensions-between-Christian-and-Islamic-groups.-Six-dead-in-three-days-27589.html>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130406140653.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1389-nine-persons-killed-in-sectarian-attack-near-cairo>



### **Senegal: Dakar, Thies**

Jose Dilson Da Silva (missionary, Brazilian citizen, released on bail after being held without charge for five months after the Muslim father of one student complained that his son was "acting like a Christian")

### **Senegal: Mbour, Thies**

Zeneide Moreira Novais (orphanage operator, Brazilian citizen, released on bail after being held without charge for five months)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/04/article\\_2420590.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/04/article_2420590.html/)



### **United States - District of Columbia**

Fr Greg Shaffer (chaplain at George Washington University's Newman Center, subject of an effort to remove him for his advocacy of traditional Christian morality among the Catholic students)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/gay-students-organize-campaign-to-kick-out-catholic-priest-for-saying-homos>

**Saturday April 6, 2013**



**Kazakhstan: Karabalyk, Kostanai region**

Eduard Malykhin (religious service with 40 persons in his home raided by police, personal library seized)

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



**Peru: Piura**

Archbishop Jose Antonio Eguren (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 April 7, 2013**



**Iraq: Mosul**

Abd AlGapar Khidr Toza (killed)

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



**Egypt**



Pope Tawadros II (**UPDATE**: called on the Egyptian people to exercise “wisdom and restraint” and expressed his condolences to the families of Christians killed in the recent violence and his hopes for a speedy recovery of the injured)

### **Egypt: Cairo**

Mahrous Hanna Ibrahim (**died from gun shots** to the head and neck, shots were aimed at people leaving the funeral at St Mark cathedral of Coptic Christians who had been murdered on [April 4 and 5 2013](#) in [al-Khosous, Qaliubiya](#), 23 others were injured, police arrived late after the shooters had left and then fired tear gas at the cathedral and papal residence, 66 total hospitalized and dozens treated in the cathedral yard)

Amir Ramzi (Criminal Court judge, described his phone call to police from St Mark's Cathedral in which he requested an armored vehicle be sent to protect the cathedral from the attacking mob, only to see Muslim youths atop the arriving vehicle throw stones and Molotov cocktails at the cathedral)

Wael Eskandar (reported on the attack on St Mark cathedral “The police are not trying to protect us or do anything to stop the violence. On the contrary, they are actively aiding the people in civilian clothes” that had been attacking the Christians)

Mina Zakaraya (aged 25, seminarian, said “Only God can save us from what is happening right now”)

Makram Girgis (said "I'm worried about the situation in Egypt...The Muslim Brotherhood and extremist groups here want us to leave. They don't accept Copts. But this was our country, ever since the time of the pharaohs.")

### **Egypt: al-Khosous, Qaliubiya**

Fr Dumas Fekry (reported that more shots were fired at St Georges church, no injuries)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/04/egypts-pope-mourns-slain-copts-calls-for-wisdom-restraint/>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1437-the-siege-of-egypt-s-st-mark-cathedral-an-insider-s-account>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1393-attack-on-christians-in-egypt-comes-after-a-pledge>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1392-coptic-christians-under-siege-as-mob-attacks-cairo-cathedral>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130407182554.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1390-mourners-attacked-after-funeral-by-islamist-thugs-police-collusion-suspected>



### **Nigeria: Midlu Shalmi village, Adamawa state**

Bulus Buba (cousin of Rev Moses Thliza, **shot dead** by Boko Haram gunmen after three times refusing to renounce his faith, 13 other Christians also killed)

Ibrahim Britus (aged 39, father of three, AIDS prevention volunteer, brother of Samuel Britus, nephew of Rev Moses Thliza, **shot dead** by Boko Haram gunmen, 13 other Christians also killed)

Samuel Britus (aged 29, AIDS prevention volunteer, brother of Ibrahim Britus, nephew of Rev Moses Thliza, **shot dead** by Boko Haram gunmen, 13 other Christians also killed)

Rev Moses Thliza (reported on the murder of 14 Christians, including his cousin and two nephews)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/616>

**Monday April 8, 2013**



**China: Guangzhou, Guangdong**

Huazheng (hotel manager, aided Chen Weizhen in her escape from the provincial authorities)

Jeff Powell (American missionary, hotel owner, aided Chen Weizhen in her escape from the provincial authorities)

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



**Pakistan: 168 GB Siraj village, Faisalabad district**

**Christian leaders protested the destruction of a Christian cemetery**

Prof Anjum James Paul (**UPDATE**)

Fr Javed Younas

Pastor Robin James

Rafique Masih Randhawa

Dr Amjad Aftab

Iqbal Danish

**Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province**

**A Christian family has been in hiding since 1988 due to Islamist threats**

Sadiq Masih Zafar

Sarwat Naheed (daughter of Sadiq Masih Zafar)

Azeem Zafar (son of Sadiq Masih Zafar)

Asma Tosheeba (daughter of Sadiq Masih Zafar)

Fr Suleman John (appealed to the authorities to protect the family of Sadiq Masih Zafar from Islamist threats)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4261>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Punjab,-convert-to-Islam-or-die:-The-20-year-long-nightmare-of-a-Christian-family-27597.html>



### **Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Dinara Hosiyeva (police entered her apartment without warrant, twisted her arms and "screamed" at her, seized religious literature and computer)

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



### **Kazakhstan: Aygoz**

Svetlana Zaitseva (fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Natalya Andryusheva (fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Raisa Bakenova (aged 76, fined US\$575 for unregistered religious activities)

Valentina Bliznova (trial for unregistered religious activities pending)

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

**Tuesday April 9, 2013**



### **Pakistan: Karachi**

Zeeshan Nahir (kidnapped with two other human rights activists, tortured, told to abandon activities)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4264>

Wednesday April 10, 2013



**China: Fujian province**

Fr John (unregistered priest, described an Eastern Lightning cult member who tried to infiltrate his parish and create a scandal "[She was] pretending to want to join catechism classes in which she could draw people to her sect...She used different methods try to get close to me. One day she suddenly pulled up her shirt in front of me, showing her breasts. I ran out of the house and shouted to my parishioners to come and see, which forced her to run away, embarrassed.")

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/growth-of-chinese-sect-causes-alarm/67983>



**India: Kashmir state**

Pastor Neethi Rajan (assaulted along with his family by Muslims who accused him of converting children, taken into protective custody, relocated)

**India: Shivpora district, Srinagar, Kashmir state**

James Thomas (attacked by a mob for missionary activities)

James Milli (attacked by a mob for forced conversions, arrested)

Alora Milli (attacked by a mob for forced conversions, arrested)

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

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Indian-Kashmir,-two-Christians-arrested-on-false-charges-of-forced-conversions-27639.html>



**Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Natalya Akhmedova (stopped by police on the street, found to be carrying a Bible, detained and released)

Anna Serina (friend of Natalya Akhmedova, police found a New Testament in her home, detained and released)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1838](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1838)



**Kazakhstan: Oskemen, East Kazakhstan region**

Pastor Vitaly Krasilnikov (church service raided, **UPDATE**: fined 100 MFIs)

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



**Belarus: Gomel**

Pastor Nikolai Varushin ([February 24, 2013](#) church meeting raided by police, **UPDATE**: fined US\$460, said "This fine is my award, as it's better to be punished for kind deeds than for evil ones")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1847](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1847)

**Thursday April 11, 2013**



**China: Prison No. 4, Zhejiang province**

Zhu Wufu (aged 60, **UPDATE**: is still forced to so hard physical labor despite suffering from coronary heart disease, severe high blood pressure and a coronary artery tumor, prison authorities continue to deny him treatment, medicine, or family contact)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/congressman-frank-wolf-calls-on.html>



**India: Vijapura, Chitradurga, Karnataka state**

Pastor Kantharaj Hanumanthappa (**UPDATE**: beaten along with his family, hospitalized)

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



### **Uzbekistan: Urgench**

Sharofat Allamova (sentenced to 1.5 years rehabilitative labor on [April 11, 2013](#) for "illegal production, storage, import or distribution of religious literature")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1857](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1857)



### **Kazakhstan: Oskemen, East Kazakhstan region**

Marat Saleubayev (detained, interrogated, and charged with discussing or sharing faith with others on [February 20, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: case returned to the prosecutor due to inadequate preparation)

Arman Abdullinov (detained, interrogated, and charged with discussing or sharing faith with others on [February 20, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: case returned to the prosecutor due to inadequate preparation)

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



### **Iran**

**Two Christians co-authored a book "Captive in Iran" concerning their Christian witness in Iran and their arrest and imprisonment for almost a year, spoke in Washington DC, United States concerning their experiences**

Marziyeh Amirizadeh (convert)

Maryam Rostampour (convert)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6658:iranian-christians-face-captivity-persecution&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6658:iranian-christians-face-captivity-persecution&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **United Kingdom: London**

Nohad Halawi (dismissed from her position in a duty free shop at Heathrow Airport due to unfounded allegations brought by Islamist staff in retaliation for her defense of a Christian colleague from their harassment, 22 colleagues [including Muslims] signed a

petition in her defense, **UPDATE:** is now appealing her dismissal to the Employment Appeals Tribunal)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/employment/christian-woman-sacked-after-islamist-harassment-granted-application-to-appe>

**Friday April 12, 2013**



### **Iraq: Bagdad**

Thaier Abd Al Ahad (**killed**)

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



### **Egypt: Cairo**

Michael Morqos (almost suffocated during the **April 7 2013** tear gas attack on St Mark's Cathedral, required sixteen stitches after being hit with a bottle, then arrested at 6 AM apparently at random along with three other Christians)

Shadi Sami (arrested at 4 AM apparently at random along with three other Christians following the **April 7 2013** tear gas attack on St Mark's Cathedral)

Magdy Saber (Maspero Youth Union, condemned the arrest of Michael Morqos as "the violator is free and the victim gets jailed and humiliated")

Marianne Samir (high school philosophy teacher, said "I feel unsafe. The Islamists want war. They want strife. But this is our land too. It is a country blessed by God, and there's no way we'll leave it to them...They set a Christian man on fire the other day. They threw a gasoline bomb at him and no one did anything...They're trying to drum us out of the country, but we'll hold on even more to our faith")

Azmi Wadie (aged 28, engineering student)

Karim Samuel (biomedical engineer)

<http://www.dailynewsegypt.com/2013/04/12/four-copts-arrested-for-complicity-in-cathedral-clashes/>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130413143455.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130412215340.htm>

**Saturday April 13, 2013**



**Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Dinara Hosiyeva (**UPDATE**: fined US\$1560 for possession of religious literature)

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



**Somalia: Buulobarde**

Fartun Omar (aged 42, mother of five, widow, **shot dead** by al-Shabab militants for being a secret Christian, children are now being cared for by relatives)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/28054-somalia-militants-kill-christian-widow-5-children-orphaned>



**Syria: Damascus**

Archbishop Samir Nassar (**UPDATE**: stated that Christians in Syria now "must choose between two bitter chalices: to die or leave", and that the poor cannot afford to leave)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33508->

[ASIA SYRIA To die or leave The Maronite Archbishop of Damascus talks about the unanswered dilemma of Syrian Christians](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33508-ASIA_SYRIA_To_die_or_leave_The_Maronite_Archbishop_of_Damascus_talks_about_the_unanswered_dilemma_of_Syrian_Christians)

**Sunday April 14, 2013**



**China: No. 4 Prison, Zhejiang province**

Zhu Yufu (in prison, denied medical care; **UPDATE**: has been beaten, feared to be near death)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/efforts-intensify-to-save-long-time.html>





### **Pakistan: Karachi**

Benedict Taj (brother-in-law of Jacinta Robin, **shot dead** while being chased by Muslim youths from a public beach, had been told they could not "pollute" the waters used by Muslims, family now threatened with dire consequences if they pursue charges)

Jacinta Robin (sister-in-law of Benedict Taj, **shot dead** while being chased by Muslim youths from a public beach, had been told they could not "pollute" the waters used by Muslims, family now threatened with dire consequences if they pursue charges)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4277>



### **Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Nadezhda Li (arms twisted and repeatedly thrown against the wall during a police raid on a church meeting in a private home)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1838](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1838)



### **Belarus: Gomel**

Pastor Pyotr Yashchenko (church meeting raided by police under KGB orders, religious literature seized)

Valentin Shchedrenok (preaching when police under KGB orders raided the meeting led by Pastor Pyotr Yashchenko)

Andrei Tupalsky (owner of the home used for the religious meeting led by Pastor Pyotr Yashchenko and Valentin Shchedrenok, threatened with prosecution should another religious meeting be held there)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1847](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1847)



### **Central African Republic: Bangui**

Rev Mbaye-Bondoi (church shelled by artillery, wounded in the right ear, seven parishioners killed)

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (**UPDATE**: described the extensive looting of the poor's meager possessions by the rebels)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/04/article\\_2415723.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/04/article_2415723.html/)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33524->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA The already poor population is stripped of everything denounces the Bishop of Bangui](#)

**Monday April 15, 2013**



**Kazakhstan: Oskemen, East Kazakhstan region**

Zhangazy Biimbetov (detained, charged with discussing or sharing faith with others on [March 20, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: case returned to the prosecutor due to inadequate preparation)

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



**Syria: Deir Ezzor**

Fr Tony Haddad (described the destruction of a church and convent in a large explosion)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33551->

[ASIA SYRIA In Mesopotamia the church of the Franciscans in Deir Ezzor has been destroyed](#)

**Tuesday April 16, 2013**



**Iran: Tehran**

Mitra Zahmati (possibly seen in Evin Prison by Faezeh Hashemi [daughter of the former Iranian president, Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani], arrested in the summer of 2011 and

sentenced to 2.5 years in prison for evangelizing, proselytizing Muslims and membership in so called "illegal groups")

Maryam Jalili (possibly seen in Evin Prison by Faezeh Hashemi [daughter of the former Iranian president, Ayatollah Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani], arrested in the summer of 2011 and sentenced to 2.5 years in prison for evangelizing, proselytizing Muslims and membership in so called "illegal groups")

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6686:daughter-of-former-iranian-president-said-two-christian-women-were-in-prison-with-her&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6686:daughter-of-former-iranian-president-said-two-christian-women-were-in-prison-with-her&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)

**Wednesday April 17, 2013**



**China: Beijing**

Zhao Changqing (married with a 9 month old son, arrested on false charges of attending an illegal meeting after he called on government officials to disclose their financial assets)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/wife-of-detained-christian-political.html>



**Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Tohar Haydarov (sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in March 2010, likely does not have a Bible)

Andrei Serin (reported on the current condition of Tohar Haydarov)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1832](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1832)



**Nigeria: Sasawa village, Gwoza LGA, Borno state**

Adama Musa (aged 45, shot by Boko Haram gunmen, survived)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/02/boko-haram-islamists-massacre-christian-villagers-in-borno-state-nigeria/>

Thursday April 18, 2013



**China: Zhenzhou, Henan province**

Li Baiguang (attorney; **UPDATE:** confirmed that Yang Lianbing had been sentenced to prison)

Yang Lianbing (aged 23, received a 3 year prison sentence)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/henan-house-church-revival-meeting.html>



**Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Natalya Akhmedova (stopped by police on the street, found to be carrying a Bible, detained and released, **UPDATE:** fined US\$1,950 for "Attracting believers of one confession to another and other missionary activity")

Anna Serina (friend of Natalya Akhmedova, police found a New Testament in her home, detained and released, **UPDATE:** fined US\$1,950 for "Attracting believers of one confession to another and other missionary activity")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1838](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1838)



**Kazakhstan: Zhaskent, East Kazakhstan region**

Nina Afanasyeva (caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 50 MFIs)

Natalya Mananskaya (caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 50 MFIs)

Yekaterina Balaeva (wife of Aleksandr Balaev, caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 50 MFIs - the equivalent of three months of her husband's pension)

Oleg Savitsky (brother of Vitaly Savitsky, caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 50 MFIs)

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



### **Egypt: Maadi suburb, Cairo**

Fr Douglas May (missionary, said that Egypt is becoming dangerous for Christians)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130419182900.htm>



### **Belgium: Brussels**

Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard (attacked by four half-naked FEMEN feminists with water bottles of the type used by pilgrims at Lourdes, after their removal by police he was seen to pick up one of the bottles and kiss the imprinted image of Mary)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/feminist-group-hurls-water-insults-at-archbishop/>

**Friday April 19, 2013**



### **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, **UPDATE**: fined ten times the month minimum wage or US\$380 - a fine she cannot pay due to her small pension and medication needs, is still refusing to sign a confession, told by court officials "this is a Muslim country and all of your Christian books including the Bible are outlawed")

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: Zhaskent, East Kazakhstan region**

Vitaly Savitsky (brother of Oleg Savitsky, caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE**: fined 50 MFIs)

Aleksei Murai (caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 50 MFIs)

Aleksandr Balaev (aged 66, husband of Yekaterina Balaeva, caught in a [March 31, 2013](#) police raid on an Easter service in a private home, **UPDATE:** fined 100 MFIs - the equivalent of six months of his pension)

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

**Saturday April 20, 2013**



**China: Nanyang, Henan province**

Dennis Balcombe (U.S. citizen, under house arrest following a police raid on a house church revival meeting, whereabouts unknown)

**China: Henan province**

Li Baiguang (attorney; **UPDATE:** confirmed that house church leaders were sentenced to 3 to 7.5 year prison sentences)

Han Hai (aged 60, **UPDATE:** received a 7.5 year prison sentence)

Hu Linpo (aged 49, Singaporean citizen, **UPDATE:** received a 7 year prison sentence)

Zhang Mian (aged 37, **UPDATE:** received a 4 year prison sentence)

Cao Xia (aged @50, **UPDATE:** received a 3.5 year prison sentence for distributing Hu Linpo sermons on CDs)

Wang En (aged @20, **UPDATE:** received a 3 year prison sentence for distributing Hu Linpo sermons on CDs)

Li Dan (aged @20, **UPDATE:** received a 3 year prison sentence for distributing Hu Linpo sermons on CDs)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/henan-house-church-revival-meeting.html>



**Palestine: Taybeh**

Bishop William Shomali (protested the brief illegal occupation of a hermitage and chapel by Israeli settlers)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33562->

[ASIA HOLY LAND Temporary occupation of a Christian hermitage by Jewish settlers](#)

**Sunday April 21, 2013**



**China: Nanyang, Henan province**

Dennis Balcombe (U.S. citizen, under house arrest following an [April 20, 2013](#) police raid on a house church revival meeting; **UPDATE**: released, is planning to return to the house churches with information on how to resist infiltration by the Eastern Lightning cult, some of which had been given him by the Chinese government)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/new-revised-statement-from-pastor.html>



**Uzbekistan: Karshi**

Svetlana Andreychenko (**UPDATE**: Sunday worship service in her home raided by police, religious literature seized, all 78 adult and child worshipers loaded onto buses and detained for three hours where they were threatened with being shot)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1857](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1857)



**Egypt**

Fr Rafik Greiche (**UPDATE**: repeated concerns concerning the [April 7, 2013](#) Islamist and police attack on St Mark's Cathedral in [Cairo](#))

Bishop Kyrillos William Samaan (**UPDATE**: condemned the [April 7 2013](#) attack on St Mark's Cathedral in [Cairo](#))

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130421185858.htm>

**Monday April 22, 2013**



### **Uzbekistan: Karshi**

Viktoriya Tashpulatova (**UPDATE**: summoned to her seven children's school after they were detained at the home of Svetlana Andreychenko on [April 21, 2013](#))

### **Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Nadezhda Li (arms twisted and repeatedly thrown against the wall during a police raid on a church meeting in a private home, **UPDATE**: fined US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity" and for "Teaching religious beliefs... without permission... as well as teaching religious beliefs privately")

Yelena Le (fined US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity" and for "Illegal production, storage, or import...with a purpose to distribute or distribution of religious materials...")

Anastasiya Tsai (fined US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity")

Olesya Magay (fined US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity")

Vladlena Magay (fined US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity")

Galina Khegay (fined or US\$3,900 for "Carrying out of unauthorized religious activity")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1857](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1857)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1838](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1838)



### **Iraq: Kirkuk**

Magid Mansour (**killed**)

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



### **Syria: Kfar Dael, Aleppo**

Bishop Boulos aka Paul al-Yazigi (abducted at gunpoint by rebels)

Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim (abducted at gunpoint by rebels)

Deacon Fathallah Kabud (**shot dead** during the abduction of Bishop Boulos al-Yazigi and Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim)



Fouad Eliya (abducted at gunpoint by rebels, released)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/08/details-emerge-on-kidnapped-syrian-bishops/>  
<http://www.aina.org/news/20130422144915.htm>



### **Nigeria: Jos**

Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama (**UPDATE**: called on the government to stop the manufacture of weapons and explosives in illegal "laboratories" after at least 185 civilians were killed by Boko Haram around Lake Chad)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33560->  
[AFRICA NIGERIA Stop to arms also those built illegally Msg Kaigama s appeal](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33560-)



### **Netherlands**

**Christian family to be deported to Pakistan, appeal to be filed asking reconsideration due to likelihood of persecution for blasphemy**

Suneel Emmanuel (spouse of Saima Emmanuel, parent of Ephraim Emmanuel)

Saima Emmanuel (spouse of Suneel Emmanuel, parent of Ephraim Emmanuel)

Ephraim Emmanuel (son of Suneel and Saima Emmanuel)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4283>

**Tuesday April 23, 2013**



### **India: Gondia district, Maharashtra state**

Pastor Vijay Meshram (arrested along with his wife on false charges of forced conversion)

Geeta (reported on the arrest of Pastor Vijay Meshram and his wife)

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



### **Syria: Kfar Dael, Aleppo**

Bishop Boulos aka Paul al-Yazigi (abducted at gunpoint by rebels; **UPDATE**: news of release untrue, reportedly held by Chechen fighters)

Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim (abducted at gunpoint by rebels; **UPDATE**: news of release untrue, reportedly held by Chechen fighters)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/04/early-reports-of-bishops-release-premature/>  
<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/04/syrian-bishops-in-hands-of-chechens-church-sources/>



### **Egypt**

Rev Andraos Moussa (reported to have tried to calm Salafis who demanded that St Mina church stop its renovation, was locked in the church with other priests by the Salafis who then threatened to demolish it unless their demands were met, calls to the state governor ended with the recommendation that the parties should sue in court - thus legitimizing the Salafis' complaint)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/cs-releases/1436-salafis-protest-church-renovation>



### **United States**

Ralph Sidway (Orthodox Christian researcher and writer, wrote "For Orthodox and Coptic Christians, Easter falls on May 5 this year...It is all too common to view the practice of crucifixion as a form of torture and execution from antiquity which hasn't been used in nearly two millennia, yet this is hardly the case. In fact, crucifixion is a standard means of execution in Saudi Arabia, and there is a growing movement among Islamists to bring back crucifixion as the preferred means of punishment for a variety of crimes...The persecuted Christians in the Islamic world, as they prepare to commemorate the Crucifixion of their Lord Jesus Christ, must feel, in their heart of hearts, as if they are ascending their own Golgotha. Like Jesus, they may also feel abandoned and terribly alone.")

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/islam/crucifixion-in-islam-christians-ascend-their-golgotha/>

Wednesday April 24, 2013



**United Kingdom: Edinburgh**

Mary Doogan (aged 58, won an appeal that overturned a court ruling that she had to "watch over and sometimes assist with abortion procedures" because this was not "direct involvement in pregnancy terminations")

Concepta Wood (aged 52, won an appeal that overturned a court ruling that she had to "watch over and sometimes assist with abortion procedures" because this was not "direct involvement in pregnancy terminations")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/abortion/victory-for-catholic-midwives-in-abortion-conscience-case>



**Haiti: Port au Prince**

Fr Richard E. Joyal (aged 62, Canadian missionary, **shot dead** after leaving a bank with a cash withdrawal)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33583-AMERICA\\_HAITI\\_A\\_missionary\\_killed\\_in\\_the\\_capital\\_of\\_Haiti](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33583-AMERICA_HAITI_A_missionary_killed_in_the_capital_of_Haiti)

Thursday April 25, 2013



**China**

**Christians arrested while learning to play Western brass musical instruments**

Pastor Li Min (husband of Song Liangyu, sentenced to 15 days administrative detention)

Wang Yuan (sentenced to 15 days administrative detention)

Li Chengxi (sentenced to 15 days administrative detention)

Zhang Chuanli (sentenced to 10 days administrative detention)

Gou Shuhua (sentenced to 5 days administrative detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/news-flash-16-house-church-leaders-in.html>



**Kazakhstan: Petropavl**

Galina Klynina (detained on [April 5, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: fined 100 MFIs)

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



**Azerbaijan: Aliabad**

Pastor Zaur Balaev (fined one year's minimum wage on [March 29, 2013](#) for holding religious meetings; **UPDATE**: fine overturned on appeal due to delayed prosecution)

Hinayat Shabanova (wife of Hamid Shabanov, fined one year's minimum wage on [March 29, 2013](#) for holding religious meetings; **UPDATE**: fine overturned on appeal due to delayed prosecution)

[http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article\\_id=1830](http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1830)



**Russia: Vyksa City, Nizhny Novgorod region**

Pavel Rusnak (fined 1000 Roubles [US\$30] for "production or distribution of extremist materials")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1856](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1856)

**Friday April 26, 2013**



**China: Langzhong, Sichuan province**

Song Liangyu (wife of Li Min, arrested at a prayer meeting of 20 persons)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/04/news-flash-16-house-church-leaders-in.html>



**Pakistan: Chak 31-10, R Essa Pur, Tehsil, Khanewal district, Punjab state**

Samuel Masih (shot in the neck by an armed Muslim mob after he got into a dispute with a Muslim neighbor over his renting of a wheat thrasher, Christian neighbors returned gunfire and killed the Muslim neighbor, others were wounded on both sides, the Muslims began to fire on Christian homes and threatened to burn them, police evacuated the Christian families)

David Albert (son of Albert Nathenial, arrested for resisted a Muslim mob attack on his village, shot one attacker dead and severely wounded another)

Albert Nathenial (father of David Albert, arrested for resisting a Muslim mob attack on his village)

Samuel Yaqoob (relative of Albert Nathenial and David Albert, arrested for resisting a Muslim mob attack on his village)

Kamu (son of Albert Nathenial, arrested for resisting a Muslim mob attack)

Kaleem Masih (described the mob attack on his village over the rental of a thresher)

Nasir Anjum (described continual harassment of Christians by Muslims in his village beginning in January 2013)

Aneeqa Maria (attorney, has attempted to defend more than 20 women who were jailed because their male family members resisted a Muslim mob attack on their village)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4457>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4327>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4291>



**Kazakhstan: Petropavl**

Aleksandr Folomeyev (detained on [April 5, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: fined 100 MFIs)

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



**Iran: Tehran**

Pastor Behnam Irani (**UPDATE**: condition reported to have improved, internal bleeding has diminished despite being denied medical treatment by prison authorities)

Pastor Saeed Abedini (**UPDATE**: reported to be experiencing intense pain from untreated internal bleeding, prison authorities have said he will have no medical treatment for another two months)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/611>

**Saturday April 27, 2013**



**China: Shanghai**

Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian (**UPDATE**: died of cancer at age 96, had been incarcerated from 1955 to 1982)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/bishop-jin-of-shanghai-dead-at-96/68064>



**Nigeria: Makurdi, Benue state**

Felix Apine (Justice, Development and Peace Commission Coordinator, stated that more than 70 churches have been destroyed his state)

Archbishop Yiman Orkwar (confirmed the destruction of more than 70 churches in his state and added "[these]are not mere accidents, but is the result of the work of Boko Haram jihadists and Fulani jihadists...We are not dealing with clashes but attacks suffered by Christian farmers" including a recent attack that killed over 30, mostly Christians)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/33588-AFRICA\\_NIGERIA\\_More\\_than\\_70\\_churches\\_destroyed\\_in\\_the\\_state\\_of\\_Benue](http://www.fides.org/en/news/33588-AFRICA_NIGERIA_More_than_70_churches_destroyed_in_the_state_of_Benue)

**Sunday April 28, 2013**



**Kazakhstan: East Kazakhstan region**

**Five Christians were caught in a raid on a worship service**

Nail Agatanov  
Sergei Pelipenko  
Marina Kulikova  
Sergei Kulikov  
Maksim Kandyba

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

**Monday April 29, 2013**



**Pakistan: Moran Walla, Sharkpur**

Afzal Masih (aged 20, cousin of Ifftikhar Masih, arrested for attempting to date a Muslim girl, **died in police custody**)

Ifftikhar Masih (cousin of Afzal Masih, arrested for attempting to date a Muslim girl, **died in police custody**)

Khadam (father of Afzal Masih)

Amanat Masih (father of Ifftikhar Masih)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/3-christian-boys-were-killed-by-police-due-to-love-affair-with-muslim-girls/>



**Syria: Aleppo**

Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart (**UPDATE**: said that no one really knows what has happened to kidnapped Bishops Boulos al-Yazigi and Yuhanna Ibrahim, also said that four were killed in the shelling of the Christian neighborhood in the city)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Aleppo:-two-Orthodox-bishops-still-captive,-Christian-neighbourhood-shelled-27784.html>



**Bolivia: Santa Cruz**

Cardinal Julio Terrazas (objected to the charges of President Morales that recent thefts of valuables from churches and shrines were perpetrated by some bishops)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/33595->

[AMERICA BOLIVIA Theft in the churches Cardinal Terrazas responds to Morales #UYCRgozD8fg](#)

**Tuesday April 30, 2013**



### **Iran: Evin Prison, Tehran**

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit, threatened with death; **UPDATE**: reportedly has been put in solitary confinement and is still being beaten, family is concerned that he may be suffering organ failure)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=6728:iran-moves-american-christian-into-solitary-confinement-over-prayer-protest-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6728:iran-moves-american-christian-into-solitary-confinement-over-prayer-protest-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **Russia**

Fr Igor Kovalevsky (reported that several Catholic churches were inspected)

Konstantin Bendas (Russian Union of Evangelical Christians, said their churches in forty regions were inspected)

Dmitri Lavrov (secretary of the Advisory Committee of the Protestant Churches in Russia, said "everyone was inspected, except our brothers of the Russian Orthodox Church")

### **Russia: Novocheboksary**

Fr Alexei Polisko (church reported to have been fined US\$15,000 for fire code violations discovered during a government inspection of NGOs receiving foreign money, said "with such a fine, they want to kill us")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Moscow-cracks-down-on-NGOs,-targets-religious-communities-27798.html>



April 2013, date unknown



**China**

Li JF (former presiding court judge, released after 11 years in a forced labor camp due to his membership in the underground church, wife divorced him, daughter disappeared, brother served 2 years imprisonment and later fled to Thailand, wrote "I lost everything, but I gained faith in God")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Underground-Catholic-loses-everything-in-forced-labor-camp,-but-gains-faith-28037.html>



**India: Pandahrewani village, Maharashtra state**

Suresh Athram (prevented from building a home by Hindu militants, wife assaulted, police unable to get the two sides to compromise)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Anti-Christian-fundamentalism-breaks-out-Maharashtra-28203.html>



**Russia: Zavyalovo, Udmurtia Republic**

Fr Sergi Kondakov (church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization)

**Russia: St Petersburg**

Natalya Pevtsova (director of Caritas charity office, office audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, cited for minor fire code violations such as extinguishers lacking white numbers)

**Russia: Moscow**

Larry Lawrence (church headquarters audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization)

**Russia: Tolyatti, Samara region**

Pastor Anatoli Gilmanov (church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, said "The inspections were conducted tactfully")

**Russia: Barnaul, Altai region**

Ivan Borichevsky (church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, said "We didn't have any problems, and we didn't receive any indication of impropriety or incorrect actions by the authorities in the regions")

Pastor Mikhail Kashevarov (church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, cited for having an unregistered logo, said "In principle, every organisation in Russia has some kind of violation. It's inconceivable that a check-up ends and they tell you, 'You know, everything is ideal here, we don't have any complaints'")

### **Russia: Naberezhnye Chelny, Tatarstan Republic**

Bishop Vasily Yevchik (church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, church fined US\$4800 for fire code violations that will cost US\$13,000 to fix)

Larisa Tsygankova (assistant to Bishop Vasily Yevchik)

### **Russia**

Grigory Martynov (**UPDATE**: church headquarters audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, training documentation for clergy seized)

Konstantin Bendas (**UPDATE**: church audited by the government despite its exemption as a religious organization, said that only 4 out of 3000 congregations were treated improperly with demands for lists of members and that "The Public Prosecutor employees who inspected weren't competent – we've received apologies")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1842](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1842)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1841](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1841)



### **Nigeria**

Rev Joshua Ray Mains (objected to the government consideration of an amnesty offer to Boko Haram "Why should they be given amnesty? Are we congratulating them for the people they have sent to their early graves, or are we encouraging them to continue with their acts so that other groups can take advantage of the amnesty and continue to disrupt the peace of the country?")

Archbishop Matthew Hassah Kukah (**UPDATE**: supported the government consideration of an amnesty offer to Boko Haram "To reject amnesty is to place oneself at the same level as these miscreants. An offer of amnesty is not the same as a declaration of amnesty. An offer of amnesty brings the penitent to the table as a first step. Amnesty is a process, not a destination")

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

Peter Biye (aged 18, grandson of Haruna Zanga, abducted and **killed** for refusing to convert to Islam)

### **Nigeria: Musari village, Mungono area, Gwoza, Borno state**

Adamu (aged 28, neck cut by Boko Haram militants after he refused to convert to Islam, left for dead, rescued days later by a fellow church member and taken to a hospital in Cameroon, suffered nerve damage, is undergoing rehabilitation)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/05/2486398/>

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

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