

Today's Martyrs – August 2013

Thursday August 1, 2013



Sri Lanka

Sylvester John (son of Peter and Naseen John, fled Pakistan on [July 31, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: asylum application on religious persecution grounds denied on [August 1, 2013](#) despite having been shot five times on [January 22, 2012](#) after refusing the invitation to Islam, uncle killed)

Sri Lanka: Weliweriya

Ravinash Perera (aged 18, **shot dead** by the military at the Church of St Anthony for demonstrating in favor of drinking water)

Sr Kanthi (threatened by the military with death by gunfire if she did not turn over the clean water demonstration organizers to them)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Weliweriya:-protesters-seeking-refuge-in-church-mowed-down-by-the-army-28684.html>

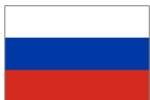
<http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/family-of-asylum-seekers-desperately-needs-our-help>



Kazakhstan: Karabalyk, Kostanai region

Eduard Malykhin (religious service with 40 persons in his home raided by police on [April 6, 2013](#), personal library seized; fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration'; **UPDATE**: fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1870



Russia: Akhtubinsk City, Astrakhan region

Yelena Grigoryeva (**UPDATE**: told by prosecutors that their case against her for inciting hatred was being closed due to lack of evidence)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1872

Friday August 2, 2013



Indonesia: Sukabumi, West Java

Kashfi Rosyid (aged 58, brother of Jalaudin, sentenced to three years imprisonment for evangelical activities, family "chased out of the village" and in hiding)

Jalaudin (aged 65, brother of Kashfi Rosyid, sentenced to three years imprisonment for evangelical activities, family "chased out of the village" and in hiding)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/10/03/two-indonesian-christians-sentenced-to-three-years-behind-bars-for-evangelism/>



Kazakhstan: Karabalyk, Kostanai region

Irina Malykhina (fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration'; **UPDATE:** fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1870

Saturday August 3, 2013



China: Guangzhou

Samuel Lamb aka Lin Xingiao (aged 88, **died of natural causes**, had spent 22 years in labor camps, saw a tenfold increase in Christianity in the country during his ministry)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/07/2634582/>



India: Bijapur district, Karnataka state

Somashekarwas (husband of Kusumabhai, physically threatened to reconvert to Hinduism, accused of practicing forced conversions after refusing to leave his village)

Kusumabhai (wife of Somashekarwas, verbally threatened to reconvert to Hinduism, accused of practicing forced conversions after refusing to leave her village)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/New-anti-Christian-violence-in-Karnataka,-but-religious-freedom-non-negotiable-for-Sajan-George-28908.html>

Sunday August 4, 2013



China: Urumqi, Xinjiang

Tan Wen (**UPDATE**: led a worship service that was raided by police, taken to a detention center where police said he would remain for 15 days)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/08/pastor-tan-wen-urumqi-house-church.html>



Egypt: Ain Shams, Cairo

Jessi Paulis Issa (aged 8 or 10, **killed by gunfire** outside the Evangelical church as she was leaving Sunday school, dozens were injured)

Phoebe (mother of Jessi Paulis [Boulus] Issa [aged 8 or 10, killed by gunfire outside the Evangelical church as she was leaving Sunday school], said of her only child "She was my best friend, my everything. Jessi was just becoming a young woman. Every woman dreams of becoming a mother, and for 10 years I was lucky enough to be a mum. I'll miss Jessi calling me mum - I know I won't ever hear it again")

Boulus (father of Jessi Paulis [Boulus] Issa [aged 8 or 10, killed by gunfire outside the Evangelical church as she was leaving Sunday school], said of his only child "Jessi was everything to us. Her killers didn't know that Jessi was my life - my future. They killed our future. I lived for her. We both did")

Pastor Nasrallah Zakaria (uncle of Jessi Paulis Issa, said that Christians were being targeted throughout the country by Morsi supporters)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130808153839.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1774-egypt-s-coptic-christians-dread-further-backlash>

Monday August 5, 2013



Pakistan

Shafaqat Emmanuel (aged 35, husband of Shagufta Kauser, father of two, handicapped, arrested for allegedly sending a blasphemous text message; **UPDATE**: confessed to sending the blasphemous text message after being tortured and told by the police that his wife would be tortured)

Shagufta Kauser (aged 35, wife of Shafaqat Emmanuel, mother of two, school worker, arrested for allegedly sending a blasphemous text message; **UPDATE**: forced along with her children to watch the torture of her husband by the police)

Pakistan: Karachi

Sunny Gill (photojournalist, threatened with death by two armed men on a motorcycle, now in hiding)

Pakistan: Okara district, near Lahore, Punjab state

Ishaq Masih (aged 45, father of Saima and Irshad, beaten and **shot dead** after he discovered Muslim neighbors sowing crops on his land, family refused to bury his body until the police agreed to file a report, perform an autopsy, and arrest the killers; **UPDATE**: funeral held)

Fr James Bahadur (officiated at the funeral of Ishaq Masih, the killers were released by police after the funeral)

Younus Iqbal (chairman of the Tenants' Association, said "Police never arrest the killers of Christians")

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/police-used-third-degree-torture-on-shafqat-says-blasphemy-accused-shagufta/>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/sunny-gill-from-karachi-pakistani-christian-journalist-is-under-threats-and-fear/>

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/08/2642298/>



Somalia: Bullo Marer, Lower Shebelle region

Shamsa Enow Hussein (aged 28, wife of Mohamed Isse Osman, mother of two daughters aged 3 and 5, abducted by Al Shabaab militants for being a secret Christian, possibly sexually assaulted, has not been heard from since)

Mohamed Isse Osman (husband of Shamsa Enow Hussein, received a text message from his wife's cell phone saying she had been sexually assaulted and asking him to leave, has fled with their daughters to an undisclosed location)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/islamic-extremists-in-somalia-abduct-christian-mother-of-two-young-children/>



Syria: Homs

Fr Frans van der Lugt SJ (stranded with 400,000 civilians in need of food, medicine, and water)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34091-ASIA SYRIA The Jesuits of the Middle East Deep concern for Fr Dall Oglio and Fr Frans van der Lugt#.UgRlwozD-po](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34091-ASIA_SYRIA_The_Jesuits_of_the_Middle_East_Deep_concern_for_Fr_Dall_Oglio_and_Fr_Frans_van_der_Lugt#.UgRlwozD-po)



Egypt: Beni Ahmed, Minya

Isaac Gaballah (home and blacksmith shop looted and set ablaze by rioters, then arrested by police on false charges of shooting at the looters)

Magdi Youssef (brother of Samuel, home looted and set ablaze by rioters, hit by stones on the head and leg while fleeing)

Samuel (brother of Magdi Youssef, described how police stood by and did not stop the rioters)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1753-copt-arrested-as-militants-set-fire-to-his-home-in-a-minya-village>

Tuesday August 6, 2013



Iran: Karaj

Hossein Saketi Aramsari aka Stephen (convert, arrested, **UPDATE**: put into solitary confinement)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7799:iran-christian-converts-fate-unknown-in-karaj-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt: Souhag

Milad Ebeed (grocer, abducted, parents and brother shot, released after ransom paid)

Sadek Ebeed (father of Milad Ebeed, **shot dead**, wife and another son shot and seriously wounded)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/642>



Central African Republic: Bangui

Rev Nicolas Guerekoyame Gbangou (arrested and released, probably for an article in which he criticized the Seleka interim government for the continued plunder, rape, and murder of Christians and others)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/08/2639576/>

Wednesday August 7, 2013



Indonesia: Tebet, South Jakarta, Java

Archbishop Ignatius Suharyo (**UPDATE**: called on Christians to be vigilant of possible attacks after two Molotov cocktails were thrown in the grounds of Assisi Catholic School - which once was attended by the young Barack Obama)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Archbishop-of-Jakarta-warns-of-attacks,-urges-people-to-remain-vigilant-and-calls-for-controls-28681.html>



China: Qiaodong district, Hebei province

Fr Song Wanjun (aged 39, underground priest, pulled from his automobile at 4 AM, arrested and taken to an undisclosed location)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hebei-underground-Catholic-priest-arrested-28710.html>



Pakistan: Toba Tek Singh

Iqra Saddique (aged 22, arrested by four male policemen, tortured and stripped in public, held five days without charge; police falsely charged her with involvement in an unrelated robbery case after her attorney protested, not allowed to be visited by her mother)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4429>



Kazakhstan: Karaganda [Qaraghandy] region

Anissa Tsimfer (fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration'; **UPDATE:** fine upheld on appeal)

Lyubov Artamonova (fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration'; **UPDATE:** fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1870



Syria

Bishop Boulos al-Yazigi (brother of Patriarch Youhanna X, kidnapped at gunpoint by rebels on April 22, 2013 near Kfar Dael, Aleppo, the deacon who was driving was shot dead; **UPDATE:** fear is growing that he is dead)

Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim (kidnapped at gunpoint by rebels on April 22, 2013 near Kfar Dael, Aleppo, the deacon who was driving was shot dead; **UPDATE:** fear is growing that he is dead)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/08/worries-grow-about-fate-of-kidnapped-syrian-bishops/>



Algeria

Karim Siaghi (aged 30, convert, sentenced on [May 4 2012](#) in [Oran](#) to five years imprisonment on blasphemy charges for giving a CD on Christianity to a neighbor, appellate court hearing is scheduled for December 2, 2012; **UPDATE**: still awaiting a verdict from the appellate court)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/algeria-slow-in-ruling-on-converts-appeal-of-prison-sentence/>



Ireland: Dublin

Sr Eugene Nolan (member of the board of directors of Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, said that the new abortion law "is being imposed on us" and runs "against our ethos")

Fr Kevin Doran (member of the board of directors of Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, said that "What's happening is the Minister [for Health James Reilly] is saying hospitals are not entitled to have an ethos" following passage of the new abortion bill)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-hospital-cannot-comply-with-new-irish-abortion-law>

Thursday August 8, 2013



Sri Lanka: Weliweriya

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith (condemned the military attack on St Anthony Church in which three died after protesting local water pollution)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Catholic-Church:-army-violence-in-Weliweriya-unacceptable-and-unjustifiable-28698.html>



Uzbekistan: Almalyk

Rovza Sultanova (sister of Marina Sultanova, home raided by police while teaching "religion" to children)

Marina Sultanova (sister of Rovza Sultanova (sister of Marina Sultanova, home raided by police while teaching "religion" to children)

Bakhtiyor Karayev (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

Rozalina Abyazova (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

Galina Dyachenko (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

Natalya Kubaychuk (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

Olga Vlasova (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

Olga Kazakova (parent of a child caught in the police raid on the home of Rovza and Marina Sultanova)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1908

Friday August 9, 2013



Iran: Tehran

Parham Farazmand (convert, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

Sedigheh Kiani (convert, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

Sara Sardirian (convert, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

Mona Fazli (convert, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue20722.html>



Ecuador: Portoviejo

Archbishop Lorenzo Voltolini (sent an apology from President Rafael Correa for the desecration of a hospital chapel in which consecrated hosts were dumped in a pile with other fixtures)

Fr Manuel Cedeno (described the apology from President Rafael Correa for the desecration of a hospital chapel)

Fr Cristian Andrade (hospital chaplain, given no notice that the hospital chapel would be cleared out)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/ecuador-president-apologizes-for-profanation-of-hospital-chapel/>

Saturday August 10, 2013



Egypt: Minya

Mikail (aged 23, carpenter, shop destroyed by Islamists)

George (aged 27, grocer, supermarket destroyed by Islamists who then held a gun to his head and threatened him and his family with death)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mikail,-a-young-Coptic-who-fled-Minya:-Christians-persecuted-by-Muslim-Brotherhood,-but-also-Mubarak-28999.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Egyptian-Coptic-refugee-finds-comfort-in-pope's-words-after-enduring-pain-in-Minya-28994.html>

Sunday August 11, 2013



India: Mobanahalli, Chitadurga district, Karnataka state

Rev Paramajyothi (dragged from his church by Hindu nationalists, stripped and beaten while his family and congregation watched, three teeth broken, police later filed a complaint against him)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/New-anti-Christian-violence-in-Karnataka,-but-religious-freedom-non-negotiable-for-Sajan-George-28908.html>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/persecution-of-christians-rockets-in-karnataka-india/>



Egypt: Wasta, Beni Suef

Muslims targeted Christians over objections to a speed bump

Fr Angelous Makar (described the destruction of Archangel Church by arson)

Hanna Abdel Malak (home destroyed by arson)

Roushdi Korani Makarios (home destroyed by arson)

Diwan Nasrallah Abadir (home destroyed by arson)

Said Kamel Said (home destroyed by arson)

Sedki Asaad (home destroyed by arson)

heirs of Ayub Abdullah (home destroyed by arson)

Emad Attia Elias (home destroyed by arson)

Nasr Zarif Nasr (home destroyed by arson)

Nabil Aziz (home destroyed)

Fawzi Ayoub (motorcycle destroyed)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1771-militants-set-fire-to-church-and-houses-of-copts-in-beni-suef-over-speed-bump-dispute>



Nigeria: Ngon, Konduga Town, and other locations

Rev Yunusa Nmadu (**UPDATE:** condemned the killing of at least 77 by Boko Haram, including 46 in the Islamist group's first attack on mosques)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13080065.htm>

Monday August 12, 2013



North Korea: Pyongyang

Kenneth Bae (aged 44 [2012], father of three, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Rajin](#) on [November 3, 2012](#) for preaching Christianity; sentenced to 15 years hard labor on [May 5, 2013](#) in

Pyongyang for “anti-government activities”; **UPDATE**: reportedly has been transferred to a hospital due to diabetes and a heart malformation)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Health-of-Christian-missionary-held-in-Pyongyang-labour-camp-deteriorates-28716.html>



Egypt: Assuit

Bishop Kyrillos William Samaan (**UPDATE**: said "The Islamists are taking revenge on us Christians")

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1376523036.html>



Honduras: Gracias

Ben Sowers (aged 12, son of missionaries, abducted)

<http://blog.godreports.com/2013/08/honduras-son-of-missionaries-12-kidnapped-at-gunpoint-then-gods-people-rose-up-to-pray/>

Tuesday August 13, 2013



China: Linfen, Shanxi province

Li Shuangping (house church leader, abducted by local government agents, beaten, threatened with his and his family's death, left in a cornfield)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/08/linfen-house-church-leader-li.html>



India: Jaipur, Rajasthan state

Reena Behl (aged 51, mother of Pastor Vishaal Behl, beaten by four Hindu nationalists and threatened with death for her not telling them the whereabouts of her son and daughter-in-law)

Pastor Vishaal Behl (elderly mother - also a Christian - beaten by four Hindu nationalists and threatened with death for her not telling them the whereabouts of her son and daughter-in-law)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/hindu-extremists-attack-pastors-mother-in-india/>
<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Rajasthan:-Hindu-extremists-attack-Christian-family,-tell-them-to-convert-or-be-killed-28770.html>



Pakistan: Gloria Colony Farooq Nagar, Sheikpura

Salem Masih (caterer, warehouse firebombed, suspects arrested and agreed to compensation after admitting guilt)

Pakistan: Karachi

Victor William Bhutta (activist, **killed**, police refused to file a report except against 'unknown assailants')

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4473>
<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/christian-sanitary-workers-forcefully-expelled-from-their-homes-in-karachi/>



Egypt: Mallawi

Janet Wadie (home damaged in an arson attack)

<https://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2013/September/Fear-Lingers-after-Egypt-anti-Christian-Attacks/>



Russia: Kosta Khetagurov, Karachai-Cherkessia republic

Kolliyevs (elderly couple, home searched by police, religious literature confiscated)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1872



Honduras: Gracias

Ben Sowers (aged 12, son of missionaries, abducted; **UPDATE:** released)

<http://blog.godreports.com/2013/08/honduras-son-of-missionaries-12-kidnapped-at-gunpoint-then-gods-people-rose-up-to-pray/>

Wednesday August 14, 2013



The Muslim Brotherhood began a coordinated series of attacks on Christians in revenge for their ouster from the government, these attacks were later dubbed the ‘Egyptian Kristallnacht’

Egypt

Mina Thabet (spokesman of the Maspero Students Union, said that Copts were angry because they believed the world has abandoned them)

Egypt: Alexandria

Rafaat Aziz Mina (aged early 20s, taxi driver, pulled from his taxi by a Muslim Brotherhood mob, beaten and **beheaded**)

Rami Zakria (**shot to death**)

Egypt: Shatbi, Alexandra province

Fr Moussa Mina (automobile destroyed by arson)

Egypt: Assuit

Nevine Kamal (aged 40, pharmacist, mother of two teens, said "We had never experienced the kind of persecution we suffer now. We are insulted every day")

Wael Ibrahim (Egyptian Bible Society, said "I watched from afar, and I saw the Muslim Brotherhood people divide up into teams of 10 to attack anyone who approached the store. I eventually left and I called the police because it was all I could do. I left, and half an hour later I got a call, and someone told me the Bible Society was on fire, so I quickly went back. But I couldn't get close enough to defend the place. They didn't just attack the store, they attacked the café and every store on the street that had any connection with Christians – they destroyed so many stores. All the books were burned. There is nothing left")

Pastor Nasralla Salib (along with his wife was the victim of an abduction attempt by the Muslim Brotherhood, rescued by Muslim neighbors)

Egypt: Cairo

Fr Rafik Greich (Church spokesman, **UPDATE**: described how the Muslim Brotherhood has attacked at least 22 churches and church schools within the last few hours, and how the international media is not reporting the attacks)

Egypt: Delja

Samir Lamei Sakr (attorney, home attacked and burned after a cleric used the mosque loudspeakers to call for revenge against the infidel Christians, cousin killed before his body was dragged through the streets, has fled to Cairo with his extended family, said “Every boy, girl, mother and father is living in terror. And not only the Christians are living in fear, but the moderate Muslims are also. Terrorism and thuggery are the only laws now”)

Egypt: Beni Mazar, Minya province

Rev Hany Jacque (church looted and burnt, later said "The Church is not walls and buildings. The Church is us, the people of God. They burned and destroyed the building, but it will never be possible for them to burn and destroy the Church because the Church will remain forever. If this was the cost for the God's people in this place, that's alright. Pay it, because God's people must always speak the truth.... This is a small price to pay for us to speak the truth")

Egypt: Delga, Minya province

Samir Hanna (aged 43, farmer, escaped with his family from his home and hid with a Muslim neighbor during the Muslim Brotherhood attack, later returned to find it looted and destroyed by arson)

Fr Angelios (home destroyed by arson)

Gamil Nagih (aged 21, witnessed the burning of a church, 20 homes, and several Coptic businesses after an imam called for an attack over the mosque's loudspeakers)

Sameer Lamie (aged 31, shot with birdshot while escaping a mob that broke into his home, mother also wounded, cousin shot and died of his wounds)

Iskander Doss (cousin of Sameer Lamie, **died from gunshot wounds** while escaping from a mob that had broken into his cousin's home)

Iskander Rizk Allah (**killed**)

Egypt: Minya

Osama Makram Amin (electrician, said “I told one man not to burn the school where my children study. He turned around and tried to stab me”)

John Sameer (aged 21, brother of Philimon Sameer, described the invasion of his neighborhood by thousands of men chanting anti-Coptic slogans who then burned four churches, two schools, a community center, an orphanage, and 20 shops)

Philimon Sameer (aged 24, brother of John Sameer, described how the Islamists burned a church that was 20 meters from the governorate's security directorate but no one intervened, a church hall and the YMCA also were burned)

Fr Bernaba (church damaged by fire)

Bishoy Mikhail (**died in a fire** set by arsonists while in a floating restaurant, a Muslim fellow employee also died)

Samuel Thabet (owner of a floating restaurant that was destroyed by arson and two employees killed)

Alexander Tawss (aged 60, barber, **shot dead**, body hacked to pieces and left in a graveyard)

Fr Ayoub Youssef (aged 40, described the killing of Alexander Tawss “We have not been able to visit the graveyard to collect his body parts and to this day he has not been given a burial...It is a ploy to get his family or any one of us to go to the graveyard and then kill us, too”)

Nora Girgis (tried to stop the burning of her church, threatened with death)

Fr Sidarous Macca (described the intricate wood carvings that were destroyed by arson)

Atteya Farag (church caretaker, church burnt)

Nady Khalil (director of Integral Development Action, said "For three days [the looters] were selling things in the street and people from the church were buying them back")

Egypt: Hafr Hakim, Giza

Shenouda El Sayeh (described the arson and looting of the Virgin Mary Church)

Egypt: Sinai

Mitri Shawqi Mitri (aged 53, shopkeeper, son abducted, said "We are living in a state of constant terror, but we see nothing from the police or the army. Everything has stopped for us, there is no work, all the churches have closed, the priests have fled")

Mina (son of Mitri Shawqi Mitri, abducted)

Egypt: Sohag

Wissam Mamduh (aged 19, witnessed the burning of a church and dozens of Coptic homes and businesses)

Egypt: Shatoura willage, Sohag province

Magdi Adli Wahba (husband of Nagla Fayeze, **shot dead**)

Nagla Fayeze (widow of Magdi Adli Wahba, shot and wounded by her husband's killers)

Egypt: Suez

Rev Ehab Ayoub (automobile destroyed)

Egypt: Tahta, Sohag province

Marco Emile Atiyya (aged 16, **shot dead**)

Egypt: Monshaat Baddini, Samalout province

Pastor Menassa Nesseim (described how his congregation's church was seized by Islamists and converted into a mosque, police and military have done nothing to return the building)

Egypt: Zerby

Rev Maged Wadie Riyad (church looted, not burnt after a Muslim neighbor told the mob they would have to burn him also)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130913143703.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131008125036.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141222034717.htm>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/After-church-attacks,-we-live-in-fear,-says-Christian-woman-28818.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Egypt,-Muslim-Brotherhood-assaults-22-Christian-churches-28745.html>

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13080071.htm>

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue21010.html>

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/642>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1831-islamists-step-up-attacks-on-christians-for-supporting-morsi-s-ouster>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1833-mass-attacks-on-churches-in-egypt-christians-say-pleas-for-protection-fell-largely-on-deaf-ears>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1936-across-egypt-piles-of-ash-where-church-pews-once-stood>

<http://www.eipr.org/en/content/2013/08/25/1796>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/christians-targeted-in-pro-morsi-violence-in-egypt/>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10264499/The-almost-unremarked-tragedy-of-Christians-persecuted-in-the-Middle-East.html>

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/world_news/Middle_East/article1301898.ece?CMP=OTH-gnws-standard-2013_08_17

Thursday August 15, 2013



Kazakhstan: Karabalyk, Kostanai region

Andrei Moiseyenko (fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration', **UPDATE:** fine upheld on appeal)

Ivan Vengelevsky (fined US\$1,130 for 'missionary activity without registration', **UPDATE:** fine upheld on appeal)

Kazakhstan: Komarovka village

Mikhail Milkin (**UPDATE:** stopped by police after leaving a religious service, books seized)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1915



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Egypt

Farid Garas (Executive Director Christian Satellite Television, said "Many church leaders have made statements stressing that church buildings don't make the church but the church is the body of Christ made of people and their faith in him, and that is getting stronger facing these challenges...Some Muslims have gone to protect churches, and alot of Christians are sending messages to their fellow Muslim citizens saying, 'Buildings can be rebuilt again, but you are priceless, so stay safe, and don't worry about the churches'...It seems like we are experiencing a pruning process of the living body of Egypt. It sure hurts, but it is important and we are sure we will see the fruit of freedom, and we trust the Creator who is in control")

Egypt: Ard al-Geneina area, Ezbat al-Nakhl, Cairo province

Fawzi Murid (**killed**)

Egypt: Tamyia district, Fayoum

Fr Rafael Sami (home attacked with Molotov cocktails, garden and windows burnt)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/643>

<http://www.eipr.org/en/content/2013/08/25/1796>



Central African Republic: Bozoum

Fr Aurelio Gazzera (**UPDATE**: said that the Islamists are targeting Christians throughout the country and “the bloodiest treatment has often been reserved for Catholic catechists”)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2013/08/15/attacks-on-christians-in-central-african-republic-must-stop-says-priest/>



Italy: Casagiove

Fr Stefano Giaquinto (parish center attacked by arsonists after he called on the mafia to repent)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/priest-in-italy-suspects-mafia-behind-attack-on-parish/>

Friday August 16, 2013



China

Samuel Lamb aka Lin Xingiao (aged 88, **died of natural causes** on August 3, 2013 in Guangzhou, had spent 22 years in labor camps, saw a tenfold increase in Christianity in the country during his ministry; **UPDATE**: at least 30,000 attended his funeral, a number never seen at the funeral of any local political leader)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Guangzhou,-30-thousand-attend-funeral-of-underground-Protestant-pastor-28763.html>



Iraq: Al Solaymaneya

Gameel Botros Soliman (**killed**)

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



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Egypt

Samuel Tadros (Research Fellow at the Hudson Institute's Center for Religious Freedom, said in [Washington, DC, USA](#) that the Islamist attacks on more than 50 churches - with at least 20 destroyed - appears to be the single worst day of violence in the country against Christians since the 14th century)

Dr Terence Ascott (CEO Christian Satellite Television, signed a letter stating he was "appalled" at the BBC and other western news media portrayal of the Muslim Brotherhood as the victims in the current conflict)

Ramez Atallah (General Secretary for The Bible Society of Egypt, signed a letter stating he was "appalled" at the BBC and other western news media portrayal of the Muslim Brotherhood as the victims in the current conflict)

Pastor Fayez Ishaq (Kasr El Dubarrah Evangelical Church, signed a letter stating he was "appalled" at the BBC and other western news media portrayal of the Muslim Brotherhood as the victims in the current conflict)

Egypt: Luxor

Bishop Youhannes Zakaria Badir (**UPDATE:** described how "a group of Islamists tried to break into my house and tried to set fire to the whole building. Thank God, the army intervened to our aid")

Egypt: Qena province

Fr Hegumen Hadra Abd al-Shahid (cross snatched from around his neck, thrown to the ground and beaten)

Abduh Rizq (owner of a building set on fire)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130816143021.htm>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/egyptian-bishop-says-terrorists-tried-to-kill-him-in-his-home/>

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/644>

<http://www.eipr.org/en/content/2013/08/25/1796>

Saturday August 17, 2013



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Egypt

Pope Tawardos II (**UPDATE:** wrote that "the side of Egyptian law, the armed forces and all the Egyptian civil institutions when it comes to confronting violent armed organizations and terrorizing forces, either within the country or from abroad...The attacks on government buildings and peaceful churches terrorize everyone, whether they be Copts or Muslims. These actions go against any religion, any moral code and any sense of humanity")

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1801-a-statement-from-the-coptic-orthodox-church-of-egypt>



Nigeria: Lafia, Nasarawa state

Peter Aleku (operator of the St James Cathedral water well, slapped by a Muslim woman over a payment dispute)

Rev Isaac Onwusongaonye (attacked along with other church elders and choir members by a Muslim mob after a dispute over payment for water from the St James Cathedral well, church security guards needed hospitalization, police prevented burning of the church and arrested the "notorious" son of the woman who began the dispute)

Ven Shigudu ("narrowly escaped" being stabbed during the dispute over water from the St James Cathedral well)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/muslim-mob-injures-church-leaders-choir-members-in-nigeria/>



United Kingdom: Norwich

Rev Dr Alan Clifford (**UPDATE**: investigated by police and referred to the Crown prosecutor for allegedly engaging in homophobic hate speech)

<http://blogs.spectator.co.uk/coffeehouse/2013/08/revd-dr-alan-clifford-referred-to-the-cps/>

Sunday August 18, 2013



India: Chikkamalaguru district, Karnataka state

Doddamma (home invaded by Hindu radicals who demanded to know why she preached about Christianity, dragged to a Hindu temple with her daughter after refusing to answer, both beaten after refusing to reconvert to Hinduism, home destroyed)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/New-anti-Christian-violence-in-Karnataka,-but-religious-freedom-non-negotiable-for-Sajan-George-28908.html>



Iran: Tehran

Bishop Ignazio Bedini (told that he will be deported if he continues to allow Farsi-speaking Christians to attend Mass)

Fr Paul Lawlor (told that he will be deported if he continues to allow Farsi-speaking Christians to attend Mass, told the Farsi speakers in the congregation that they would have to obey the law)

Farshid Malayeri Fathi (sentenced to six years imprisonment for "being the chief agent of foreign organizations in Iran and of administrating funds for foreign organizations"; **UPDATE:** has been subjected to mental torture: "I was told falsely that my wife had been arrested as well and that I needed to give my children's custody to someone for a temporary period of time. I was also informed falsely that my dad had a heart attack and was hospitalized. Then they wouldn't give me any follow up news on whether he was dead or alive, while it was all intended to put me under mental pressure")

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7543:farsi-speaking-christians-banned-from-entering-latin-catholic-church-in-tehran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7358:farshid-fathi-tells-of-his-agonies-in-a-letter-from-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



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Egypt

George (aged 27, grocer, supermarket destroyed by Islamists who then held a gun to his head and threatened him and his family with death, **UPDATE:** fled the country and applied for asylum in Italy, is attempting to bring his parents and brother to Italy)

Egypt: Bani Suef

Girgis Waheeb (activist, reported that Christians and moderate Muslims joined en masse to protect two local monasteries from looters)

Sr Manal (aged 47, principal of a Franciscan school that was looted and burned, said "We are nuns. We rely on God and the angels to protect us...At the end, they paraded us like prisoners of war and hurled abuse at us as they led us from one alley to another without telling us where they were taking us", rescued by a Muslim former teacher)

Wardah (sister of Bedour, Franciscan school employee, beaten and sexually assaulted while escaping from the burning Franciscan school)

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Fr Boulos Fahmy (said after the burning of the nearby Franciscan school "I am terrified and unable to focus. I am expecting an attack on my church any time now")

Egypt: Degla

Fr Selwanes Lotfy (described how the Muslim Brotherhood violence caused the Virgin Mary and Priest Ibram Monastery to cancel Sunday Divine Liturgy for the first time in 1600 years - the monastery was then destroyed)

Egypt: Fayoum

Bishop Ibram (described how five churches were looted and burned: "The looters were so diligent that they came back to one of the five churches they had ransacked to see if they can get more. They were loading our chairs and benches on trucks and when they had no space for more, they destroyed them")

Egypt: Minya

Mikail (aged 23, carpenter, shop destroyed by Islamists, **UPDATE:** fled the country and applied for asylum in Italy)

Bishoy Alfons Naguib (aged 33, home supplies store burned, threatened with stabbing)

Ezzat Ibrahim Izzat (activist; **UPDATE:** said that police have disappeared from seven of the nine districts in the local region)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Egyptian-Coptic-refugee-finds-comfort-in-pope's-words-after-enduring-pain-in-Minya-28994.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mikail,-a-young-Coptic-who-fled-Minya:-Christians-persecuted-by-Muslim-Brotherhood,-but-also-Mubarak-28999.html>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1803-islamists-hit-christian-churches-in-egypt-parade-nuns-as-prisoners-of-war-hoist-al-qaeda-flag>

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/08/egypt-coptic-church-cancels-sunday-liturgy-for-1st-time-in-1600-years/>

Monday August 19, 2013



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Egypt

Pastor John Amin (wrote of the current Muslim Brotherhood violence against the church "We live in our church, so when someone attacks our congregation, it's as if our house is being attacked...Our children are afraid")

Egypt: Minya

Pastor Sameh Ibrahim (said of the burning of his congregation's church "This will learn us to be better Christians")

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/08/20/muslim-brotherhood-wages-war-on-christians/>

Tuesday August 20, 2013



Pakistan: Bashir Masihabad, Nawan Kali, Quetta

Sohan Masih (has written to the Chief Justice asking for an inquiry committee to investigate the land mafia that is stealing church property)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/a-christian-man-writes-to-the-chief-justice-of-pakistan/>



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Egypt: Alexandria

Patriarch Ibrahim Isaac Sidrak (**UPDATE:** wrote that the current crisis is not “a political struggle between different factions” but rather “a war against terrorism”)

Egypt: Cairo

Fr Rafik Greich (**UPDATE:** stated "Out of 58 churches attacked 14 are Catholic, the rest belong to the Coptic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant communities. The attacks against the churches took place all over the Country, but are concentrated especially in the areas of Al Minya and Assiut, because it is there that we find the headquarters of the jihadists, responsible for this violence. It should be emphasized that Muslims who live in the vicinity of the affected churches have helped men and women religious to put out the fires of the religious buildings...This is not a civil war between Christians and Muslims. It is not a civil war but a war against terrorism. And the majority of the population is against terrorism and religious extremism")

Egypt: Luxor

Bishop Youhannes Zakaria (**UPDATE:** said "For security reasons, we canceled the celebration of the Assumption, which is celebrated here on August 22 and not on the 15th. Everyone is locked in their own home. I have been locked in the Bishopric for about 20 days. The security forces have advised me not to go out...I am crying for all this simple humanity, Muslims and Christians, who reside in the villages of the area that have nothing because food supplies are running out and people are afraid to leave the house. Even those who are well off cannot buy food because all the shops are closed")

Egypt: Delga

"Boutrous" (alias, son of Iskander, barber, shop burned down, father killed)

Iskander (father of "Boutrous", barber, shop burned down, **shot dead**, body dragged through the village, buried, exhumed and dragged through the streets again)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/egyptian-patriarch-calls-recent-violence-a-war-on-terrorism/>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34135->

[AFRICA EGYPT 58 churches destroyed But it is not a war between Christians and Muslims says the spokesperson of the Catholic Bishops#.UhK7bYzD8fQ](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34135-)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34143->

[AFRICA EGYPT We are all locked in the house and food stocks are running out says the Bishop of Luxor#.UhQri4zD8fQ](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34143-)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/05/egypts-christians-expecting-death-any-time/>



Central African Republic: Cite de la Paix, outside Bangui

Suzanne (aged 16, raped by a Seleka fighter, later said "I cannot stop thinking about what happened. I have many nightmares. My grandparents and my foster parents tell me not to think about it anymore and to pray. God was there when it happened. He knew and He saw it. What can I do? God saw. God knows. I leave it to Him...Each time I have a nightmare, I get up and pray. After that, I am able to sleep again. I ask God to prevent others to live through the same things I have lived through. I also pray to God to touch the hearts of the people who are able to help us stop this violence and bring back peace to our country. I ask Him to forgive my aggressors for what they did to me")

<http://www.christiannewswire.com/news/82873241.html>



Nigeria

Sunday Oibe (Public Relations Officer for the Christian Association of Nigeria; **UPDATE:** stated on the killing of Boko Haram leader Shekau by the military "As Christians, we

don't rejoice over the death of anyone. The Bible says God does not take delight in the death of a sinner, but wants him to repent. All I can say right now is that Shekau would have been captured alive to answer questions on his activities, so that the whole world would know why he embarked on such massive destruction of human lives and property...The rest of Boko Haram members should take this as a lesson that nobody fights government and gets away with it. They should stop and repent from their evil way and embrace peace. If their so-called strong leader could be killed, they should know that the arm of the law is long enough to clip their wings. They should know that God is against their dastard act and they should have a change of mind from evil immediately”)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=117310>



United States – Massachusetts: Brockton

Pastor Lee Harmon (aged 74, husband of Francis Harman, **beaten to death** with a hammer while delivering food to his daughter)

Francis Harman (wife of Pastor Lee Harmon)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/man-arrested-for-murder-of-74-year-old-pentecostal-preacher-who-was-taking-food-to-daughter-104403/>

Wednesday August 21, 2013



Iran: Karaj

Ebrahim Firouzi (convert, aged 28, sentenced on July 15, 2013 for "evangelism activities" to one year imprisonment and two years internal exile to Sarbaz; **UPDATE**: rearrested while visiting two other Christians)

Masoud Mirzaei (arrested in his insurance office during a visit by Ebrahim Firouzi, called home to say he was in good health, charges unknown)

Sevada Aghasar (arrested in the office of Masoud Mirzaei, called home to say he was in good health, charges unknown)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7411:iranian-authorities-arrest-three-christians-in-karaj&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt: Assyut

Wahid Jacob (deacon, abducted for US\$171,000 ransom, severely tortured and **executed** when the impoverished family could not pay)

Egypt: Luxor

Bishop Youhannes Zakaria Badir (**UPDATE**: described how "The security situation is improving, partly because some extremist leaders inciting young people to violence have been caught. We are still locked in the house, but the soldiers have brought us bread...Tomorrow, 22 August, according to the Julian calendar we will celebrate the Assumption, with a Mass to be held in the morning instead of at night, for safety reasons. The celebrations this year will be in an extremely reduced form because we have to be careful how we move. But thanks to the police and the military, we have been feeling more confident in the past few days...I received phone calls from the United States, a Bishop called me from Germany. They all said they listened to Pope Francis' appeal to pray for peace for Egypt. This solidarity has moved me...All the Egyptian people who are suffering, Muslims and Christians are united in suffering the violence of extremists. So I ask everyone to continue to pray for Egypt")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34149->

[AFRICA EGYPT I thank those who from all over the world express solidarity with the Egyptian people said Mgr Zakaria#.UhV1w4zD8fg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34149-)

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/muslim-persecution-of-christians/egypt-christians-killed-for-ransom/>

Thursday August 22, 2013



Indonesia: Lenteng Agung ward, Jakarta, Java

Susan Jasmine Zulkifli (elected ward chief, a petition has been signed by 2,300 residents calling for her removal because she is a woman and a Christian, the deputy governor said "The objection based on religion is irrelevant")

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/news/jakarta/basuki-opposes-protest-based-on-gender-faith/>



China: Bengbu

Zhang Lin (illegally interrogated by police in Hefei, Anhui province on [February 27, 2013](#), private possessions seized, 10 year old daughter removed from school and held alone in a room without food for over three hours; **UPDATE**: arrested on a charge of assembling a crowd to disturb order in a public place, the 'crowd' was a gathering of fellow dissidents who assembled to aid his daughter after her detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/08/civil-rights-dissident-zhang-lin.html>



India: Jagalur tilak, Davengere, Karnataka state

Kotresh (assaulted by Hindu nationalists)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/persecution-of-christians-rockets-in-karnataka-india/>



Pakistan: Lahore

Shama Nasir (aged 15, daughter of Nasir Masih, abducted and forced into Islamic marriage)

Nasir Masih (father of Shama Nasir, approached to embrace Islam and refused, daughter abducted a few days later, threatened with arrest when he tried to file a police report on the abduction)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130913125657.htm>



Iraq

Rafael Aichoa (in two separate incidents found the bodies of his murdered brother and parents in late 2012, will be emigrating to Australia)

Saad Touma (is preparing to leave for Turkey on his way to emigrate to Europe, had been abducted and released for ransom in 2008)

Rev Emile Isho (stated that he believes that all remaining Christians will emigrate)

Rev Youhanna Bazi (stated that he believes that all remaining Christians will emigrate within the next 10 years if the situation does not improve)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130821193211.htm>



Syria

Bishop Mata el-Khouri (said “The U.S. has been deceiving us that the death of Osama bin Laden meant the death of al-Qaida. They are more active now than ever before. As to what they would do to the Christians [if they came to power], the answer is clear”)

Syria: Kasaa district, eastern Damascus

Isan Bahri (aged 44, mechanical shop owner, said “The terrorists are trying to push the Christians out of this area. They are not shooting at the army, they are intentionally aiming for civilians...They have threatened to cut our throats. I love my country, but if it means having the terrorists slaughter me, my wife and our two boys, I’d rather escape to Lebanon”)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/08/christians-other-minorities-in-syria-fear-ethnic-cleansing/>



Nigeria: Alasia-Amosun area of Monatan, Ibadan

Folajomi Agunbiade (**shot by a robber** during a home invasion when she began to pray aloud, she then cried "Jesus!" and **died**)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=117756>

Friday August 23, 2013



India: Chennai, Tamil Nadu state

Lakshmi Priya (aged 23, engineering graduate, abducted by her parents after converting to Christianity and seeking to enter the convent)

<http://www.news.va/en/news/asiaindia-kidnappings-forced-conversions-and-viole>



Pakistan

Sawan Masih (reported by a barber to have committed blasphemy on [March 8, 2013](#), arrested, threatened with death by a mob that later burned down over 200 Christian homes 2 Churches and 19 shops injuring 35 and causing hundreds to flee [Joseph Colony, Badami Bah, Lahore](#) on [March 9, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: trial has been scheduled for September 5, 2013)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/sawan-masih-jail-trial-scheduled-for-september-5/>



Uzbekistan: Samarkand

Aleksandr Tarasyuk (Ukrainian citizen, fined 25 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature, may be deported)

Aziza Kamalova (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Damir Hojayevev (fined 25 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Eldor Muzapparov (fined 25 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Farida Hojiyeva (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Gulshan Kamolov (fined 25 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Obida Nazarova (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Shahnoza Ibrahimova (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Zilola Fattoyeva (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Zilola Hojayevev (fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Zokirzhon Rizoyev (fined 25 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Uzbekistan: Karshi [Qarshi] City, Kashkadarya region

Anvar Karimov (fined 60 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Mikhail Balykbayev (**UPDATE**: fined 70 times the minimum monthly wage for leading an unregistered religious activity)

Munira Gaziyeva (**UPDATE**: fined 70 times the minimum monthly wage for leading an unregistered religious activity)

Obid Abdullayev (fined 60 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Roziya Usmanova (fined 60 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Ruzimurod Khonov (fined 60 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

Utkir Choriyev (**UPDATE**: fined 60 times the minimum monthly wage for illegal storage and distribution of religious literature)

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Viktor Tashpulatov (**UPDATE**: fined 70 times the minimum monthly wage for leading an unregistered religious activity)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1875



Nigeria: Abuja

Rev Dr Musa Asake (**UPDATE**: commented on a report from the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom that criticized the Nigerian government's 'toleration of communal, sectarian violence': "There is no war in the north – what we have is genocide against people of the Christian faith. The situation demands urgent action, if we are not to descend into a state where every man is to [fend for] himself")

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/impunity-said-to-abet-persecution-of-christians-nigeria/>



Algeria: Biskra

Sofiane (married, father of one, detained without charge at a military checkpoint and taken for questioning, home raided and laptop and other personal items taken)

[Open Doors International email](#)

Saturday August 24, 2013



India: Kakadi Beda village, Kondagoan

Laxmi Sovi (widow, mother of two, home invaded by Hindu radicals, dragged to a Hindu temple with her children, teenage daughter threatened with rape, beaten after refusing to reconvert to Hinduism, suffered a fractured left hand and multiple swellings and contusions, home destroyed)

Rev A K Netam (described the attack on Laxmi Sovi and her children)

India: Ilkal Bagalakote, Karnataka state

Samson (hospitalized with bleeding from his nose and ears after being beaten by Hindu nationalists)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/christian-widows-in-india-beaten-for-refusing-to-reconvert-to-hinduism/>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/persecution-of-christians-rockets-in-karnataka-india/>



Pakistan: near Lahore

Pastor Sattar Masih (aged 37, accused of blasphemy for allegedly saying that Muhammed was cruel and killed innocents, denied the allegation and told that he only said "that the Bible is still in its original form", fled the village)

Wasim Raza (aged 21, helped Pastor Sattar Masih flee to safety)

http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/09/article_2700036.html/



Kazakhstan: Aktobe

Robert Panczykowski (cardiologist, Polish citizen, charged with acting as an unregistered missionary;

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1919

Sunday August 25, 2013



India: Uttara Kannada, Karnataka state

Hindu extremists invade St Thomas School and beat Christians who are later arrested on a charge of forcible conversion of the schoolchildren despite the absence of anti-conversion laws in the state

Sunil Varghese

Alexander

Sabu

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/News-analysis/Churches-targeted-pastors-beaten-up-Christians-arrested-in-Indian-state.html>



Kazakhstan

Maxim Maximov (**UPDATE**: described official prohibition of his church inviting guest preachers and singers)

Sergey Shidlovskiy (banned by the government from preaching in church)

Dmitry Shletgauer (banned by the government from singing Christian songs in church)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/09/12/officials-in-kazakhstan-threaten-to-fine-church-if-guest-pastors-preach/>



Iraq: Bagdad

Rev Andrew White (**UPDATE**: said of the silence of British leaders to the attacks on Christians “The majority of political and religious leaders still don’t talk about it. The religious leaders seem to be more concerned with who is doing the flower arranging on a Sunday and whether a gay priest is going to be ordained or not. Most people have no idea this is going on - they really have no idea at all...We used to have 1.5 million Christians, now we have probably only got 200,000 left in Iraq. There are more Iraqi Christians in Chicago than here”)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10264499/The-almost-unremarked-tragedy-of-Christians-persecuted-in-the-Middle-East.html>



Egypt

Dr Mouner Anis (said that attacks on Christians under President Morsi was worse than the last ten years of the Mubarak presidency together)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10264499/The-almost-unremarked-tragedy-of-Christians-persecuted-in-the-Middle-East.html>

Monday August 26, 2013



Indonesia: Jejalen Jaya village, Bekasi, Jakarta

Rev Palti Panjaitan (described how his congregation of 200 was pelted with rotten eggs on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2012, the Christmas Eve attack also saw the use of thrown cow urine and dung; **UPDATE:** charged with “committing unpleasant acts” after physically holding one of the Christmas Day attackers, was not able to attend the latest hearing due to his psychological health, the Asian Human Rights Commission has called the case "fabricated" and "lacking evidence" and questions why the police will not close it)

http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/08/article_2664586.html/



Pakistan: village near Okara city, Punjab province

RA (‘brilliant’ veterinary student, abducted, sexually assaulted, and tortured with electric shocks in an attempt to force his conversion to Islam, sustained blood clots in his brain, later became severely mentally disturbed and has required psychiatric treatment, parents threatened by Muslim leaders who claim he converted and should be turned over to them)

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/Latest-emergencies/Christians-targeted-and-tortured-for-faith-need-your-support.html>



Iran: Tehran

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 [2012], convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit, convicted on [January 27, 2013](#) of undermining the government by spreading Christianity and sentenced to eight years in prison; **UPDATE**: sentence upheld by an appellate court)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7406:appeals-court-upheld-iranian-american-pastors-eight-year-sentence&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

Tuesday August 27, 2013



Pakistan: Bahawalpur, Punjab

Zareen Bibi (municipal sanitary worker, sent to clean the home of a municipal commissioner, the commissioner forcibly removed her trousers in an attempted rape but she ran into the street without them to escape)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4454>

Wednesday August 28, 2013



Pakistan: Islamabad

Phillip Anwar (barber, shop rented from a fraudulent landlord, arrested along with his brother after the fraudulent landlord destroyed the shop on [September 13, 2012](#) for non-payment of rent, has been told charges and demand for back rent will be dropped if he and his family convert to Islam)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4453>



Iraq: Mosul

Yusuf (prays "a hundred times" each day due to violence against Christian university students)

Malik (speaking on the rising violence against Christian university students: "When the situation is very tense in the city, we still have to study. It has a negative influence on our grades, but the exams are not deferred")

Kalam (told of actions against Christian university students: "Teachers are saying bad things about Christianity in their lessons and participate in the discrimination and bullying also")

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue20838.html>



Morocco: Ain Aicha, Taounate region

Mohamed El Baladi (aged 34, convert, arrested and sentenced to 2.5 years in prison and fined US\$600 for evangelism and shaking the faith of a Muslim, reportedly has been abused and that the authorities have been inciting prisoners to abuse him)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/09/12/moroccan-christian-arrested-appeal-under-way/>



Bolivia: Cochabamba

Ruth Montano (is demanding the revocation of Law 351, which requires churches to register with the government and to adopt a standardized administrative structure)

Agustin Aguilera (charged "They [the government] want to control the activities of the evangelical churches. Article 15 would force all religious organizations to carry out our activities within the parameters of the 'horizon of good living,' which is based on the Aymara worldview. This is an imposition of a cultural and spiritual worldview totally foreign to ours" - Aymara shamans now regularly convocate at government functions instead of Catholic clergy)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/08/new-law-in-bolivia-controls-churches-imposes-indigenous-beliefs-protestant-leaders-say/>



United States - Massachusetts

Pastor Scott Lively (sued by a homosexual group for allegedly inciting 'a dozen minor incidents' of persecution against homosexuals in Uganda, he denies the charges, a Federal judge has ruled that the trial may proceed)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/judge-permits-lawsuit-against-us-pastor-accused-of-encouraging-persec>

Thursday August 29, 2013



Syria: Qara

Fr Daniel Maes (aged 74; **UPDATE:** has begun a perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament due to the threat of widening war)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34191-ASIA SYRIA Perpetual night adoration to beg for peace and stop terrorism#.UhjplzD85s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34191-ASIA_SYRIA_Perpetual_night_adoration_to_beg_for_peace_and_stop_terrorism#.UhjplzD85s)



Nigeria: near Jos, Plateau state

Pam Gyang (aged 33, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, **shot dead**)

Felix John (aged 32, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, **shot dead**)

Jimmy Tiger (aged 28, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, **shot dead**)

Ishaku Gyang (aged 40, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, **shot dead**)

Dachung Monday (aged 20, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, **shot dead**)

Yohanna Gyang (aged 21, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, shot, survived)

Gyang Habila (aged 35, ordered from a minibus by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground when found to be a Christian, shot, survived)

Emmanuel Sunday (aged 19, technical school student, ordered from his motorbike by Islamic extremists and to lie on the ground with the minibus passengers when found to be a Christian, fled on foot when the shooting began, injured in the bush)

Grace Yop Gyang (aged 28, widow of Pam Gyang, mother of three and an expectant mother, said that "My husband is a friend, and I'm already missing him. But what can I do but thank God for his life. I pray that through his death those who killed him will get to know Jesus as their savior")

Rev Pam Jang Pam (reported on the shooting of the minibus passengers and appealed to the government to "please do something about these attacks on us. The church is tired of these attacks")

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/five-christians-killed-in-roadside-ambush-near-jos-nigeria/>



Germany: Darmstadt

Dirk Wunderlich (home raided by police due to his violation of a Nazi-era law banning homeschooling, four children removed and placed in government custody, court hearing deferred until the judge returns from vacation)

Petra Wunderlich (home raided by police due to her violation of a Nazi-era law banning homeschooling, children removed and placed in government custody, court hearing deferred until the judge returns from vacation)

Machsejah Wunderlich (aged 14, daughter of Dirk and Petra Wunderlich, home raided by police due to her parents' violation of a Nazi-era law banning homeschooling, forcibly removed and placed in government custody)

<http://www.ecumenicalnews.com/article/home-school-family-raided-by-german-police-children-removed-22424>

Friday August 30, 2013



China: Shangqiu, Minquan, Henan Province

Wang Xuebai (wife of Li Defu, mother of two, has protested the local government's coerced sterilization of her husband and his resulting paralysis, has disappeared, may have been imprisoned again for her continuing protests)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/08/christian-wife-missing-after-repeatedly.html>



Laos: Nongdaeng

Christian families summoned to a village meeting and ordered that all family members recant Christianity or suffer eviction, celebrated Sunday worship two days later

Mr Tuey (7 Christians in family)

Mr Yar (6 Christians in family)

Mrs Cheu, (2 Christians in family)

Mr Nga (7 Christians in family)

Mrs Ta (3 Christians in family)

Mr Wandee (7 Christians in family)

Mrs Souk (4 Christians in family)

Mr Sit (4 Christians in family)

Mrs Sun (2 Christians in family)

Mrs Nit (3 Christians in family)

Mr Boun (5 Christians in family)

<http://www.hrwlrf.net/pages/Fifty-Christians-Facing-Eviction-Order-for-Embracing-the-Christian-Faith.html>



Syria

Metropolitan Hilarion (Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Relations, met with Pope Francis in the [Vatican City](#), said later "It is clear that the extremist forces seeking power have set themselves the goal of the complete and total destruction of Christianity in Syria. And if they take power, even temporarily, the Christian population will be eliminated or driven out from their lands and their churches will be destroyed")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Syria,-the-Pope,-China:-A-Conversation-with-Orthodox-Metropolitan-Hilarion-28880.html>



Nigeria: Dorowa Babije aka Ratatis, Plateau state

John Fidelis (aged 40, merchant, beaten into a coma by suspected foreign Islamists)

Rev Luka Jang Tsok (escaped from his church after Muslims set fire to it, damage was minimal)

Rufai Ozokwo (aged 40, shopkeeper, fled from the shooting in his village, later found his shop looted)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/armed-muslims-in-nigeria-kill-christians-in-their-homes/>

Saturday August 31, 2013



China: Xinjiang

Liang Zhongxin (arrested for organizing a Sunday school, children interrogated, still in detention)

Liu Guilin (arrested for organizing a Sunday school, children interrogated, still in detention)

Yu Qingming (arrested for organizing a Sunday school, children interrogated, still in detention)

Cao Ling (arrested for organizing a Sunday school, children interrogated, still in detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/09/breaking-four-house-church-members.html>



India: Thimdoli, Belgaum, Karnataka state

Suresh (family severely beaten in a home invasion by Hindu extremists, taken to a temple and tried to force them to worship)

Gangadhar (family severely beaten in a home invasion by Hindu extremists, taken to a temple and tried to force them to worship)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/persecution-of-christians-rockets-in-karnataka-india/>



Pakistan: Lahore

Martha Bibi (widow, mother of Nosheen Afzal and three others, husband was Muslim but refused to require her and their children to convert to Islam, after his death has been threatened with death by his brothers if she does not convert)

Nosheen Afzal (daughter of Martha Bibi, wife of Kamran Afzal, father was Muslim but refused to require her to convert to Islam, after his death has been threatened with death by his brothers if she does not convert, now in hiding)

Kamran Afzal (husband of Nosheen Afzal, now in hiding)

Fr Robin John (called on the Muslim relatives of Martha Bibi and Nosheen Afzal to follow their deceased brother's example and respect their freedom of religion)

Pakistan: Islamabad

Salamat Bhatti (stopped near his home by a motorcyclist with a pistol, threatened with death if he did not stop defending 'poor Christian women', police saw the incident and the motorcyclist fled, police later opened a criminal investigation against him)

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

Albert Nathaniel (father of David Albert, arrested for resisting an [April 26, 2013](#) Muslim mob attack; **UPDATE:** freed on bail)

Ashar Yaqoob (arrested on [May 2, 2013](#) for his resistance to the [April 26, 2013](#) mob attack; **UPDATE:** freed on bail)

Asif Kaleem (arrested on [May 2, 2013](#) for his resistance to the [April 26, 2013](#) mob attack; **UPDATE:** freed on bail)

Samuel Yaqoob (relative of Albert Nathaniel and David Albert, arrested for resisting an [April 26, 2013](#) Muslim mob attack; **UPDATE:** freed on bail)

Kamu (son of Albert Nathaniel, arrested for resisting an April 26, 2013 Muslim mob attack; **UPDATE:** freed on bail)

Pakistan

Bishop Akram Gill (aged 53, wounded in the [March 9, 2013](#) attack on Christian homes in [Joseph Colony, Badami Bah, Lahore](#) following the accusations of blasphemy against Savan Masih; **UPDATE:** said "I am thankful to God for persecution after I and other Church members were attacked by violent Muslims, with police refusing to intervene")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Lahore:-Christian-widow-threatened-by-husband's-Muslim-family,-Islam-or-death-28888.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4456>

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

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



Uzbekistan: Andijan City

Murot Turdiyev (found with a Christian book in his car, may be charged with 'illegal storage of religious literature')

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1889



Egypt

Abu el-Khair (military conscript, brother of Adel Atta, **killed** at the Damietta Sports Stadium)

Adel Atta (brother of Abu el-Khair, said his brother was killed due to his Christian faith)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=53401#.U0N998LQcfg>

August 2013, date unknown



Indonesia: Makassar

Peter Youngren (Gospel Festival threatened with riots and killings by Muslims)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue20767.html>



China: Hebei

Fr Shi Weiqiang (unregistered priest, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

Fr Tian Jianmin (unregistered priest, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

Fr Yang Gang (unregistered priest, arrested, whereabouts unknown)

China: A Lashan county, Inner Mongolia

Wang Yongfeng (arrested with five other Christians for continuing to have fellowship after being banned by the local government, fined 500 yuan each, released after 15 days' detention with three others but two are still in detention)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/tension-rises-again-between-church-and-china/69167>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/09/video-inner-mongolian-house-church.html>



India: Mundgodu, Karwar, Karnataka state

Pastor Devu Gowli (driven from his village along with his wife and 1-month-old baby by Hindu extremists)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/09/persecution-of-christians-rockets-in-karnataka-india/>



Pakistan: Lahore

Farah (throat slashed by a gang of boys, recovering)

"E" (aged 16, abducted and gang raped, forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married, insulted by police when she attempted to file a report, continues along with her family to receive threats)

Pakistan: Batemasabad

Pastor Kenneth Peter L Dean (attempted to remove a Muslim from an illegal occupation of church land, sons and brother beaten in retaliation and left for dead)

Brian Peter (son of Pastor Kenneth Peter L Dean, beaten after his father attempted to remove a Muslim from an illegal occupation of church land, left for dead, recovering)

Ishaq Peter (son of Pastor Kenneth Peter L Dean, beaten after his father attempted to remove a Muslim from an illegal occupation of church land, left for dead, recovering)

Cornelius (brother of Pastor Kenneth Peter L Dean, beaten after his brother attempted to remove a Muslim from an illegal occupation of church land, left for dead, recovering)

<http://au.christiantoday.com/article/pakistan-justice-demanded-for-teenage-rape-victim/16064.htm>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/a-gang-of-lewd-boys-attack-a-christian-girl/>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/a-pastor-and-church-under-threats-in-samundari/>



Turkmenistan

Mahmud Hidaybergenov (as of October 31, 2012 was still in Seydu Labor Camp, Lebap region for refusing military service, expected release date is August 2013; **UPDATE**: released on schedule, has returned home)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1869



Kazakhstan: Taldykurgan

Pastor Viktor Lim (aged 37, stateless individual but a Kazakh legal resident for 20 years, husband of Radmila Lim, wife and three children are Kazakh citizens, fined US\$1,130 and deported for illegal missionary activity, family went with him into exile)

Radmila Lim (wife of Viktor Lim, mother of three, went into exile with him upon his deportation for illegal missionary activity)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1880



Syria: Qatana, Damascus

Fr Amar Kassar (severely wounded in a mortar attack)

Syria: Aleppo

Kayla Mueller (aged 24, U.S. citizen, humanitarian aid worker, abducted from a hospital by ISIL)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20130921130419.htm>

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/48233-woman-held-hostage-by-isis-i-have-surrendered-myself-to-our-creator>



The Muslim Brotherhood executed a coordinated series of attacks on Christians from August 14, 2013 to approximately August 20, 2013 in revenge for their ouster from the government, these attacks were later dubbed the ‘Egyptian Kristallnacht’

Egypt: Bani Suef

Sr Abeer (was paraded through the streets along with Sr Manal and Sr Demiana after the burning of the Franciscan school prior to [August 18, 2013](#))

Sr Demiana (was paraded through the streets along with Sr Manal and Sr Abeer after the burning of the Franciscan school prior to [August 18, 2013](#))

Egypt: Delga, Minya province

Hani Iskandar Thomas (**killed** by Islamists, body then dragged by a tractor, buried by Muslim friends but then dug up by Islamists who threatened to kill anyone who buried him, reburied by Muslim neighbors)

Shafik Zakher (**killed** by Islamists)

Egypt: Minya

Said Botros Attallah (husband of Sahar Atteya Saadallah, ordered to pay 500 Egyptian pounds or else have their house burned with them inside, said “The police won't protect us. They might arrest the thug, but his family will be able to come after us”)

Sahar Atteya Saadallah (wife of Said Botros Attallah, ordered to pay 500 Egyptian pounds or else have their house burned with them inside, said “Protection is only from God”)

Magdy Shafiq Saad (said “They will always try to burn churches, whether in power or not. But in power, they increased the discrimination and the humiliation of Christians. You can't go worse than the Islamists”)

Egypt: Delga, Minya province

Adel Shafiq (described the destruction of Virgin Mary monastery in mid-August 2013)

Egypt: Mallawi

Ishaak Sadek Sheounda (church guard, overwhelmed during a mid-August 2013 attack on the church)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslim-Brotherhood-violence-against-Christians-and-opponents-28774.html>

<https://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2013/September/Fear-Lingers-after-Egyptys-Anti-Christian-Attacks/>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/1936-across-egypt-piles-of-ash-where-church-pews-once-stood>

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/09/2717415/>



Libya

Hanna (Eritrean refugee from religious persecution and poverty, tried to enter Europe in [early August 2013](#), rescued by the Italian Coast Guard and returned, put into a detention camp near [Tripoli](#), sexually assaulted)

Aster (widow, Eritrean refugee from religious persecution and poverty, tried to enter Europe in [early August 2013](#), rescued by the Italian Coast Guard and returned, put into a detention camp near [Tripoli](#), sexually assaulted)

<http://blogs.channel4.com/lindsey-hilsum-on-international-affairs/migrant-blog/3058>



Canada: Calgary, Alberta province

Maureen Sullivan (grandmother, automobile with pro-life stickers vandalized with \$10,000 in damages which included the scrawl "Too bad you weren't aborted", said she is not angry with the perpetrators)

[http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-abortion-hooligans-trash-pro-life-grandmothers-car-scrawl-too-bad-you-were](http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-abortion-hooligans-trash-pro-life-grandmothers-car-scrrawl-too-bad-you-were)