

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – January 2014

Wednesday January 1, 2014



**Malaysia: Dusun, Kampung Layung Maliau, Dowokon and Sosop villages, Pitas district, Sabah state**

**Uneducated Christian subsistence farmers tricked into converting to Islam, deny the legitimacy of their conversions and have secured legal assistance and lodged a complaint with the police**

Lenney Masangal (aged 41, mother of three)

Maison Bilu (aged 44)

Jusman Masid (aged 41, husband of Lenny Masid)

Lenny Masid (wife of Jusman Masid)

Makadan Masabu (aged 54)

<http://www.heraldmalaysia.com/news/We-were-tricked-into-converting-to-Islam,-claim-Christian-villagers-in-remote-Sabah-district-18354-2-1.html>



**China: Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region**

Guo (detained during a raid on a house church)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/series-of-disrupted-new-years-christmas.html>



**Pakistan: Karachi**

Samson Jacob (police officer, son of Jacob Barkat, caught by other officers while listening to Christian music, one officer then threw torn pages of the Quran into his vehicle and

shouted that he had desecrated it, the officers beat him badly, one pulled a pistol and tried to fire but failed to do so, escaped from the officers, now in hiding)

Jacob Barkat (father of Samson Jacob)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4813>



### **Nigeria: Bomadi**

Bishop Hyacinth Egbebo (said a Boko Haram triumph would be "an unimaginable humanitarian disaster" and that corruption leads many to have "no hope to make a decent living, so many are easily drawn into a life of violence")

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/islamism-in-nigeria-places-africa-at-risk-bishop-says/>



### **United States – California: Eureka**

Fr Eric Reed (**murdered**)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/calif-community-grieves-loss-of-murdered-pastor/>

**Thursday January 2, 2014**



### **Malaysia: Selangor state**

Rev Lee Min Choon (president, Bible Society of Malaysia, office raided by police without warrant, 321 Bibles seized, detained and released on bail)

Sinclare Wong (office manager, Bible Society of Malaysia, office raided by police without warrant, 321 Bibles seized, detained and released on bail)

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE**: condemned the police raid on the Bible Society of Malaysia with the arrest of two Christians and the seizure of 321 Bibles)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/12/2920955/>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Some-300-Bibles-seized-over-'Allah'-controversy,-a-move-Malaysian-priest-calls-unlawful-and-unconstitutional-29953.html>



## Belize

Brian Townsend (Canadian missionary, abducted, **UPDATE**: body found in Guatemala, **murdered**)

<http://news.adventist.org/all-news/news/go/2014-01-06/missing-canadian-adventist-missionary-confirmed-dead-media-reports-say/>

**Friday January 3, 2014**



## China: Urumqi, Xinjiang Autonomous Region

Guo (detained during a raid on a house church on [January 1, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: emphysema became unmanageable, **died in custody**, eight other members fined US\$82.60)

## China: Zizhou county, Shaanxi province

### Charges against three Christians changed to ‘gathering a crowd to assault a state official’

Feng Tiandong (husband of Xue Yuxia, detained on [December 16, 2013](#); charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: charges changed)

Jiang Mao (detained on [December 16, 2013](#); charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: charges changed)

Zhang Baolin (detained on [December 16, 2013](#); charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: charges changed)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/series-of-disrupted-new-years-christmas.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/02/more-details-about-detained-shaanxi.html>



## Pakistan

Perez John (father of Sylvester John, Adnan John, Nida John, Nobility Zain John and Hina Milword, fled the country for Sri Lanka on [January 3, 2014](#))

Tehmina Naz (wife of Adnan John, mother of Minaule Adnan John, fled the country for Sri Lanka on [January 3, 2014](#))

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



### **Lebanon: Tripoli**

Fr Ibrahim Surouj (library torched after a pamphlet allegedly insulting Islam was found, two-thirds of the 80,000 books and manuscripts were destroyed;

described the events leading to the burning of the library "I had somebody working here in the library, and it was his first day of work. He was putting away books in the corner, and some men entered and shot him in the groin with seven bullets from a gun with a silencer. I was in the garden, not two meters away. I heard him shout and came in, so we called the ambulance, and, thanks be to God, he is alive. After this, in the same evening, they called for a fatwa against me in front of the mosque, because they said I criticized the prophet. Later that evening they tried to come burn the library. They didn't succeed, because the police noticed and they sent three cars to guard the library. But the second evening, five people came in, broke down the door, threw a gallon of petrol, and burned down the library")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140104203919.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140915020738.htm>



### **Egypt: Gesr El Suez, Cairo**

Mina Beshay (described a mob attack on a church in which stones were thrown)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/01/28/twenty-six-molotov-cocktail-bombs-discovered-next-to-a-church-in-egypt/>



### **Central African Republic**

Pastor P.R. Guerengbo (commented on the Islamist roots of the current conflict)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/12/2920749/>



### **Serbia: Belgrade**

Patriarch Irinej (called on Macedonian authorities to release Archbishop Jovan of Ohrid from prison, called his imprisonment "unjust")

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/01/patriarch-irinej-of-serbia-for-christmas-sent-an-appeal-to-the-authorities-of-r-macedonia-and-to-the-international-community-for-releasing-of-archbishop-jovan-of-ohrid/>

**Saturday January 4, 2014**



### **Indonesia: Jakarta**

Basuki Tjahaja Purnama aka Ahok (Lieutenant Governor, **UPDATE:** has called for the removal on religious belief from all identity cards)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34976-ASIA\\_INDONESIA\\_Christian\\_politicians\\_Remove\\_one\\_s\\_religious\\_belief\\_from\\_identity\\_cards#.UsjYdsKA05s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34976-ASIA_INDONESIA_Christian_politicians_Remove_one_s_religious_belief_from_identity_cards#.UsjYdsKA05s)



### **China: Nanle County, Henan**

Pastor Zhao Xiaojie (**UPDATE:** still detained, attorney threatened with revocation of his law license)

Du Yin (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Fan Huizhen (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Guo Muxiang (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Wu Guishan (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Yan Beibei (**UPDATE:** still detained)

Yang Miling (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Zhang Cuxia (**UPDATE:** still detained)

Zhao Guoli (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Zhao Junling (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Zhao Shaojie (still detained along with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie)

Zhao Xiping (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Zhao Zhijun (still detained along with Pastor Zhao Xiaojie)

Cao Nan (released from detention, showed signs of having been beaten, reportedly pepper-sprayed in detention, cell phone not returned)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/believers-from-nanle-county-christian.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/believers-in-henan-still-barred-from.html>



### **Pakistan: Multan jail**

Asia Bibi (mother of five still incarcerated in jail on blasphemy charges after death sentence;

**UPDATE:** has written a letter to Pope Francis "I am very grateful to all the churches that are praying for me and fighting for my freedom...I do not know how long I can go on and on. If I am still alive, it is thanks to the strength that your prayers give me. I have met many people who speak and fight for me. Unfortunately still to no avail. At this time I just want to trust the mercy of God, who can do everything, that all is possible. Only He can liberate me...This winter I am facing many problems: my cell has no heating and no suitable door for shelter from the bitter cold. Also the security measures are not adequate, I do not have enough money for daily needs, and I am very far from Lahore so my family cannot help me...I know you pray for me with all your heart. And this gives me confidence that one day my freedom will be possible. Certain to be remembered in your prayers, I greet you with affection. Asia Bibi, your daughter in the faith")

<http://crossmap.christianpost.com/news/imprisoned-pakistani-catholic-asia-bibi-writes-to-pope-francis-saying-only-god-can-free-her-8244>

**Sunday January 5, 2014**



### **China: Xigaze prefecture, Tibet**

Dong Chunhua (missionary, disappeared)

Song Xinkuan (missionary, reported on the disappearance of Dong Chunhua)

Pastor Zhan Gang (vice-president of the Chinese Christian House Church Alliance, **UPDATE:** is trying to find Dong Chunhua)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/02/missionary-missing-in-tibet-for-one.html>



### **Bangladesh: Natore district**

Samor Gomas (commented on the low turnout in the general election "We didn't go to the polling center because some opposition threatened us that if we went to the poll they would attack us")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christians-and-Hindus-live-in-fear-following-Bangladesh-election-29963.html>



### **Iran: Karaj**

Hossein Saketi Aramsari aka Stephen (convert, arrested on July 23 2013; **UPDATE:** convicted on charges related to Christian evangelization, sentenced to 1 year in prison)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8005:revolutionary-court-sentenced-a-christian-convert-to-one-year-in-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8005:revolutionary-court-sentenced-a-christian-convert-to-one-year-in-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **Nigeria: Magboro, Ogun state**

Pastor Tunde Olawuwo (**murdered** in his home)

### **Nigeria: Manchok, Zankan, Sabon Gari, Fadan Attakar, Gizagwai, Zangang, and surrounding villages, Kaduna state**

Rev Yakubu Gandu Nkut (**UPDATE:** described how Fulani Muslim gunmen attempted to attack several churches but were repelled, five Fulani were killed and one Christian was wounded)

Bwayan Silas (described the Fulani attack on his church)

Solomon Musa (said that the Fulani Muslims left a letter promising 'total war' after they were repelled)

<http://pmnewsnigeria.com/2014/01/05/red-star-express-auditor-murdered/>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/islamic-extremists-in-nigeria-attack-christians-at-sunday-worship/>

Monday January 6, 2014



### **Pakistan**

Simon (aged 30, became an activist after the [September 22, 2013](#) bombing of All Saints church in [Peshawar](#), visited by police who told him to stop his activism, twice threatened by motorcyclists - once shot at, fled the country, now applying for refugee status in Bangkok where he expects years of red tape and possible jail when his tourist visa expires, said “I left hell and have come to another. But I believe in God and know that he will guard my way”)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/a-catholic-asylum-seekers-story/70016>



### **Turkmenistan: Bakhtiyarlyk**

Murat Sapargeldyyev (aged 18, sentenced to two years corrective labor for refusing military service, one fifth of his income is to be handed to the state)

### **Turkmenistan: Ashgabad**

Annaberdy Nunnayev (detained on the street by police, later fined US\$206)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1940](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1940)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2047](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2047)



### **Kazakhstan**

**Four Christians arrested for passing out religious literature without permission, criminal case not pursued by police, administrative case dismissed after police filed it beyond the statute of limitations)**

Andrei Leven (arrested for passing out religious literature without permission on [September 12, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: criminal case not pursued by police, administrative case dismissed on [January 6, 2014](#) after police filed it beyond the statute of limitations)

David Leven (arrested for passing out religious literature without permission on [September 12, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: criminal case not pursued by police, administrative case dismissed on [January 6, 2014](#) after police filed it beyond the statute of limitations)



Svetlana Tsuba (arrested for passing out religious literature without permission on [September 12, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: criminal case not pursued by police, administrative case dismissed on [January 6, 2014](#) after police filed it beyond the statute of limitations)

Yury Bekker (arrested for passing out religious literature without permission on [September 12, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: criminal case not pursued by police, administrative case dismissed on [January 6, 2014](#) after police filed it beyond the statute of limitations)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1970](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1970)



### **Ukraine: Kiev**

Major Archbishop Svyatoslav Shevchuk (received a letter from the government alleging illegal religious activity by priests at a political event and threatening 'cancellation of the Church's activities', replied publicly that the faithful asked for spiritual care at the event "We thought that the repression [of the Soviet era] has already passed, but these letters made us think about it again")

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2014/01/14/ukranian-catholic-leader-responds-to-legal-threat-from-government/>

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue22298.html>



### **Nigeria: Shonong village, Riyom local government area, Plateau state**

#### **Muslim Fulani attack on a village in which at least 30 were killed, mainly children and the elderly**

Shom Toma (narrowly escaped)

Antele Alamba (aged 25, environmental health student, sister of Zok Alamba, hospitalized with gunshot wounds in her legs, said that soldiers stationed in the village for their protection joined the Fulani in their attack "I was shot by soldiers I ran to for protection")

Andrew Bature (**killed**)

Edward Iliya (aged 22, land resources technology student, confirmed that soldiers aided the Fulani rebels and that the village was completely destroyed, aided the wounded at the hospital)

David Gwong (aged 22, pastor's son, **killed**)

Zok Alamba (aged 22, brother of Antele Alamba, **killed**)

James Dachung (aged 45, **killed**)

Daniel Kahwong (aged 68, husband of Asabe Daniel Kahwong, father of Jennifer Daniel Kahwong, **killed**)

Asabe Daniel Kahwong (aged 45, wife of Daniel Kahwong, mother of Jennifer Daniel Kahwong, **killed**)

Jennifer Daniel Kahwong (aged 10, daughter of Daniel Kahwong and Asabe Daniel Kahwong, **killed**)

Rose Usaini (aged 34, mother of Simi, Precious, and a baby boy, **killed**)

Simi Usaini (aged 10, child of Rose, **killed**)

Precious Usaini (aged 7, child of Rose, **killed**)

baby boy Usaini (child of Rose, **killed**)

Jummai Mwangwong (aged 58, **killed**)

Naomi Mwangwong (aged 16, **killed**)

Ading Bwode (**killed along with her three children**)

Davou Gwom (aged 22, **killed**)

Bwode Dalyop (aged 70, **killed**)

Bata Ishaya (aged 11, **killed**)

Mandien Matthew (aged 60, **killed**)

Chung Rayond (**killed along with two of his brothers and his son**)

Timothy Jangok (aged 40, **killed**)

Chap Audu (aged 19, **killed**)

Daniel Babuje (aged 39, **killed**)

Finbar Mark (aged 8, **killed**)

Chap Fidelis (aged 25, **killed along with her daughter**)

Asing Alamba (aged 70, hospitalized with gunfire and machete wounds)

Bata Badugu (aged 75, grandmother of Lydia, hospitalized)

Lydia (granddaughter of Bata Badugu, hospitalized)

Pastor Yakubu Fom (described how Federal soldiers refused to defend the people in the village from Fulani Muslim gunmen "One wonders what the soldiers were doing in the village while the Muslim Fulani herdsmen killed and set fire on homes of our members without the soldiers repelling them")

### **Nigeria: Maiduguri**

Pastor Rotimi Obajimi (abducted by Boko Haram)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/31620-breaking-news-nigeria-militants-kill-dozens-of-christian-villagers>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/soldiers-join-slaughter-of-christians-in-nigerian-village-survivors-say/>

<http://www.worthynews.com/12724-nigerian-soldiers-slaughter-christians>

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-pastor-escapes-boko-haram-after-10-months-in-captivity-127859/>



### **United States – Georgia: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay**

Fr Ray Leonard (contract Navy chaplain, prohibited from saying Mass on [October 7, 2013](#) due to the government shutdown even as a volunteer; has on [October 14, 2013](#) brought suit against the Department of Defense in Federal Court; **UPDATE**: claims that the government illegally retaliated against him by trying to force him into a new contract that would have negated his lawsuit and allowed a search of his personal records, denied two months' salary when he refused)

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/lawsuit-priest-serving-military-was-victimized-for-suing-obama-administrati/>

**Tuesday January 7, 2014**  
**Christmas – Eastern Calendar**



### **Pakistan: Lahore**

Fr Andrew Nisari (is working to secure the return of St Francis High School to the archdiocese) Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shah (**UPDATE**: has led two demonstrations in an attempt to get local officials to obey the court order to return St Francis High School to the archdiocese)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Lahore,-Catholics-demand-authorities-return-St.-Francis-High-School-29967.html>



### **Kazakhstan: Astana**

Pastor Gennadi Vrublevsky (found guilty of possession of extremist literature, fined US\$550)

Igor Voronenko (Bible League of Kazakhstan, found guilty of possession of extremist literature, fined US\$550)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1912](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1912)

**Wednesday January 8, 2014**



### **North Korea**

Terri Chung (sister of Kenneth Bae; **UPDATE:** criticized basketball star Dennis Rodman for implying in an interview that Bae's imprisonment might be justified)

Hea Woo (spoke of her imprisonment in the gulag "I could not tell you what the worst thing was I experienced. Every day in the camp was like torture. I often had to think about God's plagues for Egypt. Being in this concentration camp felt like undergoing all those 10 plagues at the same time. People were dying and their corpses were burnt. The guards scattered the ashes over the road. We walked that road every day and each time I thought: one day the other prisoners will walk over me...Despite everything, I remained faithful to God. I remained faithful and God helped me survive. Not only that, He gave me a heart to evangelize other prisoners. Frankly, I was too scared to do it. I wanted to live. How could God ask me to tell the other prisoners about Jesus? I would die if they caught me. God persisted. He showed me which prisoners I should approach...")

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/kenneth-baes-family-outraged-dennis-rodman-outrageous-comments/story?id=21458033>

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/no-celebration-for-christians-in-north-korea-todayand-every-day-112182/>



### **Malaysia**

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE:** has been questioned by police under the Sedition Act for his defense of Christian use of the word "Allah")

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/police-question-herald-editor-under-sedition-act>



### **China: Langzhong, Sichuan**

Li Mingbo (house church employee, fined US\$82 for organizing a Christmas gathering, sentenced to 15 days administrative detention when he refused to pay the fine;

**UPDATE:** released, filed a request for administrative reconsideration)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/sichuan-house-church-employees-denied.html>



### **Syria: road between Almshtaeih and Marmarita**

Firas Nader (aged 29, injured by jihadist gunfire and mistaken for dead, escaped, hospitalized)

Fadi Matanius Mattah (aged 34, **beheaded** by jihadists for wearing a cross)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140116201647.htm>



### **Nigeria: Gwoza village, Borno state**

Peter Biye (member Federal House of Representatives, country home burned down by Boko Haram, food and educational material for the poor destroyed, later said that there appears to be a deliberate attempt by Boko Haram to wipe out Christianity from the state)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201401130959.html>



### **United Kingdom: Dundee, Scotland**

Tony Miano (street preacher, **UPDATE:** arrested while street preaching for mentioning "sexual sin" - charge was for breach of peace and homophobia though he never mentioned any orientation)

Rev Josh Williamson (street preacher, **UPDATE:** witnessed the arrest of Tony Miano, complainant attempted to break his video camera, camera seized by police)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/street-preacher-arrested-and-held-in-custody-for-mentioning-sexual-si>

**Thursday January 9, 2014**



### **Bangladesh: Mymensingh**

#### **Islamist attacks on Christians who are 'guilty' of voting in the general election**

Bishop Paul Ponen Kubi (brother of Sonendra Kubi, brother and sister-in-law beaten, brother in serious condition)

Sonendra Kubi (in serious condition, wife also beaten)

Theophilus Nokrek (Caritas director, said "The attack was launched against the Adivasi of Garo ethnicity, who decided to vote despite the extremists threats. Their houses were set on fire and the assailants promised to return, burn what is left and take the lands of the tribe")

### **Bangladesh: Baromari parish, Sherpur district**

#### **Islamist attacks on Christians who are 'guilty' of voting in the general election**

Polas Rema (said "The government needs to stop this terrorism against Adivasi minorities and against religious minorities")

Xavier Sku (said "The minorities are still victims in a political game. But the situation will get worse day after day, if we do not obtain justice")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bangladesh-Islamists-attack-Catholics-who-dared-to-vote:-several-injured-29984.html>



### **Pakistan**

Aila Gill (aged 26, political activist, has been working to remove the discriminatory language in the Constitution)

Sarafina Sarfaraz (fled the country for Thailand after receiving threats to convert to Islam)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-modern-,liberal-and-democratic-Pakistan:-the-mission-of-Catholic-activist-Aila-Gill-29985.html>

<http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/elderly-asylum-seeker-with-health-conditions-seeks-help-with-cost-of-retirement-visa-in-thailand>



### **Kazakhstan: Akmola region**

Vyacheslav Cherkasov (show repairman, **UPDATE:** jailed for 48 hours for refusing to pay fines)

Zhasulan Alzhanov (plumber, **UPDATE:** jailed for 48 hours for refusing to pay fines)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1915](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1915)



### **Syria: Aleppo**

Minas (held with his father for 115 days by ISIL for refusing to convert to Islam, **executed**)

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/muslim-persecution-of-christians/armenian-slaughtered-for-refusing-to-renounce-christ/>



### **Central African Republic: Bozoum**

Fr Aurelio Gazzera OCD (**UPDATE:** said "Seleka [rebels] burned more than 1,300 homes and killed at least a dozen people" before leaving the area)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35071-AFRICA\\_CENTRAL\\_AFRICA\\_The\\_testimony\\_of\\_a\\_missionary\\_in\\_the\\_midst\\_of\\_the\\_violence\\_in\\_Central\\_Africa#.Ut3kB8Io45s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35071-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_The_testimony_of_a_missionary_in_the_midst_of_the_violence_in_Central_Africa#.Ut3kB8Io45s)



### **United Kingdom: London**

Said Shehata (aged 43, Coptic Christian, has filed a discrimination claim against the BBC after nine Muslim employees were hired ahead of him, including one who had announced the death of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez two months before he actually died)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10367284/BBC-journalist-faced-discrimination-because-he-was-Coptic-Christian.html>

**Friday January 10, 2014**



**India: Vakirabad town, Andhra Pradesh state**

Rev Orucanti Sanjeevulu (married, father of four, stabbed by four men, wife also stabbed but escaped)

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/03/article\\_3038329.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/03/article_3038329.html/)



**Kazakhstan: Kurchatov, East Kazakhstan region**

Gulsuna Kadenova (case opened by prosecutors)

Akmaral Serikova (case opened by prosecutors)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)



**Azerbaijan: Sheki**

Rauf Agayev (**UPDATE**: conviction and fine upheld on appeal)

Samira Agayev (**UPDATE**: conviction and fine upheld on appeal)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1926](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1926)



**Egypt: Alexandria**

Wissa Fawzy (said that police “arrested a bearded person in possession of four hand grenades in a handbag next to the Church of Two Saints”)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/01/28/twenty-six-molotov-cocktail-bombs-discovered-next-to-a-church-in-egypt/>



**Nigeria**

Ikenna Nzeribe (sole survivor of the [January 6, 2012 Mubi](#) massacre in which Boko Haram killed 14 mourners at a funeral, continues to receive surgery for gunshot wounds to his head)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14010039.htm>





### **Algeria**

Mustapha Krim (President of the Protestant Church of Algeria aka EPA; **UPDATE**: stated that the EPA has tried to comply with a new law that allows the government to ban any non-government organization for interfering in national affairs - the law basically criminalizes the right to assembly)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/01/2944114/>



### **Brazil: Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais state**

Pastor Charles Vidal de Souza (aged 34, reported to have been **shot to death** in his church office)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-25691680>

**Saturday January 11, 2014**



### **China: Shaya Prison, Xinjiang**

Gao Zhisheng (Christian human rights lawyer charged with violating probation at the end of his probation; **UPDATE**: no news of him in over a year)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/rfa-no-news-of-gao-zhisheng-in-over.html>



### **Bangladesh: Gobindoganj, Gaibandha district**

Fr Samson Marandy (brother of Ovidio Marandy)

Ovidio Marandy (**murdered** by Muslim radicals after he organized a demonstration in support of Christians who lost their homes in post-election violence)

Fr Proshanto Gomes (said "Ovidio [Marandy] was very brave, and was famous in his community. We are shocked by what happened. Christians have the right to vote. Why are Islamists attacking us? We want peace")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Rajshahi:-Islamists-kill-young-Catholic-who-complained-about-anti-Christian-violence-30022.html>



#### **Azerbaijan: Gyanja**

**Police arrest five Christians during a raid on a religious service in a private home, charge with "violating legislation on holding religious meetings, marches, and other religious ceremonies")**

Elgiz Aliyev (arrested)

Irada Huseynova (arrested)

Elyar Bakirov (arrested)

Anar Huseynov (arrested)

Asif Jafarov (arrested)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1926](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1926)



#### **Tanzania: Kisauni village, Zanzibar**

Bishop Daniel Kwilemba (threatened with death by Muslims who invaded and destroyed the Free Pentecostal Church)

William Saidi (beaten by Muslims who invaded and destroyed the Free Pentecostal Church)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/muslim-extremists-attack-visiting-preacher-on-tanzanias-zanzibar-island/>

**Sunday January 12, 2014**



#### **Syria: Maloula**

Archbishop Abdo Arish (abducted)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/67574.htm>



**Togo: Lome**

Pastor Antonio Monteiro (acquitted on conspiracy to commit murder, had been detained for nearly two years)

Bruno Amah (convicted on conspiracy to commit murder, sentenced to life imprisonment despite the sole witness recanting and alleging police forced him to fabricate his testimony)

Moumouni (acquitted on conspiracy to commit murder, had been detained for nearly two years)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14010048.htm>



**Ireland: Dublin**

Tom O’Gorman (pro-life activist, Eucharistic minister, **killed** by a lodger in his home)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/ireland-in-shock-at-horrific-cannibalistic-murder-of-pro-life-activist>

**Monday January 13, 2014**



**Indonesia: Sumatra**

Pastor Pangaribuan (spoke on the difficulties of securing a church building, five church construction sites have been stopped by the government in the last month)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Sumatra:-in-one-month-authorities-block-the-construction-of-five-churches-30015.html>



**India: Vikarabad village, Andhra Pradesh state**

Rev Orucanti Sanjeevulu (married, father of four, stabbed by four men on [January 10, 2014](#),  
**UPDATE:** [died](#))

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Evangelical-clergyman-stabbed-to-death-in-Andhra-Pradesh-30028.html>

[http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/03/article\\_3038329.html/](http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/03/article_3038329.html/)



**Kazakhstan: Semey**

Yelena Dyachenko (charged with two others of "Participation in the activity of an unregistered, halted, or banned religious community or social organization")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)



**Iran: Ahwaz**

Davoud [David] Alijani (detained after attending a 2011 Christmas service, on [May 1, 2013](#) began a one year prison sentence; **UPDATE:** released from prison)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8059:ahwaz-church-minister-released-from-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8059:ahwaz-church-minister-released-from-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



**Syria: Qamishli, Jazira province**

Fr Yusef Abdulmasih (said "The exodus from the city is in full swing. Every day individuals and families in our community flee, especially young people, who are our hope and our future. Our Town will become a city of old people")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35024-ASIA\\_SYRIA\\_Syrian\\_Orthodox\\_Priest\\_young\\_Christians\\_flee\\_Only\\_the\\_elderly\\_will\\_remain\\_in\\_the\\_city#.UfTIoMKA05s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35024-ASIA_SYRIA_Syrian_Orthodox_Priest_young_Christians_flee_Only_the_elderly_will_remain_in_the_city#.UfTIoMKA05s)



**Belarus: Vileika**

Fr Vladislav Lazar (aged 46, released from jail on [December 4, 2013](#), now under house arrest;  
**UPDATE:** a KGB spokesperson said that the prosecution against him for treason is continuing)

Fr Aleksandr Barilo (acknowledged the current location of Fr Vladislav Lazar)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1914](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1914)



### **Nigeria: Abuja**

Archbishop Magnus Atilade (Chairman of South West Christian Association of Nigeria, spoke on the continuing attacks on Christians "As Boko Haram causes mayhem all over the North killing Christians, destroying their properties, Fulani herdsmen are now on rampage in the Middle Belt killing people at will, with a high concentration of their atrocities in Kaduna, Plateau and Benue states. The Fulani herdsmen are fast becoming notorious as harbinger of destruction wherever they lead their cattle to, whether in the Middle Belt, South West and in the South East. It is quite amazing that no Fulani herdsman has been convicted of murder")

<http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php/news/national-news/143454-s-west-can-decries-attack-bias-against-christians>

**Tuesday January 14, 2014**



### **Kyrgyzstan**

**The Supreme Court's Constitutional Chamber declared three provisions of the conscription law to be unconstitutional and overturned the conviction of several conscientious objectors, parliament has yet to pass a replacement that meets international standards**

Adilet Bayakunov (conviction overturned)

Alisher Ismailov (conviction overturned)

Andrei Kultasov (conviction overturned)

Erlan Zhusupov (conviction overturned)

Kubatbek Abaskanov (conviction overturned)

Maksim Raskin (conviction overturned)

Milan Nasrytdinov (conviction overturned)  
Mirlan Sooronbayev (conviction overturned)  
Nursultan Satayev (conviction overturned)  
Oleg Drebot (conviction overturned)  
Symyk Turdaliev (conviction overturned)  
Talas Niyazmambetov (conviction overturned)  
Tilek Osmonbekov (conviction overturned)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1944](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1944)



**Egypt: Minya**

Cyril Rif'at Fayiz (aged 13, reported to have been abducted for a ransom of US\$150,000)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/cs-releases/2317-coptic-children-a-source-for-ransom-income>



**Nigeria: Shonong village, Bacit district, Riyom local government area, Plateau State**

Da Yohana Ciroma Dangyang (described how Fulani militiamen locked 23 people in a building and set it ablaze while soldiers sat under a mango tree)

Jambol (engineer, said that the Fulani had turned on their neighbors and that “the battle is not our own, but the Lord’s”)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=145783>

**Wednesday January 15, 2014**



**Pakistan: Peshawar**

**Christians protested government failure to compensate victims of the September 22 bombing of All Saints Church as promised**

Joseph Francis (**UPDATE:** protestor)

Samuel Piyara (**UPDATE:** protestor)

Javed Piyara (protestor)

Tanveer Sherazi (protestor)

### **Pakistan: Lahore**

Samariya Nadeem (aged 16, abducted and forced to convert to Islam and to marry a wealthy landowner, police have taken no action)

Fr Haroon James (said that abductions of young women such as Samariya Nadeem are "very common in the region" and that they "are forcefully converted and married to influential landlords who keep them as slaves")

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/peshawar-church-attack-victims-still-waiting-for-the-compensation-announced-by-government/#sthash.1iIQVpj0.dpuf>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christian-girl-abducted,-converted-and-forced-to-marry-a-Muslim-in-Lahore-30237.html>



### **Kazakhstan: Balkhash, Karaganda region**

Nikolai Popov (aged 53, husband, father of five, fined US\$1,122 on [October 29, 2013](#) for religious activities; **UPDATE:** fined US\$597 for religious activities)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2130](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2130)



### **Syria**

Robert Abiad (stated that the negotiations to free the abducted nuns from Maloula are "very fruitful")

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/67574.htm>



### **Egypt: Assiut**

Bishop Kyrillos William Samaan (**UPDATE:** recommended that Christians vote in favor of the new constitution)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140114205306.htm>



**Nigeria: Banki, Borno state**

John Samuel (survived a Boko Haram attack in which a policeman and an unknown number of civilians were killed)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/boko-haram-sacks-borno-town/>

**Thursday January 16, 2014**



**China: Nanle county, Henan province**

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (**UPDATE**: to be charged with "fraud" and "disturbing public order" due to his continuing conflict against government expropriation of church property)

**China: Zizhou county, Shaanxi province**

Feng Tiandong (husband of Xue Yuxia, detained on [December 16, 2013](#). charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: allowed to meet with his attorney)

Jiang Mao (detained on [December 16, 2013](#). charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: allowed to meet with his attorney)

Zhang Baolin (husband of Han Haixia, detained on [December 16, 2013](#). charged on [December 23, 2013](#) with "organizing and using an evil cult to obstruct the law"; **UPDATE**: allowed to meet with his attorney)

Han Haixia (wife of Zhang Baolin, reported that her husband's health has declined while in detention)

Xue Yuxia (wife of Feng Tiandong)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Henan-authorities-ready-to-put-Christian-pastor-Zhang-on-trial-30045.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/lawyers-meet-with-detained-shaanxi.html>



**Uzbekistan: Bukhara**

**Three fined US\$210 for unauthorized religious activity**



Dilorom Norova (mother of Sherzod Rakhimov)

Sherzod Rakhimov (son of Dilorom Norova)

Elnora Maksutova (**UPDATE**: fined)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1974](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1974)



**Nigeria: Nwore and Yokdara villages, Plateau state**

Kahfa Timbong (**killed** by Fulani Muslim gunmen)

Tanden Nandang (**killed** by Fulani Muslim gunmen)

Yakubu Changtim (**killed** by Fulani Muslim gunmen)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/islamic-extremists-in-nigeria-attack-christians-at-sunday-worship/>



**Cuba**

Pastor Yordani Santí (interrogated by police for several hours, warned to not associate with Rev Mario Felix Leonart Barroso)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1632>

**Friday January 17, 2014**



**Kazakhstan: Semey**

Viktor Kandyba (father of Maksim Kandyba, **UPDATE**: case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

Nailya Zhevagina (case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

Igor Kunitsyn (case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

Viktor Gordeyev (case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

Vadim Gritsai (case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

Anatoly Stakhnev (case opened by prosecutors, no court date set)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)

**Saturday January 18, 2014**



### **Pakistan**

Dr Nazir S Bhatti (**UPDATE**: spoke out against the government after a report that the Cabinet has voted to adopt the 'Ireland Plan' to deal with the Pakistani Taliban who have killed 45,000 and the 'Sri Lanka Plan' to deal with the rebellion in Balochistan - the terms imply a British-IRA Peace Plan model for the Taliban and a Sri Lanka-Tamil Tiger model with a future genocide for Balochistan)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4662>

**Sunday January 19, 2014**



### **China**

Xu Zhiyong (aged 40, attorney, new father, sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment in [Beijing](#) on [January 19, 2014](#), said '...I believe in the power of faith, and in the power of the truth, compassion and beauty that exists in the depths of the human soul...')

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/chinese-activist-xu-zhiyong-sentenced-to-four-years-in-prison/2014/01/25/42484f12-862b-11e3-801f-e3ff2ca3fab6\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.5b7aed755a76](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/chinese-activist-xu-zhiyong-sentenced-to-four-years-in-prison/2014/01/25/42484f12-862b-11e3-801f-e3ff2ca3fab6_story.html?utm_term=.5b7aed755a76)



### **Sri Lanka: Hikkaduwa**

Pastor Ranjan Perumal (two churches ransacked by a mob led by Buddhist monks, Bibles and other books burnt, has received death threats)

<http://www.christiantoday.co.in/articles/pastors-get-death-threat-after-monks-led-ransacked-two-churches-in-sri-lanka/7932.htm>



**Nigeria: Oweto and Utuluewu villages, Agatu, Benue state**

John Ngbede (described a Fulani attack on two villages in which seven died)

Isah Onum (aged 60, **killed** by Fulani Muslim gunmen)

Sule Audu (relative of Isah Onum, confirmed his murder)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/islamic-extremists-in-nigeria-attack-christians-at-sunday-worship/>

**Monday January 20, 2014**



**North Korea**

Kenneth Bae (aged 44 [2012], father of three, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Rajin](#) on [November 3, 2012](#) for preaching Christianity; **UPDATE**: transferred from the hospital to a labor camp, concerns about his health remain)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/us-christian-kenneth-bae-moved-from-hospital-to-labor-camp-in-north-korea-114242/>



**Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur**

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE**: has been receiving 'heavy' death threats, portrait has been burned in a demonstration)

Archbishop Emeritus Murphy Pakiam (defended Fr Lawrence Andrew, said "...the approval of such actions [as anti-Christian demonstrations] on behalf of some political leaders and the inexplicable silence of others adds fuel to the fire, which seems to be spreading uncontrollably")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35063->

[ASIA MALAYSIA Allah issue burning Fr Andrew s portrait is equivalent to an attack against Christians#.Ut3gP8Io45s](#)



### **Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Natalya Gaiyer (apartment raided by antiterrorism police for a passport check, 'unauthorized' books seized)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1925](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1925)

**Tuesday January 21, 2014**



### **Kazakhstan: Semey [Semipalatink]**

Maksim Kandyba (aged 19 [2014], son of Viktor Kandyba, caught in two raids on worship services on [April 28](#) and [May 12, 2013](#) in the East Kazakhstan region, fined one month's average salary on [June 6, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: refused to pay his fine, sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment)

### **Kazakhstan: Ayagoz**

Pavel Leonov (fined 100 MFIs [1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income] on [March 4, 2013](#); has refused to pay the fine; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 3 days' imprisonment)

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

Pastor Vitaly Krasilnikov (church service raided region on [March 20 2013](#), fined 100 MFIs on [April 9 2013](#); **UPDATE**: sentenced to 1 day's imprisonment for refusing to pay his fine)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2004](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2004)



### **Central African Republic: Boali**

Fr Xavier Fagba (has opened his church as a refuge for both Christians and Muslims who are fleeing the continuing violence)

Jean-Claude (encouraged his Muslim neighbors to take refuge in the church)

Fr Boris Wiligale (said that an anti-balaka militia attack killed 4 and wounded 20)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/church-offers-protection-to-700-muslims-fleeing-christian-militia-we-wont-let-christians-or-muslims-hurt-these-people-113023/>



### **Nigeria**

Archbishop Magnus Atilade (**UPDATE:** said "We are disturbed and very alarmed at the rate and consistency with which Christians are being slaughtered in northern Nigeria, in a manner similar to the genocide in Rwanda. The brutality, cruelty and inhuman manner in which Nigerian Christians are being systematically and consistently slaughtered by individuals claiming to be adherents of the Islamic faith has reached an alarming proportion that we are compelled to speak out. This is inhuman")

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/News-analysis/Killing-of-Christians-in-Nigeria-like-Rwandan-genocide-Archbishop.html>

**Wednesday January 22, 2014**



### **Kazakhstan: Astana**

Pastor Bakhytzhon Kashkumbayev (**UPDATE:** trial on charges of harming health, inciting hatred and leading an organization that harms others has begun, has gone deaf in one ear while in detention)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1918](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1918)



### **Iran: Rajai Shahr Prison**

Pastor Saeed Abedini (**UPDATE:** transferred from the murderers ward to the political prisoner ward, still requires surgery for abdominal pain and vomiting)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-saeed-abadini-transferred-out-of-murderer-ward-but-health-problems-worsen-113190/>



### **Algeria: Tizi Ouzou**

Ali Touahir (aged 52, convert, wife left him with their 7 year old daughter after his conversion and has filed for divorce, brother-in-law wants him killed, court granted him visitation rights with his daughter over his wife's objection)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/convert-in-algeria-risks-losing-wife-daughter/>

**Thursday January 23, 2014**



### **India: Mumbai**

Cardinal Oswald Gracias (**UPDATE**: received the 'Report on Persecution in 2013' which listed over 4,000 registered cases in which 7 Christians were murdered, and 1,000 women, 500 children, and more than 400 priests and ministers were beaten)

Sajan K George (President of the Global Council of Indian Christians, **UPDATE**: spoke on the 15th anniversary of the deaths of Australian missionary Rev Graham Staines and his sons Phillip and Timothy [aged 9 and 7] at the hands of Hindu extremists)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35094->

[ASIA INDIA Over 4 000 cases of anti Christian violence the Report on persecuti on presented to the Bishops#.UuHtOsIo4fg](#)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-Christian-leader,-Graham-Staines'-death-is-warning-against-Hindu-fundamentalism-30127.html>



### **Uzbekistan: Tashkent**

Natalya Gaiyer (apartment raided by antiterrorism police for a passport check, 'unauthorized' books seized, **UPDATE**: fined US\$130)

### **Uzbekistan: Bukhara**

### **Four Christians fined US\$210 for teaching religious beliefs without specialized religious education**

Dilorom Rakhmatova (secondary school teacher, fined, called to the police station several times in [February and March 2014](#), called before a meeting of 80 fellow teachers and belittled for her faith)

Sanobar Bikmullina (fined)

Dilbar Muminova (secondary school teacher, mother of Oybek Khasanov, fined, called to the police station several times in [February and March 2014](#), called before a meeting of 80 fellow teachers and belittled for her faith)

Oybek Khasanov (son of Dilbar Muminova, fined)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1925](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1925)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1974](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1974)



#### **Kazakhstan: Almaty**

Yuri Toporov (Russian citizen, charged with acting as an unregistered missionary, case pending until [February 4, 2014](#))

#### **Kazakhstan: Petropavl**

Pavel Tokarev (detained, **UPDATE**: appeared in court)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1919](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1919)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)



#### **Azerbaijan: Gyanja**

**Police arrest five Christians during a raid on a religious service in a private home, charge with "violating legislation on holding religious meetings, marches, and other religious ceremonies"', each fined US\$2,295)**

Elgiz Aliyev (arrested, **UPDATE**: fined)

Irada Huseynova (arrested, **UPDATE**: fined)

Elyar Bakirov (arrested, **UPDATE**: fined)

Anar Huseynov (arrested, **UPDATE**: fined)

Asif Jafarov (arrested, **UPDATE**: fined)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1926](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1926)



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

Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga (**UPDATE**: stated that "the State has collapsed, UN intervention is needed")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35093-AFRICA\\_CENTRAL\\_AFRICA\\_The\\_State\\_has\\_collapsed\\_UN\\_intervention\\_is\\_needed\\_appeal\\_of\\_the\\_Archbishop\\_of\\_Bangui\\_and\\_the\\_Imam#.UuHuecIo4fg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35093-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_The_State_has_collapsed_UN_intervention_is_needed_appeal_of_the_Archbishop_of_Bangui_and_the_Imam#.UuHuecIo4fg)

**Friday January 24, 2014**



### **Malaysia**

#### **Continuing controversy over the attempt to outlaw Christian use of the word 'Allah'**

Rev Dr Hermen Shastri (**UPDATE**: said "All the churches are of one mind. We are only defending our freedom to practice our religion as guaranteed under the Constitution")

Bishop Bolly Lapok (**UPDATE**: said "Nothing is changing. We won't stop using the word 'Allah'")

Rev Dr Eu Hong Seng (**UPDATE**: said "We look to the courts of this land to protect, preserve and defend principles of our Federal Constitution")

#### **Malaysia: Sabah state**

Esther Golingi (spoke out against conversions to Islam "through deceit, intimidation or bribery")

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/01/2968382/>

<http://directory.ucanews.com/news/sabah-christians-unite-to-stop-conversions-to-islam/874>



### **China: Beijing**

#### **Fifteen Christians are detained while bringing food and medicine to Zhang Wenhe, who is under house arrest)**

Zhang Wenhe (under house arrest at a different location than his home, experiencing heart problems)



Xu Yonghai (church elder, detained)  
Xu Xiaoling (detained)  
Xu Ciahong (detained)  
Yang Jing (detained)  
Yang Qiuyu (detained)  
Yang Min (detained)  
Wang Biao (detained, 14-year old son also detained)  
Wang Chunyan (detained, began having heart trouble during detainment)  
Wang Sue (detained)  
Yu Yanhua (detained)  
Liang Yanhe (detained)  
Lu Dongli (detained)  
Zhang Haiyan (detained)

**China: Nanle County, Henan**

Zhao Xiping (still detained as of January 4, 2014 along with Pastor Zhang Shaojie; **UPDATE:** released from detention)  
Yang Miling (still detained as of January 4, 2014 along with Pastor Zhang Shaojie; **UPDATE:** released from detention)  
Sheyin Duanmu (released from detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/beijing-christians-detained-during.html>  
<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/three-christians-in-nanle-county-case.html>



**Kazakhstan**

Yelena Dyachenko (charged with two others of "Participation in the activity of an unregistered, halted, or banned religious community or social organization", **UPDATE:** case returned to prosecutors due to improperly prepared documentation)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)



**Nigeria: Nsukka, Enugu State**

Fr Eugene Odo (diocesan secretary, robbed in the cathedral rectory by four armed men)

Fr Igwebueze (principal of St Theresa College, robbed by four armed men)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=148272>

**Saturday January 25, 2014**



**China: Guangzhou, Guangdong province**

Pastor Mark Ma Chao (missionary, **UPDATE:** described how a house church has been harassed by the police twice a week since the beginning of the year)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/01/house-church-face-persecution-in.html>



**Egypt; Minya province**

Marcos Zakaria (aged 17, abducted by a Muslim mob)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/02/06/eight-egyptian-christians-abducted-in-the-last-week/>



**Cuba: Taguayabon**

Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso (husband of Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez, brother of Mirka Pena, detained, released and put under house arrest, refused to sign an Official Warning)

Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso, stopped by police from leaving her home)

Mirka Pena (sister of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso, said his arrest was part of a large crackdown on dissidents)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1632>

**Sunday January 26, 2014**



### **Sri Lanka: Colombo**

Bishop Dhiloraj Canagasabey (spoke before 2,000 Christians following attacks on churches “The freedom of thought, conscience, religion and association should be available to all religious communities. We expect the rule of law to be upheld and worry about hate speech and hate mongering against non-majority faith communities. Christian communities face hardships in educating children in accordance with the tenants of their faith. Many children are compelled to study the majority [Buddhist] religion, a clear violation of our religious rights”)

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/42596-bishop-asks-for-end-to-hate-mongering-after-january-attacks>



### **Kyrgyzstan: Zherge-Tal village**

Japar Abdukayimov (aged 51, brother of Pastor Kapar Yusup uuly Abdukayimov, **died of natural causes**, denied a Christian burial in the municipal cemetery by a local imam)

Pastor Kapar Yusup uuly Abdukayimov (brother of Japar Abdukayimov, interrupted by a local imam in his attempt to bury his brother in the municipal cemetery "Imam Arstan insulted me with all kinds of unrepeatable words, calling me a traitor, and told people at the procession this will happen to anyone who leaves Islam and accepts Christianity or other religions")

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1966](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1966)



### **Kazakhstan: Petropavl**

Ramil Nizamov (aged 22, caught in a police raid on a Sunday worship service, fined US\$500)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1979](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1979)



### **Nigeria: Waga Chakawa village, Adamawa state**

**A Boko Haram attack on St Paul's Church in which at least 53 were killed**

Bishop Mamza Dami Stephen (described the attack, said "Everybody is living in fear. There is no protection. We cannot predict where and when they are going to attack. People can't sleep with their eyes closed")

Matthew Apogu (aged 42, said "We were all scattered by the attackers, and as we escaped those that were not able to escape were taken hostage, especially, women, children, and the elderly")

Moses Yohanna (said after the Boko Haram attack on St Paul's Church "My brother was slaughtered like ram. Our lives are threatened and put in danger, no security")

Rahilla Ibrahim (husband and child killed in the Boko Haram attack on St Paul's Church, said "We saw hell. The attackers were merciless")

Rev. Jerome Odineze (said after recent Boko Haram attacks "We are very confused and depressed because there's not much you can do ... The church cannot mobilize and provide security. The resources aren't there. Sometimes you can't have a church service at all. Worship is out of the question in some places")

Fr Raymond Danbouye (confirmed that 22 people were killed in a Boko Haram attack on a church)

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2014/01/27/nigeria-violence-idUKL5N0L12AF20140127>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-25927205>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/01/boko-haram-suspected-in-bomb-attack-on-catholic-church-service-in-adamawa-state-nigeria/>

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/boko-haram-death-toll-in-borno-adamawa-hits-138/>

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/February/Nigeria-Towns-Empty-as-Christians-Flee-Violence/>



### **United States – California: Los Angeles**

Natalie Grant (Gospel singer, left the Grammys award ceremony early, denied that she left due to any one particular performance)

Mandisa (Christian singer-songwriter, won two Grammys but did not attend the ceremony, wrote "Both times I have gone to the Grammys I have witnessed performances I wish I could erase from my memory, and yes, I fast forwarded through several performances this year")

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/christian-artists-skip-walk-out-of-satanic-grammy-awards-show>

**Monday January 27, 2014**



### **China: Hong Kong**

Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kium SBD (**UPDATE:** said “With the power position they [the government leaders] have acquired in dealing with religions, they are destroying not only the religions but also the good name of our nation. The only purpose of their work seems to be 'enslaving' our Church by forcing our bishops and priests to betray their conscience, their faith”)

<http://vaticaninsider.lastampa.it/en/world-news/detail/articolo/zen-cina-china-31574/>



### **Syria: Homs**

Fr Frans van der Lugt SJ (**UPDATE:** posted a video to YouTube in which he said “Christians and Muslims are going through a difficult and painful time and we are faced with many problems. The greatest of these is hunger. People have nothing to eat. There is nothing more painful than watching mothers searching for food for their children in the streets...There are so many people here that need operations and or specialist medical treatment but have to wait a long time, and are forced to go through immense suffering”)

<http://vaticaninsider.lastampa.it/en/world-news/detail/articolo/siria-syria-31584/>

**Tuesday January 28, 2014**



### **Vietnam: Hanoi**

Le Quoc Quan (aged 41 [2012], lawyer, blogger, and human rights activist, convicted on tax evasion charges on [October 2, 2013](#), sentenced to 30 months in prison and a US\$56,000 fine; **UPDATE:** appeal decision upcoming, denied a Bible in prison)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hanoi,-date-set-for-Catholic-lawyer-and-dissident,-Le-Quoc-Quan's-appeal-30150.html>



### **Kazakhstan: Arkalyk, northern Kostanai region**

Pastor Aleksii Fedoskin (reported that services have been video-recorded by KNB secret police and that several church members have been interrogated by prosecutors in an apparent attempt to force the number of church member signatories under the 50 minimum required for legal registration)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1921](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921)



### **Iran: Ahwaz**

Shahnaz Jayzan Sabokroh (on May 1, 2013 began a one year prison sentence; **UPDATE:** released conditionally from prison)

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=8129:wife-of-aog-pastor-conditionally-released-from-prison-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8129:wife-of-aog-pastor-conditionally-released-from-prison-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



### **Syria: Homs**

Metropolitan Dionysius Jean Kawak (**UPDATE:** said "At the beginning of the Syrian crisis we didn't have a real problem against Christians, but nowadays because of the growing radical groups, Christians are being targeted")

Rev Dr Riad Jarjour (said that 80,000 Christians have been displaced from their homes by militants)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140127235759.htm>



### **Egypt: Giza**

Mina Emad Anwar (aged 28, hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the head after the attack on the Church of the Virgin Mary)

Fr Georgios Wanis (church attacked by gunmen)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=52184#.UvRNrcKYY5s>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=52212#.Uvb-0MKYY5s>



## **Belarus: Gomel**

### **Christians found guilty of 'participation in unauthorized worship', fined**

Pastor Aleksandr Zolotarev (charged with holding an 'unauthorized mass public event' after the December 22, 2013 police raid on the home of Deacon Andrei Tupalsky; **UPDATE:** found guilty, fined US\$330)

Dmitry Sidorenko (found guilty, fined US\$130)

Oleg Danilevsky (preached a sermon during the December 22, 2013 police raid on the home of Deacon Andrei Tupalsky, charged with holding an 'unauthorized mass public event', Bible seized; **UPDATE:** found guilty, fined US\$130)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1935](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1935)



## **Central African Republic**

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (**UPDATE:** spoke in [London, United Kingdom](#) again in favor of UN intervention, said “A lot of hospitals have shortages. There have been a lot of clashes between groups, a lot of injured, wounded, and people are being treated under tents. No school is running, and a lot of young people are now with their parents out in the bush, where they are confronted with terrible situations. They have no food. Snakes and diseases”)

## **Central African Republic: Bangui**

### **Pastor and his son murdered by Seleka fighters**

Rev Pierre-Severin Kongbo (aged 52, father of Dieubéni and four others, **murdered**)

Dieubeni (son of Rev Pierre-Severin Kongbo, **murdered**)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2014/01/30/central-african-republic-archbishop-pleads-with-british-government-for-help/>

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14010123.htm>

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/01/2990263/>

**Wednesday January 29, 2014**



## **Pakistan: Kasur**

## **Five Christians abducted and beaten by a brick kiln owner after a relative did not pay back a loan**

Salamatay Bibi (aged 48, mother of Aziz Masih, beaten and tortured)

Aziz Masih (son of Salamatay Bibi, beaten)

Arshad Masih aka Papu (beaten)

Sardar Mushtaq Gill (**UPDATE**: defended Salamatay Bibi, Aziz Masih, and Arshad Masih, found two children working in the kilns)

Akram (aged 7, brother of Aslam, brick kiln worker with burnt hands, said "I have been doing this work since I was four. Even when I was younger, I helped my mother")

Aslam (older brother of Akram, ended the questioning of his brother by saying "We don't want any trouble and we 'belong' to the brick kiln owner and cannot leave this work and place")

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4680>



### **Iraq: Sennaah Al Karama, Mosul, Kurdistan**

Laith Hadi Behnam Dakma (aged 57, mechanical expert, **shot dead** reportedly for refusing to manufacturer silencers for firearms)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35136->

[ASIA IRAQ A Christian killed for his refusal to build silencers for firearms#.UusQbcKA0fQ](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35136-ASIA_IRAQ_A_Christian_killed_for_his_refusal_to_build_silencers_for_firearms#.UusQbcKA0fQ)

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



### **Syria**

Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio SJ (reportedly abducted by rebels associated with al-Qaeda on **July 30, 2013** in Raqqa; **UPDATE**: was the intention of a worldwide prayer drive)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christians-in-global-prayer-drive-for-safe-release-of-Fr.-dall'Oglio-30130.html>



### **Egypt: Giza**



Pope Tawadros II (**UPDATE**: condemned the Islamist attack on the Church of the Virgin Mary, sent condolences to the family of the policeman killed in the attack)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Cairo,-Coptic-Orthodox-church-attacked.-One-dead.-30160.html>

**Thursday January 30, 2014**



**China: Shanghai**

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (**UPDATE**: still under house arrest, wrote on his blog -"Lord, today is the last day of the Lunar New Year in 2013. Thank you Lord for the countless graces in the past year. Please lead us with peace and joy to leap into the new year")

Zhang Guanglai (wrote an article praising China's anti-corruption efforts and Popes Benedict and Francis, and which looked forward to a better 2014)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bishop-Ma-Daqin:-Praise-God-for-the-graces-of-2013,-peace-and-joy-for-the-Year-of-the-Horse-30173.html>



**Pakistan: Karachi**

Fr George Montgomery (spoke against the 'land mafia' that repeatedly steals land from marginalized Christians)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karachi's-Christians,-crushed-by-the-land-mafia,-seek-help-from-Church-30170.html>



**Belarus: Gomel**

Deacon Andrei Tupalsky (home raided by police during a [December 22, 2013](#) worship service, charged with holding an 'unauthorized mass public event'; **UPDATE**: found guilty, fined US\$130)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1935](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1935)



**Sweden: Stockholm**

Bishop Anders Arborelius (condemned the Femem attack on the cathedral as “deeply disturbing and ominous”)

Helena D’Arcy (noted that other churches expressed their support of Bishop Anders Arborelius, but the government did not do so)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/topless-femen-activists-disrupt-mass-at-swedish-cathedral>



**Nigeria: Ungwar Kajit village, Manyi Akuru area**

Nathaniel Abins (aged 47, husband of Ruth Abins, **killed** by Boko Haram gunmen along with his wife and 5 children)

Ruth Abins (wife of Nathaniel Abins, **killed** by Boko Haram gunmen along with her husband and 5 children)

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



**Mexico: San Cristobal de las Casas**

Sr Patricia Moysén de Las Casas Marquez (beaten by land protestors, ambulance stolen)

Sr Martha Rangel Martinez (beaten by land protestors, ambulance stolen)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35185-AMERICA\\_MEXICO\\_Solidarity\\_with\\_the\\_nuns\\_assaulted\\_and\\_request\\_to\\_solve\\_the\\_problem\\_of\\_land#.Uvb3VMKYY5s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35185-AMERICA_MEXICO_Solidarity_with_the_nuns_assaulted_and_request_to_solve_the_problem_of_land#.Uvb3VMKYY5s)

**Friday January 31, 2014**



**Brunei**

Bishop Cornelius Sim (expressed concern over the upcoming imposition of Sharia [Islamic] law)  
<http://directory.ucanews.com/news/catholics-wary-as-brunei-introduces-sharia-law/901>



**China: Nanle county, Henan province**

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (**UPDATE:** transferred to the Puyang Municipal Detention center just before the Chinese New Year, spoke about the Gospel to two death-row inmates after arrival)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/02/lawyers-for-nanle-county-pastor-demand.html>



**Uzbekistan: Nurabad**

Nadezhda Taymurzina (home raided by police, Bible and religious literature seized)

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1938](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1938)



**Nigeria: Sabon Garin Yamdula**

Rev Hannaniya Sini Kwajipwa (aged 50, **killed** by Boko Haram gunmen along with 10 other parishioners)

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

**January 2014, date unknown**



**India: Munugode village, Andhra Pradesh state**

Rev Christopher Talla (assaulted)

**India: Ipparathi, Andhra Pradesh state**

Rev Gajjala Neeladri Pal (assaulted)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Andhra-Pradesh:-rising-anti-Christian-violence-by-radical-Hindus-30207.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Andhra-Pradesh:-rising-anti-Christian-violence-by-radical-Hindus-30207.html>



### **Pakistan: Gujrat, Punjab province**

Naveed Maqsood (aged 39, father of three, driver, wages withheld by a school principal who said she "did not like him because he is a member of a minority", took his employer to court for back wages, dismissed from his position)

Bunny Edward (attorney, said that Pakistan "is fast becoming an intolerant society. In Naveed Maqsood's case, we filed an appeal at the High Court of Lahore, so he may regain his place of employment and the wages owed him")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan,-father-of-three-fired-because-a-Christian-30258.html>



### **Uzbekistan: Chirchik district, Tashkent region**

Azamat Rajabov (denied an exit visa by the NSS secret police in [Late January 2014](#))

[http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=1922](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1922)



### **South Sudan: Bor**

Bishop Ruben Akurdit Ngong (described the massacre of scores of female church workers who has sought refuge at a church from intertribal violence, along with 2,500 others, said "The women were from different parishes in the diocese and had converged in the church compound when they were killed. This is very painful. They destroyed most of the churches in the diocese, but God is with us")

Pastor Dorcas Abuol Bouny (aged 72, **killed**)

Pastor Akut Mayem Yar (aged 72, **killed**)

Pastor Tabitha Akuang (aged 60, **killed**)

Pastor Mary Alek Akech (aged 70, **killed**)

Pastor Martha Agok Mabior (aged 70, **killed**)

Agel Mabior (aged 72, **killed**)

Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul (**UPDATE**: said of the murdered church women “They were all clergy. They all worked at the church. They did different jobs, bible reading”)

Rev Mark Akec-Cien (said of the massacre of church women “I believe the White Army attacked and killed the women hiding in the church compound. It is very disturbing to know they were abused before being killed”)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/01/2996119/>



### **Sudan: Khartoum**

Cardinal Zubeir Wako (said that many clergy cannot leave the country because their passports have been seized)

[https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/07/article\\_3221521.html/](https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/07/article_3221521.html/)



### **Egypt: Toho village**

Kyrillos (son of Adel Abdel-Malak, abducted [January 2014](#))

Adel Abdel-Malak (father of 'young' Kyrillos, paid a US\$17,000 ransom)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55337#.U7TgqMLQcfg>



### **Central African Republic: Bocaranga**

Fr Serge Mbremandji OFM Cap (said that Seleka rebels went on a "shooting spree" at a mission that forced priests, nuns, and catechists to flee)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2014/02/20/catholic-leaders-praise-missionaries-in-central-african-republic/>



## **Nigeria**

Susana Ishaya (abducted by Boko Haram)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/10/woman-found-borno-bush-schoolgirl-group-source/>



## **United Kingdom: Highbury, London**

Sarah Mbuyi (nursery nurse, dismissed from her position for defending traditional Christian marriage)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/christian-nursery-nurse-sacked-for-saying-marriage-is-between-a-man-a>