

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – June 2014

Sunday June 1, 2014



Pakistan: Sector C, Nishtar Road, Manzoor Colony [ghetto], Karachi South

Johnathan Murad (accused of blasphemy, had invited Muslims to a Christian prayer service)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenews.php?hnewsid=4974>



Egypt: Cairo

Hani Ramses (called on the new government to prosecute the perpetrators of the attack on the Two Saints Church in Alexandria on January 1, 2011 and the Maspero massacre on October 9-10, 2011 in Cairo)

Egypt: Hagr Al Mashta village, Tahta district, Sohag province

Basily Aziz (family attacked by neighbors at gunpoint, home then partially occupied)

Egypt: Luxor

Demiana Ebeid Abdel Nour (aged 24, detained on or before [May 10, 2013](#) due to accusations of insulting Islam and proselytizing among her Luxor primary school students; found guilty and fined US\$14,300 on [June 10, 2013](#), sentence has been protested by Islamists who are demanding more severe punishments; fled to France prior to the end of her trial;

UPDATE: appellate court ruling postponed to June 15, 2014 due to the absence of the judge)

Younan Shawki Atallah (brother of Kyrillos Shawki Atallah, said that his brother was arrested for liking a Facebook page deemed to be in contempt of Islam)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54707#.U4v0rMLQc5s>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54697#.U4v128LQc5s>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54695#.U4v2ucLQc5s>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54692#.U4v3ccLQc5s>



Ukraine: Perevalnoe, Crimea

Fr Ivan Katkalo (beaten along with parishioners by pro-Russian separatists who invaded their church, daughter with cerebral palsy also beaten, told that they had no place there after Russian annexation)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1972

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3177378.html/



Cameroon

Fr Giampaolo Marta (aged 47, Italian citizen, abducted in Tchere by Boko Haram gunmen on April 4, 2014; **UPDATE**: released)

Fr Gianantonio Allegri (aged 57, Italian citizen, abducted in Tchere by Boko Haram gunmen on April 4, 2014; **UPDATE**: released)

Sr Gilberte Bissiere (aged 75, Canadian citizen, abducted in Tchere by Boko Haram gunmen on April 4, 2014; **UPDATE**: released)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35826->

[AFRICA CAMEROON Missionaries released A grace of God and a time of joy f or the Church said Cardinal Filoni who met them#.U467WsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35826-)



Nigeria: Attagara, Gwonza area, Borno state

Sawaltha Wandala (aged 55, arrived at church to find a Boko Haram attack in progress, attempted to save a six year old boy but the boy was taken from him and beheaded in front of him, beaten and left for dead)

Matha Yohana (said "As we were holding the service, we started hearing gunshots and everybody fled. More than 10 of them were riding motorcycles and one car" when they attacked the church)

Dr Rebecca Dali (**UPDATE**: reported on recent attacks "Our church in Attagara was attacked also on Sunday. There have been 24-hour-a-day attacks on Christian communities of Attagara, Hawul, and Gwoshe around the Gwoza mountains...Reports we received from the area show that the soldiers drafted there to repel attackers could not get to the villages on claims that they did not receive orders from their command headquarters in Maiduguri to fight the insurgents...The Boko Haram Islamists have destroyed 36 churches in Gwoza

area, including that of Attagara attacked on Sunday. We now have only two churches that have not been affected")

Paul Gadzama (director of Relief Missions; **UPDATE:** said "Boko Haram gunmen have continued to attack these areas inhabited by Christians with the sole aim of pushing them out to enable establish an Islamic country. So far they have taken over so many villages, forcing our people to flee to Cameroon")

Rev Titus Dama Pona (**UPDATE:** reported that the Gwoza area is 80% Christian, and that after government inaction villagers killed 37 Boko Haram rebels in self-defense)

Nigeria: Kabang area, Mubi, Adamawa state

John (**killed** in a Boko Haram bombing that killed 45, mostly Christians)

Miss Godiya John (**killed** in a Boko Haram bombing that killed 45, mostly Christians)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/scores-dead-from-attacks-on-church-christian-areas-in-northeast-nigeria/>

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/44070-boko-haram-gunmen-kill-9-in-northeast-nigeria-church-attack>

http://www.persecution.com/public/newsroom.aspx?story_ID=%3d373033&featuredstory_ID=%3d343536

Monday June 2, 2014



Afghanistan: Sohadat village, Herat province

Fr Alexis Prem Kumar SJ (aged 47, Jesuit Refugee Service, citizen of India, abducted while travelling to a refugee camp)

A S M Anthony (aged 77, retired teacher in [Tamil Nadu state, India](#), widower, father of Fr Alexis Prem Kumar SJ, asked "Why would anyone kidnap a Jesuit priest? Alexis worked with the poor, he did nothing wrong")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Early-contacts-to-shed-light-on-Indian-Jesuit's-kidnapping-in-Afghanistan-31249.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Father-of-Jesuit-kidnapped-in-Afghanistan:-He-helped-the-poor,-why-was-he-kidnapped-31281.html>



Egypt: Mahameed Bahary village, Arment, Luxor

Kyrillos Shawki Atallah (aged 32, brother of Younan Shawki Atallah, arrested on May 30, 2014 after liking a Facebook page deemed to be in contempt of Islam and after local extremists tried to set fire to his home; **UPDATE**: masked men burned down several Coptic homes and businesses on the eve of his trial)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54723#.U47DXsLQcfg>



Nigeria: Chinene, Gwoza area, Borno state

Joshua Jidda (said "Some terrorists came to our community on Monday night while we were asleep; they shouted 'Allahu Akhbar' ['Allah is greater'] and shot sporadically at fleeing residents, killing eight people, while two others sustained gunshot injuries")

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/News-analysis/Christians-killed-at-church-and-while-sleeping-in-Northern-Nigeria.html>

Tuesday June 3, 2014



Indonesia: Cianjur district, West Java

Rev Oferlin Hia (president of Church of People's Synod; **UPDATE**: described the closing of seven Protestant churches on the pretext of improper building permits - all of the churches predated the current permit law)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/West-Java-authorities-yield-to-Islamic-pressure-and-close-down-seven-Protestant-churches-31248.html>



China: Xiuzhou district, Jiaying

Pastor Zhang "Bike" Mingxuan (president of the Chinese House Church Alliance; **UPDATE**: religious services interrupted by police, detained and released)

Pastor Lu Jingxiang (detained along with Pastor Zhang Mingxuan, released)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/06/chinese-house-church-alliance.html>



Pakistan

Dr Nazir S Bhatti (**UPDATE**: stated that the Pakistani government has begun to add Christians to the Exit Control List to prevent them from fleeing the country as refugees, and that over 300 Christians have been pulled off of commercial flights before they could leave the country)

Pakistan: Okara, near Lahore

Rev David Hanook (held hostage along with his family in his home for four hours while it was ransacked by radical Muslims, threatened with death, rescued when Christian neighbors and parishioners were alerted and surrounded the home)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4879>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35854->

[ASIA PAKISTAN Protestant pastor kidnapped and robbed saved by the faithful#.U5KRtMLQcfg](#)



Egypt: Mahameed Bahary village, Arment, Luxor

Kyriillos Shawki Atallah (aged 32, brother of Younan Shawki Atallah, arrested on May 30, 2014 for contempt of Islam after liking a Facebook page deemed to be in contempt of Islam and after local extremists tried to set fire to his home; **UPDATE**: case postponed to June 24, 2014)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54750#.U47Fs8LQcfg>



Nigeria: Attangara, Gwonza area, Borno state

John Yakubu (tortured by Boko Haram militants in an attempt to convert him to Islam, hospitalized in a coma)

http://www.persecution.com/public/newsroom.aspx?story_ID=%3d373033&featuredstory_ID=%3d343536

Wednesday June 4, 2014



Uzbekistan: Syrdarya region

UPDATE: Christians caught in a police raid on a Palm Sunday dinner in a private home fined

Aleksandr Kolomeytsev (fined US\$840)

Andrey Shevchenko (fined US\$2,100)

Konstantin Malchikovski (fined US\$2,100)

Nadezhda Matrosova (fined US\$400)

Oleg Buzakov (fined US\$840)

Sergei Kozin (fined US\$2,100)

Sergei Yermakov (fined US\$2,100)

Stanislav Shegai (fined US\$840)

Viktor Krylov (fined US\$840)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1980



Belarus

Vladislav Kovalev (**executed** on **March 15, 2012** for murder, denied visit by a priest prior to execution, denied a Christian burial; **UPDATE**: body still not released for burial)

Lyubov Kovaleva (mother of Vladislav Kovalev, was not informed in advance of the date of her son's execution nor the location of his burial; **UPDATE**: is still trying to obtain her son's body)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1969



Nigeria: Barderi village

Mallam Bunu (said of a Boko Haram attack “They came to our village... and lied to us that they had come to preach to us and when almost all the villagers had gathered, another set of insurgents emerged from nowhere and opened fire on the congregation before we all scampered for safety...I counted 45 bodies after the attackers left the village”)

Kallamu Bukar (described a Boko Haram attack that killed 45 “When we converged, another set of insurgents emerged from nowhere and joined those that were disguised as preachers. They opened fire on the congregation. The assailants also set ablaze several houses, shops and other personal effects”)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/06/45-killed-fake-preachers-near-boko-haram-stronghold/#sthash.16ucb5pp.dpuf>

Thursday June 5, 2014



China: Tongxiang, Jianxing

Pastor Zhang “Bike” Mingxuan (president of the Chinese House Church Alliance; **UPDATE:** religious service interrupted by police)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/06/chinese-house-church-alliance.html>



Uzbekistan: Kushkupir district, Khorezm region

Zokir Rajabov (fined US\$200 for 'illegally' sharing his faith, claims the charge was fabricated)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1991



Sudan

Nabeel Adeeb (human rights attorney, said that he believes Christianity faces "no chance" in Sudan because media propaganda brands it as an illegitimate religion)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/sudans-christians-dont-feel-safe-in-prayer-after-mothers-death-sentence-for-apostasy-120969/>



Nigeria: Lagos

Mothers of the abducted schoolgirls spoke to a U.S. government delegation

Esther Yakubu

Ruth Bitris

Monica Sitover

Pastor Philip Madu (translated the testimony of Ruth Bitris for the U.S. delegation)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/mothers-agonise-abducted-pupils/>

Friday June 6, 2014



China: Jiashan

Pastor Zhang “Bike” Mingxuan (president of the Chinese House Church Alliance; **UPDATE:** religious service interrupted by police, detained and released)

Pastor Liu Fenggang (**UPDATE:** reported on the detention of Pastor Zhang Mingxuan)

Brother Yu (hosted Pastor Zhang Mingxuan in his home)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/06/chinese-house-church-alliance.html>



Egypt: Luxor

Fr Makarios Azmy (said that the unrest after the arrest of Kyrillos Shawki Atallah for contempt of Islam has caused the church to suspend activities)

Egypt: Kom Ombo, Aswan

Mehany Milad (timber merchant, abducted)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54800#.U5KV88LQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54933#.U5p7O8LQcfg>



Belarus: Minsk

Eduard Lykov (incarcerated on death row, allowed only one visit from a priest)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1969

Saturday June 7, 2014



Iran: Karaj

Pastor Behnam Irani (**UPDATE**: beaten in his prison cell by VEVAK intelligence agents, transferred to an unknown location)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14060037.htm>



Iraq

Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda (**UPDATE**: said in [Erbil](#) that more than 12,000 Christian families have fled for Kurdistan because "In Baghdad and elsewhere local Christians are under constant fear that they may fall victim to bomb blasts, murders and abductions")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140606192559.htm>



Syria: Raqqa

Bishop Boulos al-Yazigi (brother of Patriarch Youhanna X, abducted at gunpoint by rebels on April 22, 2013 near Kfar Dael, Aleppo, the deacon who was driving was shot dead; **UPDATE**: reportedly is being held by the al-Qaeda affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ISIL)

Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim (abducted at gunpoint by rebels on April 22, 2013 near Kfar Dael, Aleppo, the deacon who was driving was shot dead; **UPDATE**: reportedly is being held by the al-Qaeda affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ISIL)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/two-bishops-kidnapped-in-syria-held-captive-by-isil-in-good-health/>



Ukraine: Crimea

Pastor Edward Dolzhikiv (said ""People threaten you, call you names and they became reluctant to help. My kids could not continue studying in school because it became Russian, and it became impossible to pay for the utilities when the Russian currency was implemented", added that his church will likely have to close due to the Russian laws that favor the Russian Orthodox Church)

Pastor Sergey Tarasik (church rental terminated by pro-Russian authorities after 18 years, parishioners now meet in a Baptist church)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3177378.html/

Sunday June 8, 2014



China: Mengla county, Xishuangbanna autonomous region, Yunnan province

Rong Xiahu (home searched on [May 16, 2014](#) by DSP agents looking for church members' names and phone numbers, **UPDATE**: Sunday worship service broken up)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/08/small-house-church-of-ethnic-minority.html>



Egypt: Al-Kom Al-Asfar village, Tahta, Sohag province

Gad Attia Al-Shanawoy (farm seized by a mob led by a veterinarian, threatened with death if he returned)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54851#.U5UYocLQcfg>



Ukraine: Slavyansk city, Donetsk region

Four Christians abducted from a church service by pro-Russian forces who also fired weapons from inside the church, , tortured, released then **shot dead while driving away, between them 11 children have been orphaned**

Ruvim Pavenko (aged 30, brother of Albert Pavenko, son of the church pastor, **shot dead**)

Albert Pavenko (aged 24, brother of Ruvim Pavenko, son of the church pastor, **shot dead**)

Victor Brodarsky (aged 40, **shot dead**)

Vladimir ‘Vova’ Velichko (aged 41, husband of Elena Velichko, father of eight children aged 2 through 16, **shot dead**)

Elena Velichko (widow of Vladimir ‘Vova’ Velichko, mother of eight children aged 2 through 16, said "I don't hate my husband's killers. It is easy to start asking questions. Why did this happen? But if I keep thinking about this it will only wear me out...People often ask me how I am doing. I tell them about a mighty God who can heal our hearts, maybe not as quickly as we would like it, but the process is going on and the prayers of people around the world help. The biggest thing you can do for me is to pray for me and my family, about the future of my children and my country")

Alexander Gayvoronski (deacon, witnessed the abduction of Ruvim and Albert Pavenko, Victor Brodarsky, and Vladimir ‘Vova’ Velichko)

Tatyana Lysenko (reported on the church attack and abductions)

Pastor Peter Dudnik (**UPDATE**: said that separatists are using heavy artillery)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23830.html>

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/729>

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/September/Tortured-in-Ukraine-Christians-Living-a-Nightmare/>



Nigeria: Borno state

Lawan John (echoed concerns that a possible epidemic looms because Boko Haram has killed so many people in the past week “Corpses still littered our villages because we didn’t have access to the villages as the insurgents were still hanging around”)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=170329>

Monday June 9, 2014



Vietnam: My Phuoc, Thai Hoa, Ben Cat District, Binh Duong province

Rev Dieu Dua (described a police attack on a church prayer meeting with 76 persons present, all were beaten including children, loaded into three trucks and taken to an undisclosed location, released the next day without papers or personal items)

Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang (attacked along with his Bible students by a mob led by police and government officials, suffered injuries to his head and chest including several broken teeth, a total of 20 pastors and students were beaten in the 2 hour attack)

Pastor Nguyen Manh Hung (described the attack on Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang and his Bible students, 20 of whom were seriously injured)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=16215>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/During-a-raid,-Binh-Duong-police-beat-and-arrest-members-of-a-Mennonite-Christian-community-31357.html>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/christians-in-vietnam-church-center-beaten-locked-up-in-massive-raid-2/>



Iran

Hossain Danial Barro Zadeh (recent convert, beaten and arrested on March 5, 2014 during a picnic in Shush; **UPDATE**: transferred to a jail in Dezful city)

Rahman Ziya Bahmani (recent convert, beaten and arrested on March 5, 2014 during a picnic in Shush; **UPDATE**: transferred to a jail in Dezful city)

Iran: Rasht

Pastor Keyvan Rajabi (aged 38, has been summoned to the local VEVAK national intelligence office for an 'interview')

Allen Dirigorosiyani (arrested)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33006-breaking-news-iran-intelligence-authority-summons-evangelical-pastor-amid-crackdown>



Yemen

Nazeera (aged 33, convert, wife of Saeed, mother of four, severely burned when her family and her in-laws secretly substituted gasoline for cooking oil in retribution for her conversion, 16 year old son also injured, **died from her burns** two weeks later)

Saeed (aged 45, convert, husband of Nazeera, father of four, teacher, told by a relative of the plot to kill Nazeera and their view that his death was also desired, has fled the country with his children)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/08/woman-in-yemen-burned-to-death-for-her-faith/>



Iraq

Bishop Amel Shamon Nona (appealed for Christians to pray for peace after the city of Mosul fell to the al-Qaeda affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ISIL following the desertion of the Iraqi Army, 150,000 civilians including thousands of Christians have fled the city in their automobiles across the Nineveh Plain toward Kurdistan, others remain trapped)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35873->

[ASIA IRAQ ISIL rebels seize Mosul Christians flee to the Nineveh Plain#.U5fIxsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35873-ASIA_IRAQ_ISIL_rebels_seize_Mosul_Christians_flee_to_the_Nineveh_Plain#.U5fIxsLQcfg)



Sudan

U.S. Congressman Tom Cotton has introduced H.R. 4821 - For the relief of Meriam Yahya Ibrahim, Martin Wani, and Maya Wani. This bill will grant the family permanent legal status in the U.S. if they do not already possess citizenship from their father. There are currently no cosponsors.

Daniel Wani (U.S. citizen, husband of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag who has been sentenced to death, father of Martin and Maya Wani but denied custody under Islamic law and about whom the U.S. Embassy refuses to help without DNA testing, biochemist, suffers from muscular dystrophy)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/06/11/arkansas-congressman-introduced-bill-to-grant-meriam-permanent-legal-status-in-us/>



Egypt

Karam Saber (novelist, sentenced on [March 11, 2014](#) in Beni Suef to 5 years imprisonment for contempt of religion for writing a collection of short stories entitled "Where is God?"; **UPDATE:** is the subject of a petition to end his imprisonment)

Emad Naeem (aged 12, son of Adel Zaky Naeem, victim of multiple abduction attempts, one attempt on [September 11, 2013](#) ended when the abductors got into a fight with others)

Adel Zaky Naeem (father of Emad, said his family fears another abduction attempt on his son)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54872#.U5Z1ysLQcfg>
<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54867#.U5Z9sMLQcfg>



Congo, Democratic Republic

Sr Teresina Caffi (Xaverian missionary, wrote that various rebel groups may still hold at least 894 hostages, including Assumptionist priests Jean-Pierre Ndulani, Anselme Wasikundi and Edmond Bamutute, "several hundred" women, and over 250 children)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35865-AFRICA CONGO DR Appeal for the release of 900 hostages including three Assumptionist fathers kidnapped in 2012#.U5ZvgsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35865-<u>AFRICA CONGO DR Appeal for the release of 900 hostages including three Assumptionist fathers kidnapped in 2012#.U5ZvgsLQcfg</u)



Colombia: Buenaventura

Bishop Hector Epalza Quintero, PSS (denounced the increasing violence in the area, including the murder of a 17 year old boy)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35860-AMERICA COLOMBIA The reality of Buenaventura is still critical denounces Mg r Epalza#.U5ZuhsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35860-<u>AMERICA COLOMBIA The reality of Buenaventura is still critical denounces Mg r Epalza#.U5ZuhsLQcfg</u)

Tuesday June 10, 2014



Myanmar: Mandalay

Zaw Win Aung (joint chairman of the Christian Association Council, condemned a draft bill that if passed would require government approval for each religious conversion)

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/News-analysis/Burmas-draft-religious-conversion-bill-unacceptable-Christian-group.html>



Uzbekistan: Samarkand

Lyubov Lyubivaya (home raided by police, two mobile phones, a carpet, an oil heater, and an electric generator confiscated for non-payment of a 2012 fine)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1980



Iraq: Mosul

Mazen Samuel Ayoub (aged 57, fled his home during the ISIL takeover, lost all of his possessions at an ISIL checkpoint, told 'Get out and leave the car. Nothing belongs to you anymore. You are running away from Mosul! You are running away! Where are you going to go? Wherever you go, we will follow you')

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/features/2014/10/31/the-iraqis-determined-to-seize-control-of-their-future-after-fleeing-isis/>



Ukraine: Slovyansk, Donetsk region

Peter Dudnik (UPDATE: described how separatists looted and vandalized a Christian orphanage)

Ukraine: Mariupol, Donetsk region

Pastor Gennadiy Mokhnenko (UPDATE: described the evacuation of orphans from an orphanage)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23841.html>

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23838.html>



Egypt: al-Bayda village, Ameriya district, Alexandria

Rasha Gadallah (aged 14, likely abducted)

Egypt: el-Moteaa village, Assiut province

Haitham Samuel Raghieb (family subjected to death threats by Muslim neighbors)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54896#.U5fih8LQcfQ>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54883#.U5fjCsLQcfQ>



Poland: Warsaw

Dr Bogdan Chazan (under government investigation for refusing to perform an abortion)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23884.html>

Wednesday June 11, 2014



Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City and K3 barrack, Camp N. 5, Yen Dinh, Thanh Hoa province

Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu (**UPDATE**: still in prison, denied a family visit, has started a hunger strike)

Ha (elder brother of Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu, sought help from Fr Vincent Pham Trung Than)

Fr Vincent Pham Trung Than CSSR (described his order's support for the family of Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Saigon:-Redemptorists-praying-for-the-release-of-Catholic-activist-Jang-Xuan-Dieu-31490.html>



India: Behera slum, Nayapalli district, Bhubaneswar, Orissa state

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**: denounced the destruction of a church and 30 homes of Christians for the extension of a street, particularly during the current heat wave)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bhubaneswar,-the-government-demolishes-30-Christian-homes-and-a-church-31337.html>



Uzbekistan: Samarkand

Home raided by police, two carpets and two sheets of iron for making cooking pots confiscated for non-payment of a 2012 fine)

Alisher Abdullayev (husband of Oksana Abdullayeva)

Oksana Abdullayeva (wife of Alisher Abdullayev)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1980



Iraq: Kirkuk, Kurdistan

Fr Qais Kage (said of events after the fall of Mosul to the ISIL "What happened in Mosul is significant: such a big city cannot fall in a few hours without support from within. The chaos and political division of the Country, due to sectarian conflicts, promotes the advance of the militants who have come from outside: the Iraqi army has left everything in their hands...Today Kurdish militias have made some maneuvers around the city, to deter possible attacks...We have suspended catechism and activities with young people for safety reasons, but the churches are open. In this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we celebrate Mass every day and pray asking the Lord to save us from new outbreaks of sectarian violence")

Iraq: Mosul

Bishop Amel Shamon Nona (**UPDATE**: announced that he is three miles outside the city and that he will not abandon it even though 500,000 people including nearly all Christians have fled after the takeover by the Al Qaeda affiliated Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant ISIL, said that the city will be out of food after 2 or 3 days)

Iraq: New Bagdad, bagdad

Reyad Mikhaeal Halata (**killed**)

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

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Chaldean-Archbishop:-Christians-and-Muslims-fleeing-Mosul,-occupied-by-Islamists-31324.html>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35883->

[ASIA IRAQ Kirkuk defended by the Kurdish Peshmerga In churches one prays enough violence and pain#.U5kiuMLQcfQ](#)



Sudan: Khartoum

Fr Mussa Timothy Kacho (spoke out in defense of Dr Meriam Yahia Ibrahim and against her death sentence)

Sudan: Tabalo village, Um Dorain county

Amira Ballula (aged 80, **killed** in an air force bombing of her home)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/sudan-archdiocese-speaks-out-for-condemned-catholic-woman-77696/>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/07/christians-killed-church-buildings-destroyed-in-sudans-bombing-of-civilians/>



Egypt: Kom Ombo, Aswan

Mehany Milad (timber merchant, abducted, **UPDATE:** released)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54933#.U5p7O8LQcfg>



Nigeria: Abuja

Patience (one of the over 250 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram, escaped, injured her legs jumping from a truck, unable to resume school due to her leg injuries, parents unable to pay her medical bills)

Parmata (one of the over 250 schoolgirls abducted by Boko Haram, escaped)

Nigeria

Emmanuel Ogebe (testified in [Washington DC, United States](#) that Nigeria needs to create a terrorist victims' fund, similar to that created by the United States for the victims of the 9/11 attacks)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/nigerian-girl-who-escaped-boko-haram-abduction-aches-for-schoolmates/>



Canada: Quebec

Chantal Gauthier-Vaillancourt (expectant mother, has decided to have her entire right eye removed in an effort to prevent her cancer or any other treatment from hurting her unborn child)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/cancer-stricken-mom-gives-up-eye-to-save-her-unborn-baby>



United States – Arizona: Phoenix

Fr Kenneth Walker (aged 29, shot during a rectory burglary, **died** in the hospital)

Fr Joseph Terra (aged 56, shot during a rectory burglary, hospitalized in critical but stable condition)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/exclusive-friends-and-profs-of-murdered-29-year-old-priest-remember-his-for>

Thursday June 12, 2014



Iraq: Mosul

Archbishop Amel Shamon Nona (**UPDATE:** said "Yesterday some people broke into the Church of the Holy Spirit to steal and wreak havoc. Nevertheless, neighbors, belonging to Muslim families, took to the streets to defend the place of Christian worship. Eventually they managed to chase the attackers away. Many people who have remained in the city, including Muslims, are trying to defend as much as possible Christian houses and places of worship")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Archbishop-of-Mosul:-anarchy-in-the-city;-Muslims-defend-churches-from-assaults-and-raids-31335.html>



India

C A Daniel (President of the National Congress of Indian Christians, said of the ascension of Narendra Modi to Prime Minister "Christians already are gripped with fear and concern over the election results. Hindu nationalist groups will take advantage of the situation and use it to attack churches and members of the Christian community...Forced conversion laws manipulated to attack Christian pastors and a climate of impunity for perpetrators of violence against Christians has been a hallmark of BJP rule at the state level. This must not be allowed to take hold in India's national government")

<http://gulfnnews.com/news/world/india/mixed-reactions-over-modi-becoming-pm-1.1346270>



Egypt: al-Bayda village, Ameriya district, Alexandria

Rasha Gadallah (aged 14, abducted; **UPDATE**: released, had been raped by three youths)

Egypt: El Motiah village, Assuit

Ashraf Ibrahim Boulos (described the seizure of seven Christian homes by the Muslim Brotherhood and the lack of police response)

Egypt: Al-Matariyyah, Cairo

Fr Dawood Nashed (condemned a 'reconciliation' meeting that is forcing a Coptic family to lose their home and possessions)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54942#.U5p6tMLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54931#.U5p78sLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54934#.U5p8nsLQcfg>



Central African Republic: Yaloke

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (**UPDATE**: led a convoy of relief vehicles in an effort to feed 600 displaced Muslims, told the refugees "I am here with the imam that I welcomed in my home for five months. It is not enough to say 'we must live together', but we need to translate these words into concrete actions...we will be back soon, we will not abandon you")

Sister Julietta (South Korean native, led a team of nurses to the Muslim refugee camp with Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35891->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA The Archbishop of Bangui brings aid to 600 Muslims fleeing violence#.U5ps78LQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35891-)



United Kingdom: Twickenham, London

Justyna Pasek (aged 33, one of three women threatened by police with arrest under the Public Order Act for handing out prolife literature in front of an abortion clinic, said "The officers were very aggressive and I felt very harassed and mistreated by them. I thought this was a free country, but this reminds me of the communist rule I used to live under when I was a little girl in Poland", later received an apology from the police)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/blog/scotland-yard-apologizes-for-threatening-pro-lifers-outside-london-abortion>



Canada: Toronto, Ontario

Mary Wagner (released from jail, had been held for almost two years on a probation violation because she refused to agree to not demonstrate in front of abortion clinics, said that 80% of the women in jail with her had had abortions and that 90% had regrets)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-pro-life-prisoner-mary-wagner-found-guilty-but-released-after-near>

Friday June 13, 2014



Malaysia

Rev Lee Min Choon (former president, Bible Society of Malaysia, office in Selangor state raided by police without warrant on January 2, 2014, 321 Bibles seized, detained and released on bail; **UPDATE**: said "I thank God" after the Attorney General ruled in the Bible Society's favor and ordered the return of the Bibles)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Malaysian-Christian-leader:-With-return-of-our-Bibles-it's-time-for-forgiveness-31344.html>



China: Hong Kong

Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kium SBD (aged 82, **UPDATE**: called on people to vote in the upcoming non-binding referendum over the Beijing White Paper which challenges the autonomy of Hong Kong's Basic Law, said "Hongkongers still care about their dignity. They would hit back if they are repressed and forced to be slaves...You can tie me up, can take me away, chop my head off, but not as a slave...if we kneel down, everything will be finished")

Esther (said that she will march for democracy with Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kium "He walked on the frontline to fight for a better life for the next generation. Shouldn't we fight for ourselves for a life that we want to live?")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Card.-Zen-and-Democrats-urge-participation-in-referendum.-Protests-against-Beijing's-White-Paper-31353.html>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/cardinal-zen-issues-anti-china-rallying-cry/71159>



Pakistan: Karachi

Anwar Bhatti (nurse, husband of Mariam Anwar, father of Amarus Bhatti and Arisha Bhatti, fled from their home of 20 years after ripped Quran pages were planted on their property and after their Muslim neighbors defended them against blasphemy charges, recounted a long history of persecution and expressed hope to leave the country)

Mariam Anwar (wife of Anwar Bhatti, mother of Amarus Bhatti and Arisha Bhatti)

Amarus Bhatti (daughter of Anwar Bhatti and Mariam Anwar)

Arisha Bhatti (daughter of Anwar Bhatti and Mariam Anwar)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4952>



Iraq: Dohuk

Rev Massis Shahinyan (reported that St Etchmiadzin Armenian Church in Mosul has been attacked by al-Qaeda linked ISIL insurgents)

Iraq: Bagdad

Archbishop Benjamin Sleiman (commented on the impact of the ISIL militant advance "In the capital there is an atmosphere of great fear and apprehension. Many public services are blocked and circulation cut off in some areas")

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/jihadists-attack-armenian-church-in-iraqs-mosul/>

<http://www.misna.org/en/other/rebel-advance-fear-in-baghdad-says-monsignor-sleiman-13-06-2014-813.html>



Sudan: Um Serdiba village

Abdo al Nour (aged 14, **killed** in an air force bombing)

Abdel Rahman Hassan (aged 15, **killed** in an air force bombing)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/07/christians-killed-church-buildings-destroyed-in-sudans-bombing-of-civilians/>



Egypt: el-Arish, Sinai

Wadie Ramses (surgeon, abducted, ransom demand of US\$ 1.4 million made)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/2-christians-kidnapped-egypts-sinai-peninsula/>



United Kingdom: Dundee, Scotland

Tony Miano (aged 49 in 2013, U.S. citizen, arrested on January 8, 2014 while street preaching for mentioning "sexual sin" - charge was for breach of peace and homophobia though he never mentioned any orientation; **UPDATE**: charges dropped after prosecutorial review of the video recording verified his account of the event)

United Kingdom: Perth, Scotland

Rev Josh Williamson (Australian citizen, arrested for "breach of the peace" on September 18, 2013 for handing out literature and street preaching, released with a warning; arrested a second time in Perth, Scotland on September 21, 2013, released without charge after five hours; witnessed the January 8, 2014 arrest of Tony Miano in Dundee, Scotland, complainant attempted to break his video camera, camera seized by police; **UPDATE**: all charges have been dropped, is beginning legal action against the police who still refuse to return his video camera)

United Kingdom: Scotland

Andrea Minichiello Williams (**UPDATE**: condemned the passage of a bill by the Scottish Parliament that requires that medical reports of all children in Scotland must be shared with the government without consent, and requires a state guardian to be appointed for each child "It is vital that parents retain their appointed role of bringing up their own children. This sort of sinister State intrusion and prying on the family is chilling and it is hard to believe that a supposedly free country would even contemplate this level of interference in family life. The creation of a 'Named Person' role is highly damaging to family stability as it sends a message to children that parents have lost their real authority in the home")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/double-victory-for-christian-street-preachers-arrested-under-hate-law>

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/family/sinister-scottish-law-puts-state-in-place-of-parents>

Saturday June 14, 2014



India: Gayatri Nagar, Madhya Pradesh state

Rev Robin Masih (attacked along with parishioners by 15 Hindu extremists while leaving a prayer service, Bible burned)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh:-government-encourages-radical-Hindus-to-persecute-Christians-31772.html>



Pakistan: Quetta, Baluchistan

Handery Masih (member of provincial parliament, **shot by his bodyguard**, hospitalized, **died**, nephew shot but survived)

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2014/06/christian-politician-assassinated-by.html>



Iraq: Kirkuk, Kurdistan

Fr Kais Mumtaz (said "Everything seems to be leading towards a military management crisis only, i.e. towards civil war. And now this scares many Christians even more than the advance of the Islamists: the war makes no distinction between soldiers, terrorists and civilians. It strikes Christians, Sunnis, Kurds and Shiites in the same way")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/35902-ASIA_IRAQ_Chaos_in_Iraq_Chaldean_Priest_Christians_now_fear_Civil_War#.U5ztd8LQefg



Egypt: el-marg, Cairo

Adel Zaki Naim (cafe owner, complained that police have been forcing him to pay "royalties" to them and have been harassing his daughters)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=54973#.U55Y-MLQcfg>



Ukraine: Mariupol

Pastor Sergey Skorobagach (killed by DNR militants)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/729>

Sunday June 15, 2014



Kenya: Mpeketoni

Bishop Emanuel Barbara (said of a terror attack on World Cup soccer fans and children of clergy that killed at least 57 and perhaps more than 100 "the attack began at half past eight in the evening yesterday, when about 50 guerrillas arrived in the center of Mpeketoni, immediately attacking the police station, where they looted the armory and killed a policeman. Then they destroyed an antenna for mobile phones, but fortunately there was another, so I was able to stay in touch with the priests and nuns. Finally, the guerrillas attacked two hotels and stopped passing motorists and pedestrians, asking them whether they were Muslims or Christians. If they were Christians they killed them. As far as we know, so far there have been 48 victims, but it is still not a final toll. The police reinforcements arrived an hour later, when the assailants had fled. Now they are looking for them in the forest. We do not even know where they came from. Some say from Malindi, while others claim they come from Somalia. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attack, but the modus operandi is that of the Somali Shabaab. Everything was well organized, the commandos knew the city very well")

Fr Daniel Mkado (said of the attack "The actual nature of the attack caused disorientation and fear among residents: an armed commando of fifty some gunmen were able to storm the town, killing and devastating for hours before security forces could react")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35909->

[AFRICA KENYA Assault on Mpeketoni If who was stopped on the street was a Christian he was killed says the Bishop of Malindi#.U5-96MLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35909-AFRICA_KENYA_Assault_on_Mpeketoni_If_who_was_stopped_on_the_street_was_a_Christian_he_was_killed_says_the_Bishop_of_Malindi#.U5-96MLQcfg)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/06/16/al-shabaab-targets-non-muslims-in-late-night-massacre/>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/christians-targeted-in-massacre-by-al-shabaab-in-kenya/>
<http://www.misna.org/en/other/attack-on-coastal-town-fear-returns-16-06-2014-813.html>



Iraq: Alqosh

Lina (aged 57, fled Mosul after ISIL militants entered the city)

Abu Zeid (engineer, fled Mosul, said "Every Christian prefers to stay in Kurdistan. It's a shame because Mosul is the most important city in Iraq for Christians", said only 2000 Christians remain in the city, returned briefly two days earlier to see if his house still stood and was greeted by ISIL militants who welcomed him and made an example of thieves who had plundered the cathedral, but said he doubts their goodwill)

Friar Gabriel Tooma (said "People are afraid of what's coming next. I fear there will be a day when people will say: 'There were once Christians in Iraq.'")

Adnan (aged 60, shoe salesman, fears that he will be forced to return to Mosul "It would be hard to start over again")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140616130200.htm>



Jordan: Amman

Father Khalil Jaar (has been aiding refugees from Iraq and Syria, said "All the people are suffering. But as we are a minority -- minority Christians -- it is normal to suffer more than the others. But even the Muslims are suffering from these fanatic people. They don't have mercy on anyone, Christian or Muslim. The only answer they have is to kill them")

<http://www.thebostonpilot.com/article.asp?ID=171385%20>



Egypt: Luxor

Demiana Ebeid Abdel Nour (aged 24, detained on or before May 10, 2013 due to accusations of insulting Islam and proselytizing among her primary school students; found guilty and fined US\$14,300 on June 10, 2013, sentence is being protested by Islamists who are demanding more severe punishments; fled to France prior to the end of her trial;
UPDATE: sentenced to six months imprisonment)

Egypt: el-Arish, Sinai

Gamal Shenouda (merchant, abducted, no ransom demand made)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140615161816.htm>

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/2-christians-kidnapped-egypts-sinai-peninsula/>



South Africa: Mthatha and Tyara

Sr Mary Paule Tacke CPS (aged 82, U.S. citizen, founder of two orphanages, abducted in an apparent street robbery, found **strangled**)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35936->

[AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA An American missionary who dedicated her life to orphans in South Africa has been killed#.U6jniMLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35936-)



Nigeria: Daku village, Askira Uba district, Borno state

Andrew Musa (described a Boko Haram attack "The gunmen looted food items and money left by traders while fleeing the attack. They pursued people who attempted to flee into nearby bushes and shot them. We recovered 15 bodies from the bushes after the attack, including that of the village chief")

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/06/16/world/africa/nigeria-violence/>

Monday June 16, 2014



Indonesia: Bandung, West Java Province

Rev Togardo Siburian (reported that churches often receive threats and demands from radical groups to pay "security" money)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/religious-rights-violations-in-indonesia-expected-to-continue-as-elections-approach/>



Myanmar: Hakha Town

Pastor Bawi Cung Lian (led a prayer meeting in opposition to the government's new anti-conversion bill)

<http://www.bnionline.net/index.php/news/khonumthung/17140-church-leaders-hold-prayer-meeting-to-boycott-religious-conversion-law-draft.html>



Nepal: Sorabhag, Morang district

Joseph Marandi (husband of Laulam Chrosia, arrested on charges of abduction and child trafficking, denied the charges)

Laulam Chrosia (wife of Joseph Marandi, arrested on charges of abduction and child trafficking, denied the charges)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Protestant-clergyman-arrested-in-Nepal-on-charges-of-child-trafficking-31369.html>



India: Sirisguda

Sajan K George (**UPDATE:** described an attack on 150 Christians after they refused to pay a 'donation' to a local Hindu temple)

India: Sirisguda, Bastar town, Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh state

Ten Christians beaten by Hindu extremists and hospitalized after protesting the denial of their food rations by the local government, two local officials who attempted to help the Christians were also beaten and the Hindu perpetrators convinced the police that the Christians were the perpetrators

Aitu Mandavi (lay in a coma for two days after being beaten but initially denied treatment, left hand and right elbow broken in the attack, body covered in bruises, said “I received a hard blow on my head, and thereafter a couple of extremists started to jump on me, beating me up with sticks, punching and kicking me all over my body and my head and telling me I deserve to die because I am a Christian”)

Rev. Bhupendra Khora (said “The extremists shouting Hindu slogans suddenly rushed in and started beating the Christians with sticks and stones, punching and kicking whomever they could catch”)

Aiti (aged 40, stomped on, sexually assaulted)

Kari (aged 45, stomped on, sexually assaulted)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=16055>
<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/christians-hospitalized-in-india-after-attack-for-objecting-to-discrimination/>



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Christians protested that the government has reneged on its promise to return the historic St Francis High School to the church, the school will likely be demolished for a shopping mall

Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shah

Rev Andrew Nisari

Joseph Francis

Samuel Piyara

Martin Javed Michael

Fr Shahid Miraj

Dr Julius Salik

Fr Joseph Shahzad

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/christians-held-protest-seeking-repossession-of-st-francis-school/>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/government-attempts-to-confiscate-british-era-anarkali-church/>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4894>



Kenya: Majembeni

Bishop Emanuel Barbara (**UPDATE:** reported on the most recent terror attack "At least 9 dead and, according to news still not confirmed, some women and children were abducted last night in the assault perpetrated by a group of men in the village of Majembeni on the coast of Kenya, near the island of Lamu")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35917->

[AFRICA KENYA New assault against a Kenyan village the commando has probably taken women and children hostage#.U6ELuMLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35917-)



Uganda: Katira

Hassan Muwanguzi (abandoned by his family, beaten, and fired from his teaching position for converting to Christianity; poisoned by relatives with insecticide on March 31, 2014 in Kadimukoli village, Budaka district, treated, refused further treatment due to financial hardship; **UPDATE**: victim of a home invasion by four Muslims who stated their intention to kill him, locked himself in a room, the men then attacked his 12 year old daughter Grace in an apparent attempt to force him to leave the room, knocked unconscious when he attempted to rescue his daughter)

Grace Muwanguzi (aged 12, **strangled** during an attack by four Muslims on her father, brought to a clinic but **died** on arrival)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/06/daughter-of-poisoned-christian-in-uganda-strangled-to-death/>



Egypt: Kadwan, Minya

Joseph Khalifa Yanni (abducted and tortured by four men, released)

Egypt: Marzouk village, Minya province

Ashraf Atef Hanna (teacher, shot in the head by a Muslim Brotherhood student on **April 1, 2014** in Minya, hospitalized in 'very serious' condition; **died from his wound** on **April 7, 2014**; **UPDATE**: security authorities have overturned a decision by the provincial governor to rename a school after the murdered teacher)

Egypt: Nazlet Deweina village, Abu Tig, Assiut

Maher Nagih (aged 35, painter, abducted)

Egypt: Luxor

Fr Sarabamoun El Shayeb (**UPDATE**: condemned the 6 month prison term imposed on Demiana Ebeid Abdel Nour for contempt of Islam)

http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55007#.U5_GHMLQcfg

http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55019#.U5_G28LQcfg

http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55018#.U5_HzMLQcfg

http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55006#.U5_IgcLQcfg



Ukraine: Sloviansk

Archpriest Nikolai Fomenko (stated that the bell tower roof of the Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevsky were damaged by government artillery, as was the courtyard of the Church of St. Seraphim of Sarov)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/71570.htm>

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/71560.htm>



Bosnia-Herzegovina: Sarajevo

Cardinal Vinko Puljic (spoke against ongoing persecution at 'The Temptation of Violence: Religions between War and Reconciliation' conference)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23950.html>

Tuesday June 17, 2014



Vietnam

Dang Ngoc Minh (mother of Nguyen Dang Minh Man, released from prison)

Nong Hung Anh (**UPDATE:** released from prison)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Nghe-An:-Vietnamese-authorities-release-two-Christian-political-prisoners-31377.html>



China: Nanle County, Henan

Yan Beibei (husband married two months, detained on November 17, 2013 with Pastor Zhang Shaojie and 20 other Christians; **UPDATE:** bailed out of jail)

Zhao Zhijun (still detained as of January 4, 2014 along with Pastor Zhang Shaojie; **UPDATE:** bailed out of jail)

Li Cairen (held prior to [February 18, 2014](#) in the illegal 'black' jail; **UPDATE:** still being held in an unknown location)

Wu Guishan (detained as of [January 4, 2014](#); **UPDATE:** still being held in an unknown location)

Zhang Cuijuan (detained on [November 17, 2013](#), diabetic and hypertensive; **UPDATE**: still being held)

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (detained on [November 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: still being held)

Zhao Guoli (; **UPDATE**: still being held in an unknown location)

Zhao Junling (detained as of [January 4, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: still being held)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/06/3-henan-believers-released-after-almost.html>



India: Madhya Pradesh

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**: described the beating of two clergymen and the destruction of their Bibles)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=16055>



Kazakhstan: Kaynar village, Kordai district, Jambyl region

Larisa Lange (teacher, religious service in her home raided by police, fined US\$ 500, **UPDATE**: appeal denied)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1970



Syria

Patriarch Ignatius Joseph III (**UPDATE**: said of the Islamists "Look, as a Christian I have been teaching as I was taught to pardon and love our enemies. But it doesn't help, talking to those people because they have already lost their human soul. They were and they still are fighting in the name of their god in violence. It's not only their fault. Politicians in the west have been telling us that the Arab spring is coming in that region and it will be good for its people. This was a lie. They are accomplices of emptying the region of its Christian communities...They have been telling us that they have to arm the moderate revolutionaries in Syria and elsewhere. It's not the truth. You can't find moderate Muslim groups right now in the area. There is a fight of sectarian war between Sunnis and Shias. This is very much boosted by United States politicians. They were telling us regarding Syria that the regime will fall and the people will get the power. We are now three years

and two months and the fight is still there. And innocent people are paying the price. Innocent people are leaving and the country is destroyed")

Syria: Aleppo

Metropolitan Boutros Marayati (**UPDATE**: described the reopening of ancient church wells after water was cut off from the city)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140617195724.htm>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35916->

[ASIA SYRIA Aleppo still without water churches reactivate the wells#.U6EMWMLQcfg](#)



Sudan: Tabalo village, Um Dorain county

Yasin Salah (aged 16, **killed** in an air force bombing)

Ado al Sawaq (legal minor, **killed** in an air force bombing)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/07/christians-killed-church-buildings-destroyed-in-sudans-bombing-of-civilians/>



Russia: Krasnoyarsk

Aleksandr Yevdoshenko (charged on **May 18, 2014** with giving a man banned religious literature, **UPDATE**: found guilty despite no evidence that event happened and fined US\$54, appeal scheduled for September 11, 2014)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1994



Ukraine: Donetsk

Pastor Sergey Kosyak (described the seizure of a church owned rehabilitation center by pro-Russian militants and the abduction of 29 persons from the facility, half of whom are chronically ill)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23964.html>

Wednesday June 18, 2014



China: Shanghai

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (ordained as bishop on [July 7, 2012](#), then disappeared after stating in his first homily that he would resign from the state-sponsored church, under house arrest; **UPDATE:** government officials attending a 'learning class' told priests and nuns that his detention would continue)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/shanghais-bishop-ma-to-remain-in-confinement/71190>



Pakistan: Lahore

Dr Nazir S Bhatti (**UPDATE:** reported that Pakistani Christians who have fled to Southeast Asia for asylum are now being arrested and deported before the UN High Commissioner for Refugees can interview them)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4900>



Uzbekistan: Samarkand

Police raid two private homes, Bibles, books, and cell phones seized

Galina Sirotina (home raided during a religious service, **UPDATE:** fined US\$2,100)

Ella Tsoy (present the raid on the home of Galina Sirotina, **UPDATE:** fined US\$840)

Fatima Kim (present the raid on the home of Galina Sirotina, own home later raided, **UPDATE:** fined US\$2,100)

Fiala Kim (present the raid on the home of Galina Sirotina, own home later raided, **UPDATE:** fined US\$840)

Lyubov Fomina (fined US\$840)

Yelena Pavlenko (fined US\$840)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1974



Iraq: Bagdad

Bishop Saad Sirop Hanna (**UPDATE:** said that Christians are fleeing in the face of the ISIL insurgent advance, others are stocking up necessities, also stated that the insurgency is preventing bishops from travelling to a synod scheduled for later this month)

Iraq: Mosul

Archbishop Amel Shamon Nona (**UPDATE:** said "In the villages in the Nineveh plain that accommodated part of the population fled from Mosul, the situation is worsening day by day. There has been no water and electricity for two days. Fuel is beginning to run out. And last night a part of Mosul was bombed, causing a new exodus of civilians")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Auxiliary-Bishop:-as-Christians-leave,-an-apparent-calm-prevails-before-the-storm-in-Baghdad-31395.html>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140618143844.htm>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35927->

[ASIA IRAQ Prayer and fasting for peace The Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul armed intervention does not solve problems#.U6JqocLQcfg](#)



Egypt: Minya province

Bishop Armiya aka Mohammed Hegazy (Egypt's 'most famous' convert, arrested before December 5, 2013 and charged with "inciting sedition by communicating to a US-based [Coptic] channel unfounded information on Copts persecution in Egypt"; **UPDATE:** convicted, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and US\$70 fine)

Egypt: Tama, Sohag province

Dr Essam Fathi Behairy (aged 40, abducted, ransom of US\$42,000 demanded)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55058#.U6J3JMLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55059#.U6J4fcLQcfg>



Macedonia

Archbishop Jovan of Ohrid aka Zoran Vraniskovski (aged 47 in 2013, sentenced on July 3, 2013 in Skopje to three years in prison and church property seized for alleged money laundering, charges widely viewed as resulting from his efforts to reunify the Serbian and

Macedonian Orthodox Churches; **UPDATE:** still in prison, the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights has labeled him a political prisoner in its annual report)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/the-helsinki-committee-reports-about-the-state-persecution-on-religious-basis-of-the-political-prisoner-archbishop-jovan-and-the-orthodox-ohrid-archbishopric/>

Thursday June 19, 2014



India

Kumar Swamy (national co-ordinator, All Indian Christian Council, spoke on the election of Narendra Modi to be Prime Minister "I'm sure there will be increased sporadic, localized attacks [on] the Christian community. Maybe not initially, because the BJP wants to keep its image secular and democratic, and show they care about the minority groups, so there may not be immediate major attacks taking place")

Joseph Dias (**UPDATE:** spoke on the election of Narendra Modi to be Prime Minister "the fringe groups are already on the loose")

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3190472.html/



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Church operated substance abuse rehabilitation center raided by police

Pyotr Tikhomirov (vocational skills teacher, charged with illegally storing religious literature on May 31, 2014, **UPDATE:** fined US\$2,000)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2001



Sudan: Khartoum

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag (aged 27, wife of Daniel Wani, mother of Martin and Maya Wani, arrested and jailed in February 2014 on a charge of apostasy for being a Muslim woman - her father is Muslim, though she has been a practicing Christian her entire life - who

married a Christian, and on a charge of adultery since Islamic law does not recognize their marriage; **UPDATE**: denied a visit in prison by a representative of the UN High Commissioner on Refugees)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55076#.U6O8bsLQcfg>



Ukraine: Lyiv

Patriarch Svyatoslav Shevchuk (**UPDATE**: called for reconciliation between the Greek Catholic and the Russian Orthodox churches "Do not believe propaganda! We are not your enemies, we are brothers; we want to be good neighbors, have friendly relations and close cooperation with you... We regret that state propaganda is creating an image of the Ukraine as an enemy. We do not want to do anything that harms or is likely to spurn the dignity or freedom of the Russian Orthodox Church. We just want an open and honest dialogue, which might eventually lead one day to reconciliation")

Ukraine: Slavyansk

Alexander (church warden, hit with shrapnel from a government artillery barrage while opening the church gate, **died** in hospital)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Kyiv-Greek-Catholic-archbishop-tells-Orthodox-brothers-not-to-believe-propaganda,-look-at-the-truth-31404.html>

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/71617.htm>



Nigeria: Calabar

Bishop Emmah Isong (said that Christian leaders will not allow Boko Haram to spread to the south of the country)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406191409.html>

Friday June 20, 2014



Iraq

Many Christians have fled Mosul for refuge in the Mar Mattai Syrian Orthodox monastery

Eman (nurse)

Sabah (nurse)

Zaid (said "Any time there were elections, we left to return a couple of weeks later. This time is different. Now we really have to forget the option of returning back to our homes")

Patriarch Ignatius Aphrem II (visited the displaced Christians at the monastery)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140619202408.htm>



Egypt: Mahameed Bahary village, Arment, Luxor

Kyrillos Shawki Atallah (aged 32, brother of Younan Shawki Atallah, arrested on May 30, 2014 for contempt of Islam after liking a Facebook page deemed to be in contempt of Islam and after local extremists tried to set fire to his home; **UPDATE**: in response to his arrest, Coptic homes were again been set afire in his village for the fourth time in the past three weeks)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55092#.U6TmhMLQc5s>

Saturday June 21, 2014



India: Git Dabling village, West Bengal state

Dominic Bhutia (aged 45, Tibetan convert, husband of Christina Bhutia, father of Rinjee and another daughter, **hacked to death**)

Christina Bhutia (aged 35, Tibetan convert, wife of Dominic Bhutia, mother of Rinjee and another daughter, **hacked to death**)

Rinjee Bhutia (aged 12, daughter of Dominic and Christina Bhutia, forced to watch the attack in which her parents were killed, seriously wounded, saved her 7 year old sister by hiding her under a bed)

Bishop Stefen Lepcha (condemned the attack on the Bhutia family)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33122-india-christian-couple-hacked-to-death>



Afghanistan: Kabul

Josef (aged 32, convert, married and father of a 3 year old boy, returned to the country after being denied asylum in Germany and Italy and after his conversion was discovered by relatives, in hiding in a cellar because his relatives have sworn to kill him and his son for converting, said "I inherited my faith, but I saw so many things that made me discard my religious beliefs. Even if I get killed, I won't convert back...My body is in prison, but my soul is free")

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/22/world/asia/afghanistan-a-christian-convert-on-the-run.html?_r=0



Turkmenistan: Turkmenabad

Gulzara Gladkova (home raided by police, guest's computer seized)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2047



Egypt: Gizeret Sharouna village, Minya province

Peter Elhami (diocesan media spokesperson, described an arson attack on St. George Church

Egypt: Assiut province

Hany Boutros Abdel Sayed (reported how his neighbors entered his home in January 2014 and shot at his family, stole his livestock, and told him 'O Christians! We will force you to leave the village!', filed a police report but no action has been taken)

Egypt: Maghagha, Minya province

Mina Adly (St. George Church, said, "The church announced that it will organize a medical convoy of 15 doctors who will serve Muslims and Christians in the village at nominal prices. The convoy was to start its work Saturday, but they were surprised when the Muslim Brotherhood threatened to target them")

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55121#.U6egTeLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55114#.U6eg1MLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55110#.U6eh6sLQcfg>



Ukraine: Donetsk

Pastor Nikolay Kalinichenko (church and automobile seized by pro-Russian militants, released but threatened with death if he continued his religious activities)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue23964.html>



Nigeria: Angwan Mallam Chung, Kaduna state

Dauda Maidawa (aged 34, husband of Grace Alheri Dauda, father of four aged 3 to 14, brother of Sunday Maidawa, **killed** by Fulani Muslim herdsmen)

Grace Alheri Dauda (aged 30, widow of Dauda Maidawa, mother of four aged 3 to 14, abducted by Fulani Muslim herdsmen)

Sunday Maidawa (aged 44, brother of Dauda Maidawa, later said “It has been very tough for me taking care of these children in addition to mine, but I thank God for His sustainable grace. Our concern at the moment is the fate of their mother, Grace, is she still alive, or killed and buried by the herdsmen? We do not know. However, we have not lost hope about her, as we believe that if she’s still alive, one day God through his mercies can make it possible for her rescue”)

Pastor Emmanuel Yahaya (later said “Dauda was the leader of a fellowship group known as Alheri Fellowship in my church. His wife, Grace was a deaconess and a member of the Women’s Fellowship Group of our church. The death of her husband and her abduction is a painful experience for us all in our church...[they were a couple] graced in humility and burning with the desire to serve God”)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2016/11/kidnapped-womans-fate-still-unknown-two-years-after-herdsmen-in-nigeria-kill-husband/>

Sunday June 22, 2014



Laos: Saisomboon village, Atsaphangthong district, Savannakhet province

Five Christian leaders detained after praying with a dying Christian, accused of murder and held in handcuffs and wooden stocks

Ms Chan (**died of natural causes** after a two year illness, denied a Christian burial)

Ms Kaithong (**UPDATE**: detained)

Mr Puphet (detained)

Mr Muk (detained)

Mr Hasadee (detained)

Mr Tiang (detained)

<http://hrwlr.net/?p=230>



Iraq: Bartella

Firaz Jacob (leader of a 600-man Christian militia that intends to defend its town and its mostly 16,000 Christians from the ISIL insurgents)

Fr Kyriakos Johanna (said he will not be leaving to join his son in Germany)

Thaer (kebab-shop owner, said he will not be leaving to join his cousins in America)

Umm Saad (wife of Manhal Saad, fled Mosul after the ISIL takeover, found refuge in St Matthew Monastery, said "We left in what we had. We passed soldiers running, and throwing off their uniforms as they went. We looked back and saw ISIS [aka ISIL] burning a military vehicle of some type")

Manhal Saad (husband of Umm Saad, fled Mosul after the ISIL takeover, found refuge in St Matthew Monastery)

Iraq: Ankawa suburb, Erbil, Kurdistan

Fr Shahar (spoke on the need for reconciliation)

Dominique (aged 72, engineer, father of Michael, fled Mosul for Bagdad in 1960 upon the murder of his father for being a Christian, has now fled again, said "To be a Christian in Iraq is to be subjected to terrorist acts. We move from city to city in Iraq because we have believed in the promises of the government and of Muslim clerics that we would be safe. we now believe that we have run out of places to hide")

Michael (computer scientist, son of Dominique, said that he doubts that Canada or the U.S. will allow them asylum "We see that they give passports to Muslim terrorists and accept homosexuals who say they have been discriminated against and yet they refuse us entry")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140622032015.htm>

<http://o.canada.com/news/world/fisher-convert-to-islam-or-face-the-sword-iraqi-christians-told-by-sunni-extremists>



Egypt: Abu Sinbil 2 village, Alexandria

Ghattas Anwar Gaber (aged 15, beaten by a neighbor, lost his left eye)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55136#.U6efLcLQcfg>



Nigeria: Chibok

Mallam Yakubu Joshua (community youth leader, said “Some suspected Boko Haram terrorists invaded Chuha A, Chuha B and Korongilim villages of Chibok council of Borno State and killed over 40 persons. The terrorists injured many other villagers, burnt many houses and made away with our foodstuff. The attack, which commenced at 7a.m. yesterday lasted over five hours before military intervened...I and some other residents of Chibok had made several telephone calls to the military, unfortunately they [military] only started bombing the surrounding area of the attack after over 40 members of our community had been killed...The lifeless bodies of our people are still littered in the three villages as I speak, but our present fear is that many innocent villagers may be hit by the ongoing bombings by the military”)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=173525>



Cuba: Camajuani

Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso (husband of Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez; **UPDATE**: detained by police and released, laptop seized, has fears that the police will plant false evidence on the laptop)

Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso; **UPDATE**: detained by police and released, laptop seized, has fears that the police will plant false evidence on the laptop)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1723&search=>

Monday June 23, 2014



Malaysia

The Federal Supreme Court ruled that Christians may not use the word 'Allah' in their scriptures or publications

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE**: said he was "disappointed and sorry for a verdict that violates the fundamental rights of minorities")

Bishop Paul Tan Chee Ing (**UPDATE**: said laconically "The judges were not impartial")

Fr Paul Cheong OFM Cap (said "This is clearly a political decision. It is not based on facts, or the right or on history. There are purely political reasons to justify it. It is very sad and unfair for us...The road now is to continue to use the word "Allah" during worship")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35937->

[ASIA MALAYSIA Confirmed Christians are banned to use the name Allah for the Bishops judges are not impartial#.U6joyMLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35937-ASIA_MALAYSIA_Confirmed_Christians_are_banned_to_use_the_name_Allah_for_the_Bishops_judges_are_not_impartial#.U6joyMLQcfg)



China

Xiang Youquan (church leader, detained along with eleven other Christians - including his wife, daughter and son-in-law - from a house church after police found that their hymnal was also used by the Born Again Movement cult, **UPDATE**: has filed for administrative reconsideration of the charges)

China: Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Two Christians arrested for illegally publishing children's books, UPDATE: arrest application approved by prosecutors

Li Jiatao (wife of Ma Jiawen)

Huang Quirui

Pastor Wang Dao (**UPDATE**: reported on their arrest)

Ma Jiawen (husband of Li Jiatao, fled to Hong Kong after her arrest due to 'stalking' by security agents)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/07/guizhou-believers-submit-administrative.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/08/authorities-shut-down-2-church-run.html>



Iran: Adel-Abad prison

Vahid Hakkani (convert; **UPDATE**: has begun another hunger strike for conditional release for himself and two other prisoners, has been moved to another ward where he is being treated harshly)

Mojtaba Seyyed-Alaedin Hosseini (convert; **UPDATE**: conditional release sought by fellow prisoner Vahid Hakkani)

Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh (convert, husband of Fariba Nazemian; **UPDATE:** conditional release sought by fellow prisoner Vahid Hakkani)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8843:christian-prisoner-in-iran-goes-on-hunger-strike-again-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Tanzania: Dar es Salaam

Sr Clecensia Kapuli (aged 50, **shot dead** in her automobile after withdrawing money from a bank to pay school renovators, driver injured, a second nun escaped unharmed)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/35956-
AFRICA TANZANIA A Tanzanian religious woman killed during a street robbery
#.U6uWzsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35956-#U6uWzsLQcfg)



Sudan: Khartoum

Daniel Bicensio Wani (U.S. citizen, husband of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, father of Martin and Maya Wani, biochemist, suffers from muscular dystrophy, U.S. passport seized in February 2014, threatened with charges of proselytism for having married her without converting to Islam; **UPDATE:** has been reunited with his family)

Martin Wani (aged 20 months, son of Daniel Wani and Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, incarcerated with his mother since February 2014 because Islamic law prohibits his Christian father from having custody; **UPDATE:** released from prison with his mother)

Maya Wani (daughter of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag and Daniel Wani, newborn on May 27, 2014 in prison; **UPDATE:** released from prison with her mother)

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag (aged 27, wife of Daniel Wani, mother of Martin and Maya Wani, arrested and jailed in February 2014 on a charge of apostasy for being a Muslim woman - her father is Muslim, though she has been a practicing Christian her entire life - who married a Christian, and on a charge of adultery since Islamic law does not recognize their marriage, gave birth in the prison clinic under "appalling" conditions including shackles on **May 27, 2014**; **UPDATE:** released from prison, charges dropped, no reason given by the court for its action)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/06/23/mother-sentenced-to-death-for-christian-faith-released-returns-home/>
https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3194858.html/



Egypt: Tahta, Sohag province

Zahran Dakhakhni (aged 33, abducted)

Egypt: Astal village, Samalout, Minya province

Abram Bushra Aziz (aged 29, stabbed by Muslim Brotherhood supporters)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55174#.U6o7rcLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55173#.U6o8HcLQcfg>



United States – Arizona: Quartzsite

Pastor Mike Hobby (husband of Linda Hobby, church dedicated to service of the homeless reported on [May 28, 2014](#) to be foreclosed due to illegal taxes; **UPDATE**: has raised enough money from nationwide donors to cover the entire tax bill)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/arizona-church-facing-foreclosure-raises-68000-to-stay-open-122069/>

Tuesday June 24, 2014



China: Liuzhou, Guangdong province

Ma Jiawen (husband of Li Jiatao, father of two, church missionary)

Li Jiatao (wife of Ma Jiawen, mother of two, detained by police without warrant)

Huang Quirui (church elder, detained by police without warrant)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/06/house-church-members-taken-into-custody.html>



Pakistan

Sara Alfred (television news anchor, subjected to persecution after airing a documentary on Christmas, received death threats, stalked, home shot at, brother beaten, daughter abducted, has fled the country)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/why-famous-news-anchor-sara-alfred-flee-form-pakistan/>



Sudan: Khartoum

UPDATED: entire family arrested by 40 NISS agents at the airport while attempting to leave the country for "national security concerns", attorneys unable to challenge the arrest in court, later released, have not left the country despite possessing U.S. visas

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag (aged 27, wife of Daniel Wani, mother of Martin and Maya Wani)

Daniel Bicensio Wani (U.S. citizen, husband of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, father of Martin and Maya Wani)

Martin Wani (aged 22 months, son of Daniel Wani and Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag)

Maya Wani (daughter of Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag and Daniel Wani, newborn on May 27, 2014 in prison)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/06/article_3194858.html/



Egypt

Kyrillos Shawki Atallah (aged 32, arrested on May 30, 2014 for contempt of Islam after liking a Facebook page deemed to be in contempt of Islam; **UPDATE:** found guilty, sentenced to 6 years imprisonment and fined US\$840)

Egypt: Tahta, Sohag province

Zahrán Dakhkhni (aged 33, abducted, **UPDATE:** escaped and returned home)

Egypt: Rahmaniya village, Nag Hammadi, Qena province

Sameh Manassa (aged 30, farmland seized, threatened with death)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55172#.U6pDtMLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55174#.U6o7rcLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55254#.U6-QKsLQcfg>

Wednesday June 25, 2014



China: Cao county, Shandong province

Twenty two Christians are detained at a worship service, accused of being members of the Total Scope Church aka the Born Again Movement cult, some released including children and parents

Zhao Weiling (husband of Liu Cuiping)

Liu Cuiping (wife of Zhao Weiling)

Tang Ru (wife of Zhang Liang)

Zhang Liang (husband of Tang Ru)

Zhang Huiyu

Yan Ximing (husband of Pan Xiuqin)

Pan Xiuqin (wife of Yan Ximing)

Su Quangang (husband of Wei Xiangmei)

Wei Xiangmei (wife of Su Quangang, released to care for their 1 year old child)

Cheng Hongpeng

Li Zhongqi

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/07/believers-in-shandong-detained-accused.html>



Pakistan: Lahore; Punjab province

Asia Noreen Bibi (mother of five still incarcerated on blasphemy charges after death sentence;
UPDATE: appeal hearing has been postponed multiple times, no date has been set,
attorneys have filed a motion which would require the court to set a new hearing date)

S.K. Chaudry (attorney)

Sardar Mustaq Gill (attorney)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35955->

[ASIA_PAKISTAN Petition files at the High Court fix a trial date for Asia Bibi#.U6uXxsLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/35955-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Petition_files_at_the_High_Court_fix_a_trial_date_for_Asia_Bibi#.U6uXxsLQcfg)



Sudan: Khartoum

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag (aged 27, wife of Daniel Wani, mother of Martin and Maya Wani; **UPDATE:** charged with fraud for attempting to leave the country with documents issued by the U.S. Embassy bearing the Christian name given her by her mother and not the Muslim name given her by her father, charges carry a 7 year imprisonment if convicted, released on bail, U.S. Embassy is working to resolve the issue)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/sudan-charges-christian-mother-meriam-ibrahim-with-fraud-and-bans-her-from-leaving-advocate-says-u-s-bungled-case-122176/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2669300/Another-cruel-twist-knife-Sudanese-mother-Meriam-Ibrahim-faces-SEVEN-years-jail-trying-flee-country-hours-death-sentence-marrying-Christian-dropped.html>



Ukraine: Simferopol, Crimea

Metropolitan Kliment (**UPDATE:** described how the new pro-Russian government has decided to charge commercial rates on their lease of the local cathedral "If I lose the Cathedral the Diocese will not be able to function and will be liquidated as an organization. The Crimean authorities are doing all they can to liquidate us")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1973



Nigeria

Emmanuel Adamu (described two attacks by Muslims “They came around 10 last night and started killing people in Nandu village. They killed 19 people there. We first thought they were unknown gun men only to later discover that they were Fulani. The youths were able to capture two of the attackers. One of them is dead, while the one alive has been taken to a hospital in Jos. Then around 2am, they attacked Karshi village, close to Gwantu, our LGA headquarters. I was informed that 21 people were killed. Many were injured, I cannot tell you the number now, but I have directed that the victims should be treated in good hospitals in Jos”, total deaths in Kobin and all seven Ninzom villages reportedly totaled 283)

Nigeria: Abuja

Church leaders condemn the bombing of Emab Plaza that killed 22 persons

Rev Musa Asake

Msgr Gabriel Osu

Samuel Olasupo (cell phone technician and salesman, injured in the bombing)

Bassey Bassey (aged 24, pharmacy employee, cousin of Daniel Itodo , missing after the bombing)

Daniel Itodo (cousin of Bassey Bassey, has been searching for him after the bombing)

Joseph Okonkwo (journalist, witnessed the bombing)

Malachy Odo (taxi driver, cab caught fire in the explosion, escaped, hand burned)

Mary Andrew (groundnut seller, said “I was lying down when the bomb exploded, and my baby was also with me. After the blast, I discovered that three of my fellow groundnut sellers were dead. I was very lucky, I was not hurt, and I thank God for saving my life”)

Gloria Ejike (aged 32, wife of Eze Ejike, mother of four, sister of Anthony Agbo, food vendor, injured in the bombing of Emab Plaza, leg amputated)

Eze Ejike (husband of Gloria Ejike)

Anthony Agbo (brother of Gloria Ejike)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=174773>

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=174380>

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=174379>

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=174557>

Thursday June 26, 2014



Pakistan: Essa Nagri colony [ghetto], Karachi, Sindh province

Liaquat Munawar Masih (**UPDATE:** called on authorities to protect Christians after local Muslims bulldozed their ghetto's security wall, which had been erected in 2012 after a number of acts of extortion, torture, and murder)

Fr John Victor OFM (had helped Christians build a security wall around their ghetto in 2012, the wall has been demolished by Islamists)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36013->

[ASIA_PAKISTAN_Terrorist_groups_settle_in_the_Christian_area_of_Essa_Nagri_in_Karachi#.U7YxIMLQcfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36013-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Terrorist_groups_settle_in_the_Christian_area_of_Essa_Nagri_in_Karachi#.U7YxIMLQcfg)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4912>



Uzbekistan

Dmitry Chaplin (reported to have been fined US\$4,200 for leading a worship service in a private home)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1974



Egypt: Sinai

Gamal Fakhri (merchant, abducted, freed after his wife paid a US\$40,560 ransom, has been threatened with re-abduction if another US\$1,400 is not paid)

Egypt: Tendh village, Minya province

Abanoub Salama Mounir (aged 20, abducted, US\$42,000 ransom demanded)

Egypt: Monastery of Jabal al-Tair, Samalout, Minya

Marina (daughter of Louis Shokrallah Tawadros, disappeared during a religious service, **UPDATE**: still missing)

Louis Shokrallah Tawadros (father of Marina)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55219#.U6znK8LQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55215#.U6zoFcLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55210#.U6z1TMLQcfg>



Ukraine: Crimea

Metropolitan Kliment (described how five of his ten priests have been forced out by pro-Russian forces "The authorities couldn't guarantee their security. Some were told they'd be killed. They were threatened by phone, in writing, and face to face")

Ukraine: Perevalnoe, Crimea

Fr Ivan Katkalo (beaten along with parishioners by pro-Russian separatists who invaded their church, daughter with cerebral palsy also beaten, told that they had no place there after Russian annexation; **UPDATE**: has left for Canada)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1972

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1972

Friday June 27, 2014



Bangladesh: Mariamnagar, Sherpur district

Balsree Chambugong (aged 8, disabled, niece of Fr Biolen Chambugong, raped by a 25-year old Muslim neighbor who is now in custody, hospitalized)

Fr Biolen Chambugong (uncle of Balsree Chambugong)

Fr Shimon Hacha (said "Christian Women and girls are not safe in their homes. We need security from the local authorities")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Bangladesh,-Catholics-protest:-No-impunity-for-the-rapist-of-an-8-year-old-girl-31517.html>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Igor Kuliada (**UPDATE**: arrested while putting up posters with Bible verses)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1980



Iran: Karaj

Pastor Behnam Irani (beaten in his prison cell by VEVAK intelligence agents on June 7, 2014, transferred to an unknown location; **UPDATE**: returned to prison)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=16482>



Iraq: Qaraqosh

Salam Kihkhwa (aged 28, injured in a 2010 student bus bombing in Mosul, spoke about his fears of an impending ISIL attack due to heavy fighting just outside the city "If the Peshmerga [Kurdish militia] withdraw, Qaraqosh will be obliterated. The ISIL will turn our city into hell")

Archbishop Yohanna Petros Moshe (said at Divine Liturgy "You know what is happening around us. The terrorists want to destroy us. We have to remain strong. Don't panic. We will be protected, but we also have to protect ourselves")

Iraq: Ankawa suburb, Erbil, Kurdistan

Fr Rayan Atto (assisted at a refugee camp, said "This is the last wave. Qaraqosh was the second city for Christians after Ankawa, and now they are here. Think about it")

Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Ibrahim Marzina (hopes to leave Iraq)

Iman Abdul Azis Majid (said "We won't have a future here in Iraq—never. Now I want to emigrate to a European country. Now. At this moment")

Iraq: Bagdad

Yonadam Kanna (member of parliament, has been working to secure help to protect Christians threatened by the ISIL insurgents "We're trying to stop those bloody guys. I'm not confident we can. They are aggressive and have heavy weapons. We only have a few Kalashnikovs")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140627192243.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140627135419.htm>

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/44466-iraqi-christian-refugee-our-future-is-unknown>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140626195707.htm>



Syria

Patriarch Youhanna X aka Youhanna Yazigi (aged 57 in 2012, brother of Bishop Boulos al-Yazigi, **UPDATE**: called on the international community from [Beirut, Lebanon](#) to work for the release of all abducted Syrians, including his brother and Bishop Yuhanna Ibrahim)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/06/patriarch-john-x-yazigi-calls-for-a-solution-to-the-abducted-people-in-syria/>



Uganda: Hapuyo sub-county, Kyegegwa district

Pastor Jackson Turyamureba (described an attack by Muslims on his church during evening prayers in which one was killed and three wounded including a 1 year old)

Beatrice Mukashaka (aged 18, **hacked to death**)

Polly Tashobya (said that the attacking group wants an Islamic state in Uganda)

<http://www.newvision.co.ug/news/657037-updf-deploy-in-kyegegwa-over-attack-on-church.html>



Sudan: Khartoum

UPDATED: Christian family given refuge in the U.S. Embassy

Daniel Bicensio Wani

Martin Wani

Maya Wani

Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/721>



Turkey: Istanbul

Kenan Gurdal (described the invasion of a church during a baptism by eight men who harassed the congregation)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140627204556.htm>



Ukraine: Kiev

Metropolitan Onuphry (sent a letter to the country's president complaining of attempted church arsons, media misrepresentations of church positions, and added “We are especially concerned about the fact that on June 22, 2014, a large number of armed people with aggressive behavior gathered near the Kiev Caves Lavra. All this looked like an attempt of seizure of the Lavra”)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/71927.htm>



Nigeria: Bauchi

Blessing Lazarus (aged 28, wounded in the hand in a Boko Haram hotel bombing that killed 13 and wounded 34)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=175286>

Saturday June 28, 2014



Pakistan

Dr Nazir S Bhatti (**UPDATE:** criticized the government for pressuring Sri Lanka into refusing entry to Pakistani Christians claiming asylum from persecution)

Pakistan: Nahla ghetto, Lahore

Jabar Masih (cooked rice store owner, threatened with death or the closure of his business if he does not convert to Islam)

Pakistan: Hajweri town, Faisalabad

Mansha Masih (illiterate street sweeper, accused of desecration after sweeping up Quran pages left in the street, badly beaten, rescued by a Muslim human rights activist)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4909>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/35982->

[ASIA PAKISTAN Discrimination and violence against a Christian businessman threatened by Islamic extremists#.U6-NCcLQcfg](#)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/a-young-christian-street-sweeper-barely-escapes-blasphemy-accusation/>



Iraq: Mosul

Five Christians including two nuns have disappeared in an ISIL held area

Sr Miskintah

Sr Utoor Joseph

Hala Salim

Sarah Khoshaba

Aram Sabah

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140630153011.htm>



Kenya: Bulbul area, Nairobi

Hadiya Ali (aged 51, Somali refugee, mother of eight, threatened with death for refusing to send her children to a Muslim school, home invaded by former neighbors, strangled and beaten, stabbed in the foot, rescued by neighbors, told "You are ruining the children, making them kafir. We will burn this kafir. The sign of the cross has been stamped on her buttocks. This kafir has been converting our Muslim women to Christianity. You have been following this bad religion for many years, but still you are very poor", still has abdominal pain from the beating)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/08/somali-widows-life-in-danger-in-kenya-after-reporting-assault-to-police/>



Egypt

Abram Lewis (Association of Victims of Abductions and Forced Disappearances, **UPDATE:** reported on the arrest of three Copts for reporting the abduction of a female relative)

Egypt: Nazlet Ebeid village, Minya province

Atif Nadi (brother arrested after an attack on Copts)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55249#.U6-Rj8LQcfg>
<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55251#.U6-QtcLQcfg>



Colombia: Magangue

Bishop Hernan Giraldo Jaramillo (spoke on the rising number of internally displaced persons due to guerrilla war "In less than a week 14 lands have been occupied by displaced persons and there have been violent conflict amongst the population where a person has died. In a city of 125,000 residents, there are over 10,000 displaced people who need assistance in everything")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/35985-AMERICA_COLOMBIA_IDPs_are_increasing_the_Church_appeals_to_the_authorities_to_resolve_the_crisis#.U6-LY8LQcfg

Sunday June 29, 2014



Indonesia: Pugeran, Yogyakarta, Java

Fr Priya (described an attack on his church during morning Mass, banners ripped down)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Yogyakarta,-to-cries-of-Allah-is-great-unknown-assailants-attack-Sacred-Heart-parish-31488.html>



Bangladesh: Manmath, Gaibandha district

Sattar Miah (convert from Islam, stabbed in the neck in an apparent beheading attempt during a home invasion, family screams alerted neighbors which caused the seven attackers to flee, recovering)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/08/article_3276328.html/



Pakistan; Islamabad

Farrukh H Saif (World Vision in Progress Foundation; **UPDATE:** described the efforts of the government to halt the exodus of Christians from the country "More than 1000 Pakistani Christians were illegally removed from their confirmed flights from Islamabad, Karachi and Lahore airports", also described the detention and planned deportation of Christian refugees in Sri Lanka "This action was against basic international norms and principles which state that the host country receiving such refugees cannot arrest anyone who is registered with UN High Commissioner Refugees unless a specific request is sent via Interpol...The action of by the Sri-Lankan authorities was therefore illegal under international law. It seems that something sinister might be taking place behind the scenes to ensure that Pakistani asylum seekers are deported back to their country of origin...According to our own survey there are 14,000 Pakistani Christian asylum seekers in East Asia and South Asia")

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33183-pakistan-halts-christian-exodus-sri-lanka-detains-refugees>



Iraq

Ashur Giwargis (head of the Assyrian Patriotic Movement, said in [Beirut, Lebanon](#) "Russia proved through history that it's the only defender of Christians...we're looking for a serious Russian stand in the international arena")

Iraq: Hamdaniya

Amer Bahman (aged 52, father of Andy and Amanda, said that Christians have begun to return to their villages in Kurdistan)

Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Ramy Youssef (IT technician, plans on leaving the country after having fled Bagdad due to death threats "I don't want to leave. I don't want these terrorists to do what no one's ever done before: push Assyrians out of our historic homeland, but I can't work like this...This is America's fault. It's the Muslims who are killing us, but this never would have happened if the West hadn't turned our lives upside down")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140629035404.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20140629141558.htm>



Ukraine: Sloviansk

Archpriest Nikolai Fomenko (**UPDATE:** described pro-government shelling of the cathedral during the Divine Liturgy "Shelling began at 10 AM during the Liturgy. The parishioners had just started singing "Our Father", when the first volley was fired...When the shelling began, everybody rushed into the church. The cathedral was packed with people; the worshippers were kneeling and praying to God with tears. Several stained glass windows fell from the dome and broke because of the shock wave, and this made the people pray more fervently. The volleys lasted for about half an hour...During the first strike I was just holding the Body of Christ in my hands. It is such a stressed state – you are holding the Sacrament and suddenly such things are happening")

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/71874.htm>



Nigeria: Kwada and Kautikari villages

Mallam Yahi (described a suspected Islamist attack "They killed dozens of people and burned houses after attacking worshippers", added that four churches were burned)

Nigeria: Kwada village

Pastor Emmanuel Bauchi (**killed** in a Boko Haram attack on his church)

Nigeria: Kautikari village

Samuel Chibok (attack survivor, described how 20 men sprayed bullets at panicking church worshipers “Initially I thought they were military but when I came out, they were firing at people. I saw people fleeing and they burned our houses. Smoke was billowing from our town as I left”, added that two of his relatives were among the dead)

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/gunmen-torch-churches-kill-scores-nigeria>

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/07/article_3206300.html/

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=174953>

Monday June 30, 2014



North Korea

Jeffrey Edward Fowle (U.S. citizen, arrested in [mid May 2014](#) for "hostile activities" after leaving a Bible in his hotel room; **UPDATE**: will be put on trial for 'perpetrating hostile acts against the state')

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/north.korea.us.tourist.to.go.on.trial.after.leaving.bible.in.hotel.room/38507.htm>



India: Madhya Pradesh state

Pastor Chimnan Lal (prayer meeting disrupted by Hindu fundamentalists, accused of practicing forced conversions, insulted and beaten, arrested and held for 8 hours)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh:-government-encourages-radical-Hindus-to-persecute-Christians-31772.html>



Sudan: Khartoum

Fr Kuoa Shimal (**UPDATE**: described the demolition of a church by the government)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-new-problem-every-day-for-Mariam-Ibrahim-31514.html>



Egypt

Rania Rafaat (aged 17, abducted on [May 2, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: found recently, had been raped, is pregnant)

Egypt: Tenth village, Minya province

Abanoub Salama Mounir (aged 20, abducted on [June 26, 2014](#), US\$42,000 ransom demanded; **UPDATE**: ransom paid, released)

Egypt: Kafr el-Dawar, Beheira

Atif Gamil Sharmoukh (prevented from entering his father's farmland by neighbors at gunpoint)

Egypt: Samalout, Minya province

Saad Boshra Ayad Hanna (home seized by "thugs" in [January 2011](#), police have still taken no action)

Egypt: Nag Hammadi

Malak Zaghloul (aged 35, merchant, abducted at gunpoint)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55294#.U7IoBsLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55304#.U7IlrcLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55300#.U7ImQsLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55299#.U7InbsLQcfg>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=55298#.U7IniMLQcfg>



Colombia

Pastor Roberto (reported to have been threatened with death by FARC militants)

<http://blog.opendoorsusa.org/world-watch-list-challenge-25-colombia/>

June 2014, date unknown



Indonesia: Yogyakarta, Java

Pastor Niko (accused in [early June, 2014](#) of setting up an illegal house of worship)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Yogyakarta,-to-cries-of-Allah-is-great-unknown-assailants-attack-Sacred-Heart-parish-31488.html>



Israel

Ayelet Ronen (general secretary of a Messianic Jewish kibbutz, has closed its wedding hall due to lawsuits from homosexual activists, said “We feel that Yad Hashmona, our village, is just very special. It is the only village of [Messianic Jewish] believers in Israel, and it is really under attack, a serious attack. On the one hand, in Israel we have the Jewish religious people who don’t like us at all. The [ultra-Orthodox] rabbinicals, they hate the believers. On the other hand, you have here the ultra-secular attacking us from the other side [with] the gay community. It’s a very difficult position to be in, and we’re really seeking the Lord to see what will happen”)

Tsuriel Bar-David (kibbutz hotel manager, said “We had to stop all activities related to weddings in our hotel so we won’t be accused of discriminating against anyone, since the law does not accept the fact that we want to keep our biblical values in our business”)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/08/messianic-jewish-kibbutz-in-israel-loses-appeal-in-gay-wedding-party-row/>



Ukraine: Crimea

Captain Ruslan Zuyev (Salvation Army, fled due to repeated interrogations by Russian FSB agents)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1992



Nigeria: Attagara

Michael Yohanna (begged military commanders to defend a village where 150 were killed “They said they had not been given a command Even as the attack was going on, they never came”)

Nigeria: Gwoza, Borno state

Mercy (aged 21, father likely killed during a Boko Haram attack, captured, beaten, forced into an Islamic marriage of which she said “Every single day came with tears and fears for the unknown”, described the murders she was forced to watch “I witnessed constantly how

Boko Haram members killed innocent people. Christian men who were captured and brought to the camp were killed for refusing to deny their faith - the fulfilment of the Bible played out in front of my eyes, as people died for their faith in Christ. But others, including me, could not endure the torture and gave in to their demands”, after 5 weeks was the sole survivor of a Nigerian Air Force bombing of the house in which she was kept, hospitalized with a broken leg, now a refugee)

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

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/12/4143468/>