

Today's Martyrs – October 2014

Wednesday October 1, 2014



Philippines: Davao, Mindanao

Fr Albert Alejo SJ (described steps to be taken to counter Abu Sayyaf and other terrorist groups)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36452->

[ASIA PHILIPPINES A Jesuit A network of solidarity against the network of terror#.VCzKL8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36452-ASIA_PHILIPPINES_A_Jesuit_A_network_of_solidarity_against_the_network_of_terror#.VCzKL8Lwsfg)



Pakistan: Sargodha

Bashir Masih (aged 70, hired to whitewash the exterior wall of a mosque, beaten by Muslims from a different Sunni sect and accused of blasphemy for overpainting sacred words)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/12/3539002/>



Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Yaqin Habash (refugee from ISIL along with his wife and son, said "We were living like kings. Now we're sitting on iron. They stole my son's tractor. They stole 50 tons of barley and wheat. They stole everything in all the houses, everything I worked for my entire life gone in an instant")

Bernard Geggi (medic, said "I don't want to emigrate. I don't want to leave my country. This is my country. It's dear to me. I'm Iraqi, an Iraqi Christian, an authentic Iraqi. Why should I leave? Where shall I go?")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141001151812.htm>



Syria: Damascus

Bassam Ghaith (reported to have been **tortured to death** by military intelligence, body not returned to his family)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57146>



Cameroon: Maroua-Mokolo

Bishop Bruno Ateba (said that Boko Haram activities in the north of the country have made pastoral care impossible without military escort)

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1412122012.html>



Nigeria

Dr Rebecca Dali (wife of Rev Samuel Dante Dali; **UPDATE:** reported “The memories of the day [Boko Haram] militants attacked are still fresh in my mind. It was September 7, at around 9 to 10am. People were trapped: some in their churches, some in their homes, and more than 150 were killed. We didn’t have the comfort of burying them. Up to now, the bodies of our loved ones are littered on the street. In Michika women and children are not spared. A friend who managed to flee the town this week told me insurgents forced another friend Kwaji to witness the killing of her husband and 18 year old son...In Madagali town, people were killed and some abducted. We have lost Pastor Ezra. One church leader, who was attacked while performing a burial ceremony, told me how he almost died. They shot to death many people including the 13 year old daughter of the deceased. He hid, but saw Boko Haram men vandalizing his property. He walked more than 50 miles before reaching a safe place. Unfortunately he’s had to leave his wife and children at the top of a nearby mountain...In the Gwoza area, they abducted 7 people and yesterday [Tuesday, Sept 30] in Ngoshe, they abducted 18 people and killed 4 others”)

Kwaji (reported to have been forced by Boko Haram militants to witness the killing of her husband and 18 year old son)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/3413197/>



Algeria: Bejaia

Omar (aged 31, said after the beheading of a French hiker "If we consider the fate reserved by ISIL fighters for Iraqi Christians, there is genuine reason to express concerns over the church in Algeria. That is why we must be vigilant")

Selma (aged 26, said that the church constitutes a potential target for terrorists, who have shown "their desire to establish an Islamic theocratic regime everywhere they stamp their feet, to the cost of other beliefs...Frankly, I am worried. Christians should be mobilized in prayer against this approaching darkness")

Algeria: Annaba

Fr Ambrose Tshibangu Tshiasuma (said "This is the first time I shed tears since I arrived in Algeria four years ago. I really cried when I heard the news of the decapitation of the French hostage")

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/45612-algerian-christians-we-must-not-bow-to-fear>

Thursday October 2, 2014



Uzbekistan: Syrdarya

Denis Absattarov (home raided by police on [September 5, 2014](#) for holding an illegal religious service, police proceeded to plant religious literature, **UPDATE:** fined US\$245)

Kurbanay Abdiyeva (caught in the [September 5, 2014](#) police raid on the home of Denis Absaattarov, **UPDATE:** fined US\$45)

Arina Kim (caught in the [September 5, 2014](#) police raid on the home of Denis Absaattarov, **UPDATE:** fined US\$45)

Vladimir Mehseriyakov (caught in the [September 5, 2014](#) police raid on the home of Denis Absaattarov, **UPDATE:** fined US\$45)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2018



Syria: Tel Tamar, Khabour region, Hasaka

Three Christians reported to have been abducted by ISIL militants

Dr Samir David Hormuz

George Barkho Khoshaba

Ninos John Isho

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/10/three-assyrians-kidnapped-in-syria/>



Ukraine: Mariupol

Fr Leonard Aduszkiewicz (said "We are woken at night by explosions, and the fighting is continuing, despite the truce. The people here feel utterly helpless; they are coming into the churches, praying and weeping")

Fr Pavel Tomaszewski (has assisted Fr Leonard Aduszkiewicz)

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1412205175.html>



United States - California

Ashley Bridges (aged 24, bone cancer reported to have metastasized after she refused chemotherapy while pregnant, said "There's no way I could kill a healthy baby because I'm sick...Maybe I'm not supposed to be here and she is")

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/mom-forced-to-choose-between-life-saving-treatment-and-her-unborn-daughter-says-theres-no-way-i-could-kill-a-healthy-baby-127420/>

Friday October 3, 2014



Vietnam

Anthony Duong Van Dau (aged 26 in 2014, sentenced on May 23, 2012 to 3 years 6 months for "propaganda against the State" for distributing literature for religious freedom, blood donation, aid to orphans and victims of natural disasters, and against abortion; **UPDATE:** released early from prison with an additional 18 months' probation, said that guards "allowed other inmates to beat me, two did from 10 pm to 4 am. I thank God that I'm still standing here today. I might have died at that time. My body hurt terribly, but I kept praying and recovered")

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/release-10022014172717.html>



Laos: Boukham village, Atsaphangthong district, Savannakhet province

Seven Christians arrested while eating lunch after a [September 28 2014](#) worship service;

UPDATE: all except the pastor have been released from detention

Pastor Sompong Supatto (**UPDATE:** "continues to be held with wooden stocks on his legs and handcuffs, in a position of restriction and torture")

Manivanh (aged 60)

Chai (aged 56)

Anna (aged 50)

Chanthanarm (aged 18)

Neal (aged 21)

Petsamone (aged 40)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33841-news-alert-laos-releases-house-church-christians-but-pastor-detained>



India: Delhi

Dr John Dayal (Christian activist and member of the National Integration Council; **UPDATE:** published an article documenting the growth of RSS paramilitaries across the country)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/be-careful-what-you-hope-for-with-politics-in-india/72102>



Pakistan: Faisalabad, Punjab

Maria Bibi (aged 19, forced into an Islamic marriage, escaped three days later, **UPDATE:** testified in court that she did not agree to marry or to convert to Islam)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-Forced-to-marry-and-convert-to-Islam-by-force,-a-young-Christian-girl's-struggle-for-justice-32486.html>



Iran

UPDATE: Capital charges against three pastors of 'spreading corruption on Earth' have apparently been dropped

Pastor Behnam Irani (husband of Kristina Irani)

Pastor Matthias Haghnejad (husband of Anahita Khadeimi)

Silas Reza Rabbani

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33809-breaking-news-iran-drops-death-sentence-against-pastors-christians>



Iraq: Karamless and Erbil

Victoria (aged 80, neighbor of Ghazala Elyas, told ISIL militants who demanded her conversion “We believe that if we show love and kindness, forgiveness and mercy we can bring about the kingdom of God on earth as well as in heaven. Paradise is about love. If you want to kill us for our faith then we are prepared to die here and now”, now a refugee)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2014/10/03/the-iraqi-christian-who-told-isis-if-you-want-to-kill-me-for-my-faith-i-am-prepared-to-die-here-now/>



Central African Republic: Bangui

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (**UPDATE:** said on Vatican Radio "the deployment of UN forces was needed to help Central Africans. However, one can also send a billion soldiers, but if Central Africans do not become aware of the fact that we are called to live together, the situation will not change. The first answers have to come from Central Africans")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/36475-AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Caritas France The situation is still critical because of violence#.VC9MU8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36475-<u>AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Caritas France The situation is still critical because of violence#.VC9MU8Lwsfg</u>)



United Kingdom: Taunton

Mike Overd (street preacher; **UPDATE**: charged with a religious aggravation public order offense for drawing comparisons between the lives of Jesus and Muhammad)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/freedom-of-speech/street-preacher-to-be-prosecuted-for-comparing-the-lives-of-jesus-and>



Colombia: Medellin

Fr Andres Duque Echeverry (**stabbed to death** in an apparent robbery in a subway station)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/36484-AMERICA_COLOMBIA_Another_priest_killed_for_armed_robbery#.VDNfS8Lwsfg



United States – California: San Francisco

Auxiliary Bishop Robert McElroy (said the state government “directly targeted” two Catholic universities and violated Federal civil rights laws when it ordered them to cover abortions via their health insurance)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/calif-abortion-mandate-deemed-a-flagrant-violation-of-civil-rights-74580/>

Saturday October 4, 2014



Egypt: Cairo

Dr Ehab Ramzy (attorney and former Member of Parliament; **UPDATE**: said that Islamists who want an Islamic state have targeted St Catherine's monastery on Mt Sinai)

Egypt: Nahda village, Alexandria province

Hamdi Makonti (land seized, police have refused to help)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57189>
<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57190>



Nigeria: Zangon Kataf

Bishop Joseph Bagobiri (**UPDATE**: said that Christians had a binding religious obligation to defend themselves against Boko Haram with “moderate and proportionate force” and that reticence by Christians to defend themselves was a “gross act of irresponsibility”)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=189717>

Sunday October 5, 2014



Jordan: Amman

Ammar Zaki (husband, father of Athena and Ethan Zaki, fled Iraq after the ISIL takeover, now a refugee, said "Jesus Christ told people, 'leave everything and follow me'. So we did. We had to leave everything and go...to be Christian, to stay in my religion")

Athena Zaki (aged 9 months, daughter of Ammar Zaki, refugee)

Ethan Zaki (toddler, son Ammar Zaki, refugee)

Nadira Haddou (aged 57, mother of five, Iraqi refugee, said "I don't want to go back. They took our homes. They took our belongings. I have nothing to go back to. I want to go to America")

Ann Danyal (Iraqi refugee, said "I left without saying goodbye to my parents - their graves. I still see them")

Basem Peter Rafael (aged 60, Iraqi refugee, said he named his son Salam ['Peace'] during the beginning of the 1991 Gulf War "because we were waiting for peace. Now he is 23, and still we are waiting")

Fr Khalil Jaar (**UPDATE**: has taken in 500 refugees including some Muslims at his church, said "They left their homes in a few hours...leaving everything behind them. It's a very big shock. That's why I do my best to help these people to overcome this situation and to look for a better life", added that many children arrive sick "because of the trauma of the incidents they suffered in Iraq: fear, insecure, no food")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141005185252.htm>



Egypt: Mt Sinai

Bishop Demitry Dimianos (spoke of threats and extortion demands made against the Monastery of St Catherine)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57202>



Ukraine: Pereiaslav-Khmelnytskyi

Archpriest Anatoly Mikhnevich (church attacked and occupied by pro-government militants, scufia [clerical hat] torn from his head, the local mayor is attempting to have the occupation ratified by popular vote on October 11, 2014)

Ukraine: Butin village

Archpriest Vladimir Slobodyan (described the seizure of a church by pro-government militants)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74228.htm>

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74334.htm>

Monday October 6, 2014



India: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh state

Joseph Pawar (aged 20, husband of Ayushi Wani, briefly detained after their [September 28, 2014](#) wedding, marriage annulled by the local superintendent because he did not convert to Hinduism, the religion of his wife)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36487->

[ASIA INDIA The marriage between a Christian and a Hindu annulled due to extremist group protest#.VDNgWMLwsfg](#)



Pakistan: Lahore

Sardar Mushtaq Gill (attorney; **UPDATE:** decried the growing alliance between ISIL and the Pakistani Taliban as a major threat to religious liberty)

Pakistan: Islamabad

Arif Masih (complained about the lack of utilities at Christian graveyards, Muslim graveyards have no such lack)

Fr Yousaf Amanat (expressed anger of the condition of the Christian graveyards “Why has the [municipal] authority ignored our graveyards despite us being equal citizens of the country?”)

Fr Ashraf Bhatti (complained “The irony is that one would only find two grave diggers in graveyards which is far fewer than what should be”)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4984>

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/771850/the-final-stop-living-as-a-minority-and-beyond/>



Kazakhstan: Akmola region

Two Christians arrested for distributing religious literature without state permission, **UPDATE:** **both sentenced to ten days' imprisonment and fined four months' average wages**

Vyacheslav Cherkasov (shoe repairman)

Zhasulan Alzhanov (plumber)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2005



Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Safa Jamel Bahnan (airport truck driver, refugee from Qaraqosh, is living in his sister's home with 30 other relatives, said "After being here for more than a millennium, this is the Christians' last stand in Iraq. Over the centuries, we have faced the sword so many times for our beliefs. In two, three, four years Christians will not be here because Daesh {ISIL} kill us. We will probably be living in the U.S., Canada or Australia. Otherwise, we will be erased from this Earth")

Father Rian (refugee, said "What we are living is the last chapter of an ancient story")

Shoban Kunda (refugee, said "If the U.S. airplanes had not been here at the right moment, Erbil would have fallen and ISIL would be here...It's OK now, but the rainy season begins in one month and when winter comes it won't be good for anyone here")

Elid Matte (refugee from Qaraqosh, said "someone has to stop Daesh [aka ISIL], even if it takes years, because they want to destroy everything and bring us and the rest of the world back to the Middle Ages")

Ayman Abdul Aziz Majid (refugee, is seeking to emigrate to Canada)

Fr Zuhir (refugee from Qaraqosh, said "Bombing is not so efficacious. There will have to be troops on the ground to retake Mosul and end this very dark period")

Sonia al-Shorahchy (refugee from Qaraqosh, said "There must be soldiers, too, otherwise immigration is our only future because it is impossible for me or any of us to become Muslims")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141006172609.htm>



Syria: Knayeh village, Orontes valley

Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM (aged 62, **UPDATE:** abducted by the al Qaeda-affiliated Jahbat al-Nusra Front along with up to 20 parishioners, whereabouts unknown)

Bishop George Abu Khazen OFM (**UPDATE:** reported on the abduction of Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/As-monk,-parishioners-are-abducted-in-Syria,-Gregory-calls-on-the-world-to-stop-extremists-32359.html>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141007141530.htm>



Israel

Barry Barnett (UK citizen, staff member for Jews for Jesus [a legal Israeli charity], detained without charge in Beer Sheva on November 20, 2013, Israeli members with him were not detained; deported on December 2, 2013; **UPDATE:** case to be appealed to the Supreme Court)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/messianic-jew-deported-from-israel-will-appeal-to-supreme-court/>



Egypt: Cairo

Kamal Zakher (**UPDATE:** said that the investigation into the Maspero massacre has not been completed three years after the event)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57215>

Tuesday October 7, 2014



Kyrgyzstan: Osh

Mother and daughter charged with fraud on [March 20, 2013](#) after their church filed registration applications; **UPDATE: acquitted on all charges, judge called the case 'fabricated', still under arrest while the prosecution appeals the dismissal**

Nadezhda Sergienko (aged 54 in March 2013, mother of Oksana Koryakina)

Oksana Koryakina (aged 33 in March 2013, daughter of Nadezhda Sergienko)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2015



Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda (**UPDATE:** said "The reality is that Christians have received no support from the central government. They have done nothing for them, absolutely nothing... We have not had a clear denunciation of [ISIL] from Muslim leaders" who he alleged are more concerned with their international reputation, also said "We visit the tents every day and speak to the people we are helping and they say they would like to go back to their homes immediately but how can you live among the people who were your neighbors when they have betrayed you?")

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1412636415.html>



Palestine: Jerusalem

Fr Issa Musleh (said that continued emigration of Christians will make their churches into museums)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57238>



Turkey: Istanbul

Said (former restaurateur, Syrian refugee, wife in Sweden, told how his grandfather was deported from Turkey to Syria in 1915, said "Wherever we go, we're foreigners")

Lahdo (attorney, Syrian refugee, said of his escape "They were stopping vehicles while we were going to the city of al-Hasakah, demanding money and killing those who didn't pay with machine guns. There was no security left. No electricity, no water, no life; everything was gone")

Hasina Georgis (aged 74, fled Syria only to ease her children's concerns)

Georget (aged 58, Syrian refugee along with her twin 38 year old children, said "We had no means to live in Syria. Opposition fighters were bombing homes too, and we heard that they were beheading people in their sleep")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141006214010.htm>



Cameroon: Minawao

Mariam Unana (Nigerian refugee from Boko Haram, described the insecure and unsanitary conditions and family strains in the camp holding 15,000 persons)

James Naga (Nigerian refugee from Boko Haram and community leader, said "Most of us have lost the lives that we had been building for decades and have come to live in a place where you cannot provide for your own family. This is so frustrating to the men in particular")

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/saved-from-boko-haram-but-suffering-abroad/>



Nigeria: Maiduguri

Fr Gideon Obasogie (wrote that 154 parishes had been lost to Boko Haram)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/boko-haram-beheads-seven-in-borno/>



Germany: Berlin

Bishop Demian (expressed surprise at the arson attack on a Coptic church)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1219&A=16022>

Wednesday October 8, 2014



Philippines: Pikit, North Cotabato province, Mindanao

Pastor Jerry Sanchez (described a grenade attack on his church that killed 2 and wounded 3)

Felomina Ferolin (aged 54, nurse, **died** en route to the hospital)

Gina Cabilona (aged 39, teacher, **died** in the hospital)

Bishop Reuel Norman Marigza (condemned the "dastardly" attack on the church)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/North-Cotabato:-grenade-attack-on-Protestant-church,-two-dead-and-three-wounded-32373.html>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/church-bombing-kills-two-in-southern-philippines/72138>



Iran

UPDATE: Three Christians illegally transferred from Evin prison to Rajaei-Shahr prison in Alborz province, will likely be denied access to each other or to other Christians

Ebrahim Firouzi

Rasoul Abdollahi

Alireza Seyyedian

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9303:unanticipated-transfer-of-christian-prisoners-to-rajaei-shahr-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt: Duabiaya

Bishop Rizkallah Ibrahim Gouda (parishioners meet in a wrecked and roofless church)

Egypt: Samalout, Minya province

Yaacoub Wahba Rizk (aged 77, found murdered)

Egypt: Matai, Minya province

Manal Samir Kamal (housewife, disappeared under mysterious circumstances)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57256>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57251>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57306>



Central African Republic: Bozoum

Fr Aurelio Gazzera OCD (**UPDATE**: reported that schools have reopened and pastoral activities have resumed, said "In Bozoum compared to other areas of Central Africa, the situation is a bit calmer, although there is still a lot of tension and we must continually react to what is happening around us")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36504->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Despite chaos and violence in Bozoum schools have reopened and the pastoral year has started#.VDddEsLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36504-)



Cuba: Camajuani, Villa Clara province

Rev Mario Felix Leonart Barroso (husband of Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez; **UPDATE**: officially summoned to State Security where he was read an Official Warning listing 'counter-revolutionary' contacts, refused to sign the warning, warned that a criminal case would "probably be filed")

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1787&search=>

Thursday October 9, 2014



Vietnam: K3 barrack, Camp N. 5, Yen Dinh, Thanh Hoa province

Francis Xavier Dang Xuan Dieu (convicted on [January 9, 2013](#), sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for "carrying out activities aimed at overthrowing the people's administration"; **UPDATE**: for months has been beaten and forced to be a slave to prisoners)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Vietnamese-Catholic-intellectual-treated-like-a-slave-in-prison-32380.html>



Iran: Tehran

Archbishop Behrouz Sadegh Khanjani (said that president Hassan Rouhani has not reduced pressures on Christians)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57278>



Tanzania: Bukoba

Dioniz Ng'wandu (aged 31, secondary school teacher, husband of Faith, father of Michael and John, **killed in a machete attack** in his church following a prayer service)

Faith Ng'wandu (widow of Dioniz Ng'wandu, mother of Michael and John)

Michael Ng'wandu (aged 4, son of Dioniz and Faith Ng'wandu)

John Ng'wandu (aged 2, son of Dioniz and Faith Ng'wandu)

Temistores (aged 25, seriously injured in his foot in a machete attack in his church following a prayer service, hospitalized)

Pastor Faustine Joseph (led the prayer service prior to the attack that killed Dioniz Ng'wandu)

Pastor Crodward Edwar (led a press conference concerning the murder of Dioniz Ng'wandu)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/3435083/>



Iraq: Alqosh

Fr Ghazwan Yousif Baho (usually teaches two months a year in Rome, escorted an elderly couple to Rome for their meeting with the Pope, decided to immediately return to his Iraqi parish which is ten kilometers from ISIL-held territory, said "I've met very few people who had lost faith and hope. So many suffered, so the sorrowful mysteries for us a

daily act. But despite all this suffering, I've seen very few people who've lost the faith. [People] would tell me 'Father, we are safe and all our children are with us. The rest will come later. But we thank God that the Lord has saved us. We have lost everything, but we are saved.' I heard this phrase from so many people. Desperate, but they never lost their faith. And these sorrowful mysteries of the rosary for us are a daily reality, but they also give us the strength to keep going")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141009170603.htm>



Syria

Joy (has decided to stay to help the children she sees in the street from her window)

Abed (has decided to stay in his hometown to help)

Syria: Knayeh village, Orontes valley

Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM (abducted on [October 6, 2014](#) by the al Qaeda-affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra Front along with up to 20 parishioners; **UPDATE**: released and returned to his residence, under house arrest, the four women abducted with him also released, whereabouts of the other parishioners unconfirmed)

Syria: Aleppo

Sr Maria of Nazareth (Argentine citizen, has moved to Syria from Gaza)

Syria: Homs

Archbishop Jean-Abdo Arbach (said "To date our archdiocese has counted 96 martyrs [killed]. The fate of 26 people is uncertain")

<http://www.bpnews.net/43507/syrian-christians-stay-behind-to-help>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Fr-Hanna-released,-fate-of-co-religionists-unknown-32382.html>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36510->

[ASIA SYRIA The four women abducted along with Father Hanna have been released no message from the kidnapers#.VDdcNcLwsfg](#)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/our-church-is-in-danger-catholics-in-aleppo-homs-85201/>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/our-church-is-in-danger-catholics-in-aleppo-homs-85201/>



Egypt: Minya province

Lisa Nasim Basari (aged 28, grocer, stalked by a Muslim who demanded that she marry him and convert, sexually assaulted in her store, complained to police but was arrested and tortured until she abandoned her complaint, has made a video of her experiences)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/cs-releases/3022-muslim-man-sexually-harasses-coptic-woman-to-convert-to-islam-and-marry-him>



Belarus: Drogichi, Brest region

Two Christians arrested for handing out religious literature on a public street on [August 7, 2014](#), town court found them guilty of conducting an illegal demonstration on [August 8, 2014](#) and issued an official warning, **UPDATE: appeal denied**

Olga Shulepova (Ukrainian citizen)

Yulia Prokhopova (Ukrainian citizen)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2040

Friday October 10, 2014



China: Fangshan district, Beijing

Ms Yu (described how the local government forced the closure of a Christian school for orphans)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/beijing-authorities-shut-down-school.html>



Syria: Knayeh village, Orontes valley

Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM (abducted on [October 6, 2014](#) by the al Qaeda-affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra Front along with up to 20 parishioners, released on [October 9, 2014](#) and returned to his residence, under house arrest, the four women abducted with him also released, whereabouts of the other parishioners unconfirmed; **UPDATE:** five Christians still in captivity, including his uncle, a cook and his brother, and a custodian and his brother)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36520->

[ASIA SYRIA Five Christians of the Orontes Valley still held by Islamic jihadists
#.VDijo8Lwsfg](#)



Sudan: Al Atmor village, Tabolo area, South Kordofan state, Nuba Mountains

Kamal Adam (home destroyed in a bombing raid by government aircraft, family unhurt)

Rev Youhana Yaqoub (described the bombing raid by government aircraft that destroyed the home of Kanal Adam “The bombs have completely destroyed our church compound”)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/sudanese-air-force-bombs-church-complex-in-nuba-mountains/>



Egypt: Edfo

Fr Makarios Boulus lhjb (has been prevented from entering his village since the Maspero massacre in [October 2011](#))

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57291>



Russia: Khostinsky district, near Sochi

Pastor Alexei Kolyasnikov (prayer service in a rented coffee shop room raided by FSB agents on [September 28, 2014](#), detained; **UPDATE**: fined US\$480)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2044



Nigeria: Maiduguri

Pastor Rotimi Obajimi (abducted by Boko Haram, **UPDATE**: escaped after 10 months in captivity)

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

Saturday October 11, 2014



India: Kalahandi, Odhisa state

Pastor Rabindra Nath Tandi (described a prayer meeting of 200 Christians which was attacked by 50 Hindus believed to be RSS paramilitaries, 25 were hospitalized with 3 in serious condition)

Dilip Durga (sustained injuries in his neck and chest)

Udal Padan (severely cut on his leg and chest)

Soilengri (suffered a head injury when she fell trying to flee the attack)

Mohan Dass (prayer meeting speaker)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/3435670/>

Sunday October 12, 2014



Kyrgyzstan

Vakhtang Fyodorov (Russian citizen, husband of Yekaterina Ozmitel, catechist; **UPDATE:** expelled from the country, can return only if he is employed in secular work)

Yekaterina Ozmitel (wife of Vakhtang Fyodorov, said her husband was expelled due to his friendship with Bishop Feodosy, who was expelled in [July 2014](#))

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2011



Iraq: Tellskuf, Mosul

Ujine Salah Akam (**killed**)

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



Central African Republic: Baboua

Fr Mateusz Dziejdzic (abducted by the Front Democratique du Peuple Centrafricain [FDPC - a former ally of Seleka] in an attempt to free its leader from jail in Cameroon)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/36553-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_Contacts_with_the_kidnappers_of_the_Polish_missionary#.VD9Cy8Lwsfg



Kosovo: Decani and Pec

Bishop Teodosije (deplored the appearance of pro-ISIL graffiti and verbal threats made against Christian monks and nuns, requested that a fence be installed around the monastery)

Abbot Archimandrite Sava (**UPDATE**: said that the pro-ISIL graffiti was the most serious event since a 2007 rocket propelled grenade attack)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74335.htm>
<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/10/one-day-after-first-graffiti-new-extremist-graffiti-on-the-gates-of-decani-monastery-bishop-teodosije-requests-the-barbed-wire-fence/>

Monday October 13, 2014



Pakistan: Faisalabad, Punjab

Maria Bibi (aged 19, forced into an Islamic marriage, escaped three days later, **UPDATE**: testified again in court that she did not agree to marry or to convert to Islam)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-Forced-to-marry-and-convert-to-Islam-by-force,-a-young-Christian-girl's-struggle-for-justice-32486.html>



Syria: Knayeh village, Orontes valley

Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM (abducted on [October 6, 2014](#) by the al Qaeda-affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra Front along with up to 20 parishioners; released on [October 9, 2014](#) and returned to his residence, under house arrest; **UPDATE:** has been charged with collaborating with the government, trial date unknown, all other parishioners have now been released)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36536->

[ASIA SYRIA The five Christians of the Orontes Valley who were still being held by jihadists have been released#.VDyQxsLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36536-)



Cameroon

Friar Fabio Mussi, PIME (said "In the north of Cameroon there is a silent ongoing war which few people know about but has serious humanitarian consequences. Only in the extreme north of Cameroon, in the province of Logone-Charie, there are 40,000 IDPs between Cameroonian and Nigerian refugees. Further south, this figure is doubled...The Cameroonian army has deployed along the border to try to prevent raids on Cameroon territory committed by members of Boko Haram in search of food. This is because the Nigerian army has caught in the grips areas controlled by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria preventing food supplies. Boko Haram, after having plundered what they could in Nigerian areas have begun to attack the Cameroonian markets...The PIME community has decided to remain in this critical situation with all the consequences. The Church is the only institution left to offer humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced persons. International organizations have withdrawn for security reasons")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36537->

[AFRICA CAMEROON Only the Church assists victims of Boko Haram in the north of Cameroon says a missionary#.VDyNscLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36537-)

Tuesday October 14, 2014



Pakistan: Faisalabad, Punjab

Maria Bibi (aged 19, forced into an Islamic marriage, escaped three days later, testified in court that she did not agree to marry or to convert to Islam, **UPDATE:** has filed a counterclaim in court against him)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-Forced-to-marry-and-convert-to-Islam-by-force,-a-young-Christian-girl's-struggle-for-justice-32486.html>



Iraq: Bagdad

Rev Andrew White (suffers from multiple sclerosis; **UPDATE:** said “Well, there’s one man and he was disabled and had hidden his children in his house in Kirkush and ISIL came in one day and said, ‘You’re Christian. You either convert or we chop off the heads of all your children.’ So he was forced to say the words of conversion and they spared his children, but they said if he came back and they saw he had been doing any Christian things they would kill them all. And he phoned me and said, ‘Father, Father! How could I do this? Will Jesus not love me anymore because I’ve done this?’ And I said, ‘No, whoever is in this situation would have done the same to save their children. And you will not lose them and you will not lose your faith. And you are still a Christian.’ ...It’s just been terrible. They have been amputating people’s heads and putting them on railings. They have chopped children in half. You know, I write some of these things on my blog and nobody believes it. They say you must be making this up, that there’s no evidence of this, this isn’t in this paper or that paper. Here we are living with it and people can’t accept it. There is no other Western person here in central Iraq. Not one. I’m the only one and they can’t believe it”)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/vicar-of-baghdad-isis-is-beheading-christians-but-nobody-believes-it-interv>



Nigeria

Susana Ishaya (found wandering in the bush near Kwarihi village, Borno state two days after being thrown from a moving automobile on [September 23, 2014](#), appears to be both physically and mentally ill; hospitalized, found to be four months pregnant; **UPDATE:** aged 23, determined to **not** be one of the abducted Chibok schoolgirls, had been abducted by Boko Haram in January 2014, had been forcibly married to a Boko Haram militant despite being already married)

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



United States – District of Columbia

Russell D Moore (Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission president, wrote of the Houston city's attempts to subpoena pastors' communications with congregants "I am simply stunned by

the sheer audacity of this. The preaching of sermons in the pulpits of churches is of no concern to any government bureaucrat at all. The country settled, a long time ago, with a First Amendment that the government would not supervise, license, or bully religious institutions")

<http://www.bpnews.net/43540/baptist-leaders-decry-houstons-sermon-subpoenas>

Wednesday October 15, 2014



Philippines: Zamboanga, Mindanao

Fr Sebastiano D'Ambra PIME (**UPDATE**: said that attempts to import ISIL are underway using foreign money, said "the wounds are still evident in the severe attack of the rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front [MNLF], which took place in September 2013: Many families are still displaced and inter-religious atmosphere has been affected...some violent groups and terrorists continue to oppose any suggestion of peace and to make violent propaganda: groups like the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters have proclaimed their support to ISIL that operates in Iraq")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36556->

[ASIA PHILIPPINES The ideology and money of the IS arrive in Southern Philippines the story of a missionary#.VD9AoMLwsfg](#)



India

Fr Ajaya Kumar Singh (**UPDATE**: spoke concerning Hindu nationalists "They even want to impose only one language, Sanskrit, even though hundreds of languages are spoken in India...Especially under threat is the Christian minority because it is rejected by extremists as alien and because they regard the Christian message as endangering the caste system...It is important for us to understand what is happening. As a Church we must think way beyond the bounds of the individual dioceses, we must act regionally, nationally in order to find responses to this challenge. Otherwise [the pogrom in] Orissa 2008 will be repeated, even worse than then because we learnt no lessons from it")

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1413326169.html>



Pakistan

Archbishop Joseph Coutts (**UPDATE**: spoke at the Synod on the Family in [Vatican City](#) concerning Asia Bibi and “all the Pakistani families who are going through suffering and division: for example, all those Christians and Muslims who are unjustly accused of blasphemy”)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/asia-bibi-case-highlights-growing-intolerance-says-karachi-archbishop/72172>



Jordan

Abou Saphoan (Iraqi refugee, said “We left Mosul destroyed by the ISIL militants that expelled us from our country. They have seized our homes and shops. They slaughtered Bishop Farag and priests Raghed and Boulus”)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57371>



Libya: Benghazi

Bishop Sylvester Carmel Magro (**UPDATE**: said “The population is locked in the house while they are ongoing fighting in the outlying areas of the city The bombings began in the early morning today. There are no clashes in the city center, which are concentrated in the suburbs. But we do not know how the situation will evolve. This is why we are all locked in the house. In these conditions, we do what we can. Please pray for us”)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/36555-AFRICA LIBYA The population is locked in the house fighting continues on the outskirts of Benghazi says the Apostolic Vicar#.VD9B 8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36555-AFRICA_LIBYA_The_population_is_locked_in_the_house_fighting_continues_on_the_outskirts_of_Benghazi_says_the_Apostolic_Vicar#.VD9B_8Lwsfg)



Netherlands

Kamran Simon Saif (arrested on immigration charges for deportation, is facing blasphemy charges in Pakistan and faces arrest and persecution if deported)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4996>



Cuba: Camajuani, Villa Clara province

Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso; **UPDATE**: summoned for an interview with State Security)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1787&search=>



United States – Texas: Houston

Five pastors have been subpoenaed by the city to turn over to the city all homilies and private communications regarding the mayor, homosexuality, and gender identity

Pastor Steve Riggle (said "This is an attempt to chill pastors from speaking to the cultural issues of the day. The mayor would like to silence our voice. She's a bully")

Pastor Jared Woodfill (said "This is the city trampling on the First Amendment rights of pastors in their churches")

Pastor Dave Welch (said "We are dealing with bullies used to getting away with abuse of power")

Pastor Hernan Castano (said "For a city government to step into churches and ask pastors to turn in sermons, it's gone too far. This is not what America, the nation is about")

Pastor Khan Huynh (compared the city's actions to the government in Vietnam where "They censor all the sermons. Pastors have to print out worship service programs and they have to approve it before we can conduct our service")

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/city-of-houston-demands-that-pastors-turn-over-sermons-addressing-homosexuality-or-gay-mayor-annise-parker-128144/>

<http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/45786-pastors-to-houston-mayor-don-t-mess-with-texas-pulpits>

<http://hotair.com/archives/2014/10/15/houston-subpoenas-local-pastors-for-their-sermons/>

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/45814-ted-cruz-houston-has-no-power-to-silence-the-church>

Thursday October 16, 2014



India: Mumbai

Bishop Percival Fernandez (criticized current government efforts to rewrite history book as "dangers of distorting history in the impressionable minds of the young", such changes include encouraging students to draw an Undivided India ['Akhand Bharat'] that includes Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/India,-Modi-government-slams-western-schools-says-Hindu-schools-are-better-32445.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Asia Noreen Bibi (mother of five, **UPDATE:** 2010 death sentence on a conviction of blasphemy upheld by the High Court, appeal to the Supreme Court to be filed)

Ashiq Masih (husband of Asia Noreen Bibi; **UPDATE:** wept bitterly when the High Court upheld his wife's death sentence for blasphemy, said "I have not told my children about the court decision. How can I? I am too scared of their reaction - they are already very depressed. We all were expecting her to come home and now this happens. How can I tell my children their mother is not free? This will kill them")

Bishop Rufin Anthony (**UPDATE:** called on Christians worldwide to pray together on one day for Asia Bibi)

Fr James Asher (said "We will have the day of prayer for the condemned on Sunday [October 19, 2014]. We urge everyone to be a part of it")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Asia-Bibi's-sentence-is-heart-breaking,-may-the-world-pray-for-her,-says-Islamabad-bishop-32446.html>

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14100219.htm>



Azerbaijan: Baku

Pastor Ilya Zenchenko (**UPDATE:** said "He [State Committee Deputy Chair Heydarov] told us he wanted to help and said we would finally get registration in November 2014. But when we brought our documents again they said we would have to liquidate ourselves as an existing community, form a new community and apply anew. At first we were positive – we rejoiced, but now we're uncertain")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2019



Iraq: Qaraqosh

Fr Charbel Issa (informed about the continuing desecration of the Mar Behnam Monastery by ISIL)

Fr Nizar Semaan (**UPDATE**: commented on the destruction of crosses and ancient manuscripts by ISIL at the Mar Behnam Monastery "Anything can happen with the terrorists of the Islamic State. They will destroy everything, if not stopped")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141016003630.htm>



Sudan: Heiban, South Kordofan

Home of a Catholic family hit in an air force airstrike, the mother has “gone out of her senses with grief as she was taken from the ruined home”, a 27 year old Muslim neighbor also killed

Anour Jafar (aged 8, **killed**)

Sariya Jafar (aged 12, **killed**)

Zahara Jafar (aged 14, **killed**)

Aziza Jafar (aged 16, **killed**)

Nawal Jafar (aged 5, **died** on the way to a hospital)

Nawadir Jafar (aged 11, hospitalized in critical condition, has lost her eyesight)

Kuku James (aged 6, neighbor of the Jafar family, **killed**)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/sudanese-air-force-bombing-kills-six-christian-children/>



Israel: East Jerusalem

Jake Tayler (U.S. citizen, beaten when he was repairing a damaged church security door, suffered a bloody nose, swollen mouth, swollen ankle and bruises)

Joe Buonaiuto (aged 24, U.S. citizen, attempted to shield Jake Tayler from further blows, suffered a large welt on his forehead)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/incessant-attacks-on-jerusalem-church-in-israel-meet-with-police-indifference/>



Ukraine: Nosovka village, Chernigov region

Church attacked by arsonists

Archpriest Bogdan Kibalyuk (said there were no conflicts in the area before the arson attack)

Archpriest Paul Fazan (consoled Archpriest Bogdan Kibalyuk and his parishioners during the fire)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74497.htm>



Poland: Rzeszow

A judge has ruled in a closed session that pro-life demonstrators who call abortion 'killing' have defamed the hospital that performs the abortions, ordered the demonstrators to publicly apologize with words chosen by the court and to pay all court fees, the court refused to allow witness testimony and refused to release the legal reasoning for the decision

Agata Rejman (midwife, testified that her hospital performed abortions, threatened with legal action)

Jacek Kotula (aged 48, pro-life demonstrator)

Przemysław Sycz (aged 35, pro-life demonstrator)

Senator Kazimierz Jaworski (wrote "We can't say that abortion is killing? This is shocking in itself. But what's more, we are not even allowed to find out why.")

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/outrage-in-poland-as-judge-tells-pro-life-activists-they-cant-call-abortion>



Congo, Democratic Republic: Kadohu village

Thirty-three Christians killed by Islamic militants

Pastor Kanyamanda Jean Kambale (husband of Odette Kambale, **killed**)

Odette Kambale (wife of Pastor Kanyamanda Jean Kambale, **killed**)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4051016/>



Cuba: Camajuani, Villa Clara province

Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso; summoned for an interview with State Security on [October 15, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: arrested the following day)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14100223.htm>



United States

Chris Stone (founder of Faith Driven Consumer, criticized Twitter for halting an online petition in support of the Houston pastors who are being subpoenaed by the city for their private communications to congregants on homosexuality, said "There is a deeply troubling pattern of censorship with social-media companies when people of faith speak out")

<http://www.charismanews.com/culture/45796-twitter-blocks-yet-another-faith-based-campaign>

Friday October 17, 2014



Indonesia

Fr Antonius Benny Susetyo (**UPDATE**: said that the police and politicians fail to enforce the laws which allow Christians to build churches due to the need to win Muslim votes)

Bonar Tigor Naipospos (said that the building requirement for neighbors' approvals must include Muslims, which are difficult to secure in the case of church construction)

Indonesia: Bekasi

Rev Anna Nenoharan (aged 70, described how her church now meets in a rented shop in a strip mall after years of persecution from the Islamic Defenders Front in which their church building was destroyed, said "We feel really discriminated against by the government, and the local people. We want a special home for God. But we cannot do anything about it. We can only turn to the Lord")

Indonesia: Bogor, West Java

Bona Sigalingging (**UPDATE**: said that his church now meets in the homes of parishioners after having lost its building)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/persecuted-christians-find-sanctuary-in-indonesia-strip-mall/72192>



India: Mumbai

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**: expressed thanks that the Karnataka state government officially rejected a 2011 report that exonerated Hindu-nationalist Sangh Parivar organizations from their role in the 2008 anti-Christian pogrom, the report had been accepted by the state government in 2011 when it was controlled by the Sangh Parivar affiliated BJP party)

[http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka's-state-government-rejects-\(false\)-report-on-2008-attacks-on-churches-32455.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka's-state-government-rejects-(false)-report-on-2008-attacks-on-churches-32455.html)



Nigeria: Maikadiri, Abadam Local Government Area, Borno state

Adam Kolo (said that a Boko Haram attack killed the father of the former Speaker of the State Assembly)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=190916>



United States – Idaho: Coeur d’Alene

Ministers have been told by their city to perform same-sex weddings or face fines and possible jail, have filed for a temporary restraining order against the city

Donald Knapp

Evelyn Knapp

<http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/9364>

Saturday October 18, 2014



Nigeria: Shaffa, Hawul Local Government Area, Borno state

Elijah Msheliza (reported eight killed in another Boko Haram attack)

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=190916>

Sunday October 19, 2014



Iraq

Rev Andrew White (**UPDATE:** spoke at a [Tacoma, Washington state, United States](#) fundraiser for Iraqi Christians "The terrible thing that the Americans have to realize is that all of their intervention, everything they tried to do, has totally been wasted. Nothing has been achieved by this at all...The reason we have this tragedy now is because you came in and you left us too soon. We weren't ready to be left. Your military gave their lives, they worked to save our country, and then they left us. And I said, within three month, we will have terrorism...and we did.", has been forbidden by his church to return to Bagdad)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/vicar-of-baghdad-americans-have-to-realize-all-of-their-intervention-has-totally-been-wasted-128353/>



Ukraine: Belozerye village, Cherkassy district, Cherkassy region

Church subjected to anti-Russian pressure to fire its priest, parishioners surrounded the church to defend it

Archpriest Vasily Kovalenko (pastor under pressure to leave his parish)

Archpriest Sergy Chumak (supported Archpriest Vasily Kovalenko and his parishioners)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74511.htm>



Nigeria: Sondi, Taraba state

Rev Caleb Ahema (reported on the killing of 31 Christians in church by Boko Haram insurgents, 27 in Sondi and 4 in Gindin Waya)

Pastor Nuhu Useni (killed by Boko Haram insurgents along with his only son and 25 other parishioners during a worship service)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/muslim-extremists-kill-31-christians-in-taraba-state-nigeria/>

Monday October 20, 2014



India: Tokapal area, Bastar District, Chhattisgarh state

Laxman (beaten unconscious by his three brothers)

Rev Akhilesh Edgar (**UPDATE:** said “The Hindu extremists were behind the attack” on Laxman)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/bans-on-christian-activity-in-chhattisgarh-state-india-escalate-into-violence/>



Egypt: El-Shekiyah village, Beni Ahmed, Minya province

Ghatas Ayad (legal minor, brother of Sameh and Rafaat Ayad, accused of attacking a Muslim, still detained)

Sameh Ayad (brother of Ghatas and Rafaat Ayad, still detained)

Rafaat Ayad (brother of Ghatas and Sameh Ayad, still detained)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57455>

Tuesday October 21, 2014



North Korea: Pyongyang

Jeffrey Edward Fowle (U.S. citizen, arrested in mid May 2014 for "hostile activities" after leaving a Bible in a men's room; **UPDATE**: freed, has left the country)

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/frees-10212014164313.html>



Vietnam

Nguyen Van Hai (sentenced on September 24, 2012 in Hanoi to 12 years with 5 additional years of house arrest for spreading anti-government propaganda on the internet; **UPDATE**: freed from prison and deported, will settle in the United States)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/vietnam-dissident-freed-allowed-to-travel-to-us/72225>



China: Wenzhou and Hangzhou, Zhejiang province

Zan Aizong (freelance journalist, **UPDATE**: said "Now that all the crosses on either side of the highways are gone, why are they still taking down the crosses? All these crosses belonged to Three-Self Patriotic Movement churches. Since they were registered, why do the authorities still want to take down their crosses?")

Pastor Zhang "Bike" Mingxuan (**UPDATE**: said "The authorities in Zhejiang have never stopped taking down the crosses. They have been obstructing the entry of Christian culture into China. This is religious persecution")

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/10/zhejiang-demolitions-cross-destruction.html>



India

Social justice minister Thavar Chand Gehlot said that the government should not aid Christian Dalits ['trampled upon', untouchables] because there are none

Rev Kumar Swamy (national coordinator, All Indian Christian Council; **UPDATE**: criticized the government's continued discrimination against Dalits who are Christian or Muslim "As a Dalit Christian leader, I have to state that the position of the minister is unfortunate. The constitution clearly states that citizens will not be discriminated on the basis of religion")

Rev Sunil Raj Philip (executive secretary of the Commission on Dalits, National Council of Churches, said "Whether Christians or Muslims do not have caste system is not the issue.

The fact is that caste identity till today is a dominant identity in India and results in all forms of discrimination...Nobody can escape the Indian caste system by converting to other religions. After the conversion, they do not live in vacuum but in a casteist society itself...[Minister Gehlot's statement] is meant to fool the citizens of India pretending that casteism does not affect these religions. The minister is trying to cover up the fact that casteism in India is a product of Hinduism and it has spread its web to the entire social matrix of India...The fact that the minister admits that if this reservation is granted to Dalit Christians and Muslims, Hindu Dalits will convert [to these faiths] is a telling point about forced allegiance to a religion. The State is actually involved in inducement through giving of reservations”)

Franklin Caesar (noted on May 12, 2014 that his court challenge to government discrimination against Dalit Christians has been delayed before the Supreme Court for 10 years by government evasions; **UPDATE**: said “On the political level, Hindu nationalists say all Indians are Hindus. But when it comes to the issue of equal rights to all Dalits, they divide them on the basis of religion...With the BJP in power, what is the point of protesting?”)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/article_3443328.html/



Argentina: Rio Tercero, Cordoba province

Pastor and parishioner shot at multiple times in an apparent murder attempt by organized criminals in revenge for their work with addicts and prostitutes, not injured, given police protection

Pastor Marcelo Nieva (aged 34, husband of Janet, father of Marta)

Daniel Carreno

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1795&search=>

Wednesday October 22, 2014



Turkmenistan: Seydi Labor Camp

UPDATE: Eight Christians released from prison in an amnesty

Aibek Salayev

Amirlan Tolkachev

Bahram Shamuradov

Dovran Matyakubov

Matkarim Aminov

Merdan Amanov

Pavel Paymov

Suhrab Rahmanberdiyev

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2009



Egypt: Wasti village, Beni Suef

Christine (minor, abducted, rescued by police)

Fr Philemon Attia (thanked police for their help in the rescue of Christine)

Egypt: Mt Sinai

Hieromonk Gregory (described the history of recent pressures and attacks on St Catherine Monastery)

Dr Iyhab Ramzy (attorney, described a recent attack on St Catherine Monastery in which two monks were held hostage and the jizya tax paid for their release)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1230&A=16204>

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/10/bedouins-attack-and-levy-a-tax-on-st-catherines-monastery-on-sinai/>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Stanislav Ovsyannikov (caught in a police raid)

Aleksandr Kyulminov (caught in a police raid)

Dmitry Grebenkin (caught in a police raid)

Dmitriy Khramov (caught in a police raid)

Madina Marajapova (caught in a police raid)

Ravshan Rahmanov (caught in a police raid)

Rustam Saksanbayev (caught in a police raid)

Sergey Shlufman (caught in a police raid)

Yuriy Aleksandrov (caught in a police raid)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2018

Thursday October 23, 2014



Egypt: Cairo

Magdy Tanius (**died** three months after receiving injuries from a terrorist bombing in Arish)

Egypt: Al-Shamiya village, Sahel Salim, Assiut province

Kyrillos Ebaid Ayoub (aged 12, abducted, US\$35,000 ransom demanded)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1232&A=16237>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57532>



Nigeria: Wagga village

Lazarus Baushe (elder, described the Boko Haram abduction of 40 young women and girls

“They left N1500 [US\$8} and some kola nuts in each home where they seized a woman, apparently as a bride price”)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/boko-haram-abductions-bomb-kill-ceasefire-hopes/>

Friday October 24, 2014



Vietnam: Dong Da district

Fr Nguyen Ngoc Nam Phong (said that the church needs the return of land the government seized due to an increasing number of people joining it)

Thai Ha’s Phong (said of the government's refusal to return the seized land “If they can’t destroy a religion from the inside, they attack it from the outside and repress the development of

the religion. This policy makes land disputes difficult to resolve. Their policy on religion never changes and when the policy will not be changed, nothing can be solved”)

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/catholics-10242014180322.html>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Durdona Abdullayeva (mother of Ulugbek Kenzhayev, home raided by police)

Ulugbek Kenzhayev (son of Durdona Abdullayeva, home raided by police)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2018



Iraq: Qaraqosh

Rachel (elderly woman, forced out of her nursing home by ISIL, taken to Mosul)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/02/article_3661725.html/



Egypt: Farshout

Safaa Gamil (aged 27, reported to have disappeared after attending a prayer service)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1232&A=16238>



Ukraine

Fr Piotr Rosochacki (Polish citizen, told by Russian authorities on September 9, 2014 in [Simferopol, Crimea](#) that his residency permit will not be renewed; **UPDATE:** has left the area, said "Although other priests and nuns have Ukrainian residence permits for Crimea valid into next year [2015], the Russian authorities have said they will regard them as valid only until the end of this year. This means all our priests and nuns will have to leave by the 2014 year end")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2012

Saturday October 25, 2014



India: Madota village, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state

Sajan K George (President of the Global Council of Indian Christians; **UPDATE:** condemned an attack by 40-50 members of the Bajrang Dai [a Hindu nationalist youth organization] in which 12 Christians were injured)

Arun Pannalal (president of Chhattisgarh Christian Forum; **UPDATE:** said “The attack happened without any provocation. Christians had gathered for the meeting, which never happened and instead they were attacked”)

Rev Bhupendra Kohra (**UPDATE:** described an attack on Christians that led to 12 hospitalizations, with 7 in serious condition “Some of the injured Christians were admitted in a hospital in Jagdalpur, and some local Christians have also been forced to go into hiding due to the constant threats they received from the right-wing groups”)

Rev John Daniel (said of the recent attack by Hindu nationalists that led to the hospitalization of at least 11 Christians and the arrest of 2 "I have been here for 40 years. Whenever Christians are attacked, this is the pattern. Before the Christian victims would reach the police station, the attackers would have filed a case against them with the police. That’s why innocent Christians have been arrested")

Narsu Madavi (beaten by Hindu radicals, suffered a severe head injury)

Mangal Mandavi (lost hearing when hit on the ear by a militant Hindu attacker, said "Today, for the sake of following Jesus, we are persecuted. We as Christian community are very strong, even after the attack on us. We will never turn back. Even if we have to die, we will never leave Jesus”)

India: Gumkaguda, Malkangiri, Odisha state

Irma Markami (beaten by Hindu nationalists along with his wife and three sons, threatened with death, hospitalized)

Pastor Vijay Purusu (witnessed the attack on Irma Markami and his family “In front of our eyes, they mercilessly beat up the Christians – kicking them, they pushed them down to the ground, stomped on them and beat them up with clubs and their hands”)

Narendra Gachha (said of the attack on Irma Markami and his family “The attack lasted for about one and a half hours, and by the time they were rushed to the hospital, the Christians were barely conscious”)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/christians-attacked-in-central-indias-chhattisgarh-state/72259>
<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/More-violence-in-Chhattisgarh:-40-Hindu-radicals-attack-a-Christian-community-32531.html>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/bans-on-christian-activity-in-chhattisgarh-state-india-escalate-into-violence/>
https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3458309.html/
<http://www.persecution.org/2015/01/29/religious-freedom-under-attack-for-christians-in-indias-chhattisgarh-state/>
<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/christians-in-india-beaten-nearly-unconscious-in-latest-of-several-attacks/>

Sunday October 26, 2014



China: Nanle county, Henan province

Pastor Zhang Shaojie (convicted on July 4, 2014 for fraud and disturbing public order, sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment and fined US\$16,113; **UPDATE:** family ordered to vacate his home, which will be sold at auction to pay his fine)

Wang Fengrui (wife of Pastor Zhang Shaojie, **UPDATE:** disabled, ordered to vacate her home along with her daughter and in-laws)

Zhang Wenqiang (aged 80, father of Pastor Zhang Shaojie, ordered to vacate his home along with his 78-year old wife, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter)

Zhang "Shanshan" Linxin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Shaojie and Wang Fengrui, **UPDATE:** ordered to vacate her home along with her husband, mother, and grandparents)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/10/henan-government-threatens-to-auction.html>



India: Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state

Sajan K George (**UPDATE:** described the forced conversion of 310 Christians to Hinduism, the third such case in two months)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Uttar-Pradesh:-310-Christians-reconverted-to-Hinduism-with-threats-32541.html>



Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Metropolitan Daoud Matti Sharaf (said "Winter is coming. We need shelter. Not tents, but houses and 'caravans' [winterized 'tents' with flooring]. We have no hope. Only God. We will not return to Mosul unless there is international protection...[People in the West] say they do not know. How can you not know? You either support ISIL or you have turned off all of the satellites. I am sorry to say this, but my pain is big. I am an archbishop and I have no churches. I am not afraid of anything. I have lost everything")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141026155800.htm>

Monday October 27, 2014



Uzbekistan: Taskkent

Christians fined on appeal for an illegal religious service

Nurman Shelmatov (fined US\$3,560)

Dilmurod Rakhmatullayev (fined US\$3,560)

Gulshad Ermanova (fined US\$2,670)

Lana Abushayeva (fined US\$890)

Zulaykho Rakhmatullayeva (fined US\$890)

Khadija Tilepova (fined US\$890)

Buaysha Muminova (fined US\$890)

Balkhiya Baytasheva (fined US\$890)

Shakhnoza Usmanova (fined US\$890)

Ibrahim Usmanov (fined US\$890)

Aliya Sek (fined US\$890)

Flora Li (fined US\$890)

Snezhana Li (fined US\$890)

Zaniya Kisenbayeva (fined US\$890)

Kaldigul Kulshinbayeva (fined US\$890)

Khidoyat Chinibekova (fined US\$223)

Albina Umarova (fined US\$223)

Gulbahor Shelmatova (fined US\$223)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2018



Iraq: Tel Isqof

Athra Mansour (Syriac language teacher, said his town was empty)

Iraq: Alqosh

Basima al-Safar (muralist, said "I will paint the Christians as homeless people, emigrating with bags. I will paint the truth")

Thaer Saeed (grandfather, said "No one is working here. I drive a taxi from Baghdad to Alqosh and I can't work because it's too dangerous and there are no customers")

Deacon Salim Qoda

Deacon Wadhah Sabih (said "we are living cautiously; every family is ready to flee")

Mrayma Mansour (disc jockey, wanted international protection against ISIL, said "If this doesn't happen I will get my passport, family and try to go to another country because it won't be safe")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141027171746.htm>



Jordan

Maythim Najib (aged 37, abducted and stabbed 12 times in Mosul, Iraq, now a refugee, said of ISIL "diversity is dead or at least dying")

Radwan Shamra (aged 35, saw two friends shot dead in Mosul, Iraq, now a refugee)

Saif Jebrita (photographer, fled Mosul in Iraq after told by ISIL fighters that photography was un-Islamic, said "We are very much part of the Arab culture, we are citizens of Iraq. What do we go back to? There is no home, and if this continues, there will be no country")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141027031852.htm>



United Kingdom

Aisleen Hubert (aged 21, has brought a private prosecution against 3 doctors implicated in illegal gender-selection abortions after Crown prosecutors refused to prosecute)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/abortion/private-prosecution-of-gender-selection-abortion-doctors>

Tuesday October 28, 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, Sunday worship service on [June 8, 2014](#) broken up; given a written warning to leave the county on [June 29, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: has left the province)

China: Nanyang, Henan province

Pastor Zhu (questioned by DSPS agents concerning church activities and finances, warned to join the Three-Self Patriotic church, threatened with church demolition if he had anything to do with 'that Pastor Zhang' [Zhang "Bike" Mingxuan])

China: Bozhou, Anhui province

Guo Dejin (house church threatened by the local government, which sent personnel to remove their crosses)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/10/yunnan-missionary-driven-out-of-town.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/henan-house-church-ordered-to-turn-over.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/anhui-house-church-harassed-by-local.html>



India: Kamseth village, Nasik district, Maharashtra state

Four Christians beaten by Hindu extremists after an attempt to extort money for the Diwali festival, fled for safety, homes invaded and looted, arrested for 'rioting' when they came out of hiding and were again attacked

Govind Janu Galat (aged 70, beaten, home looted)

Gulab Govind Galat (beaten)

Dilip Laxu Galat (severely beaten)

Sakaram Govind Galat (beaten)

Prem Barnabas (church leader, described the attack on the four Christians)

India: Appampally village, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana state

Vadde Janardhan (aged 50, convert, farmer, assaulted with a large rock by the local RSS paramilitary leader)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/christians-beaten-jailed-in-hindu-extremist-attack-in-maharashtra-india/>

<http://www.persecution.org/2015/03/06/icc-investigated-one-of-indias-toughest-districts-for-christians/>



Kazakhstan: Konstantinovka, Taiynsha district, North Kazakhstan region

Roman Dimmel (aged 53, arrested for distributing religious literature)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2176



Ethiopia: Gulema Iyesus

Three Protestants were convicted and sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment arson attack on an Orthodox church

Belete Tilahun

Dawit Jemberu

Tibebu Mekuria (husband, kiosk owner)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/01/4898876/>



Jordan: Amman

Taif Hanna (son of Maan George Hanna, engineer, Iraqi refugee, said "No, we will never go back. ISIL tried to kill us")

Maan George Hanna (aged 52, father of Taif Hanna, Iraqi refugee)

Maitham Najib (aged 36, husband of Najib, father of three, mechanic, Iraqi refugee, abducted in 2005 and stabbed multiple times, released after eight days)

Fr Rifat Bader (**UPDATE:** said of the refugees "They are suffering because they are Christians. Faith is the main treasure that we have. When you see that these people, these families, found a way to escape without money, without gold, without their passport even, this means that the faith is more important than money, than gold, than everything. Really

they are teachers. They are normal people, very kind people, people full of pride because they kept their faith. They could become [Muslims], in one moment, but they refused...They wanted to stay firm in their faith. It is very important, and it is a great lesson for all of us")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20150107160938.htm>



Congo, Democratic Republic: Abbey

Fr Jean-Berchomans Nguna (reported to have been missing for three weeks)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36638->

[AFRICA CONGO DR A Congolese priest has disappeared for three weeks in Ituri#.VFBfo8Lwsfg](#)



Nigeria

Peters Joshua (described the aftermath of a Boko Haram attack "Thousands of people have deserted Mubi and neighboring towns as people scatter into various directions, with some heading towards Cameroon Republic as others headed for Yola and Maiha towns. Many ran into the bush")

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/scores-die-as-boko-haram-seizes-barracks-prison/>



United Kingdom: London

Nohad Halawi (dismissed from her position in a duty free shop at Heathrow Airport due to unfounded allegations brought by Islamist staff in retaliation for her defense of a Christian colleague from their harassment, 22 colleagues [including Muslims] signed a petition in her defense; **UPDATE:** the Court of Appeals ruled that she had no discrimination protection under the law because she was a contract employee, said that she will appeal on the basis that European Union law differs in this matter)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/court-of-appeal-says-christian-worker-has-no-discrimination-protectio>



Sierra Leone: Freetown

Br Themis Adams (Australian citizen, former rock musician; **UPDATE**: reported on the continuing Ebola epidemic surrounding his mission)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/10/some-mornings-when-i-wake-up-with-a-sniffle-or-a-symptom-of-any-type-i-think-to-myself-this-is-it-i-have-ebola-fr-themis-adams/>

Wednesday October 29, 2014



India: Ahmedabad, Gujarat state

Fr Cedric Prakash SJ (**UPDATE**: criticized the decision of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh [RSS] paramilitary organization to expand its news agency to the Telugu, Urdu and Oriya languages "...its ideology is not only fundamentalist but it is also fascist...Narendra Modi, the current prime minister of India, was schooled in its ideology. His government has also replaced governors and chief ministers with figures who toe the RSS line...India indeed faces hard times ahead...for the secular and pluralistic fabric of India, which, given the ideology of the RSS, is bound to be destroyed")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-Indian-Jesuit,-radical-Hindu-news-service-is-a-tragedy-for-democracy-32559.html>



Iraq

Fr Andrzej Halemba (head of the Middle East department of Aid to the Church in Need, said "Without question, we are talking about genocide here. Genocide is not only when the people are killed, but also when the soul of a people is destroyed. And that is what is happening in Iraq now. It is the most tragic thing that I have ever experienced. I have seen people who have been deeply wounded in their soul. In the various crises in this world I have often seen people who have lost everything. But in Iraq there are Christians who have had to leave everything and take flight three or four times...They are all very traumatised. Normally in such situations it is the women who pull everything together.

But in Kurdistan I have seen women who have looked into nothingness and have closed up on themselves. The tears in their eyes are dry")

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1414546563.html>



Nigeria: Maiduguri

Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme (**UPDATE:** said "The last one month has seen the intensification and aggressive devastation of the Boko Haram activities...Many of our people are being forced out of their ancestral homes, villages and towns. Right now, thousands are living in caves on the mountains, some in the forest, the few who were able to escape are being absorbed by friends and relatives in Maiduguri, Mubi and Yola. Thousands have managed to escape into the Cameroons and are living under very difficult conditions of lack of food, shelter and medication...Women who could not escape were forced to convert to Islam and married out to the terrorists, some of the elderly who cannot escape are being killed, some are left to die from hunger and starvation...we will ever remain grateful and thankful to all of you for your prayers, support and closeness in this moment of great trials and tribulations...We are committed to witness to the Gospel and pay the price when the time comes")

Nigeria: Mubi, Adamawa state

Gift Ugo (Polytechnic student, fled into the bush to escape Boko Haram, said "Actually, the incident happened on Wednesday morning although we never knew it would be that serious as the jets were dropping bombs...About 150 students ran to Cameroon border and were accommodated by the Cameroonian soldiers but we decided to stay back in the hostel to see how safe it would be until they called us that an HND 1 Accounting student had been killed")

Queen Samuel (said "we have been running, we have lost almost everything. We trekked all the way from Mubi to Hong and got a cab that took us here [Yola]. The situation in Mubi was very, very terrible. Immediately we left, we learned that the insurgents had burnt our hostel")

Debora Fandum (escaped from Boko Haram)

Samuel Kasinda (escaped from Boko Haram)

Abigail John (aged 15, secondary school senior, daughter of Rebecca John, sister of Lucky John, abducted by Boko Haram)

Rebecca John (mother of Abigail and Lucky John, was not present when Boko Haram attacked her home)

Lucky John (son of Rebecca John, brother of Abigail John, disappeared after the Boko Haram attack on his home)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/life-is-cheaper-than-salt-a-nigerian-bishop-facing-boko-haram-62944/>

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/11/mubi-boko-haram-still-control-3000-relocate/>
<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2015/01/teenager-recounts-seven-week-ordeal-boko-haram-den/>



Mexico: Chilapa, Guerrero state

Fr John Ssenyondo MCCJ (Ugandan citizen, disappeared on [April 30, 2014](#) after celebrating a wedding in [Santa Cruz, Chilapa, Guerrero state](#); **UPDATE: body found in a mass grave**)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/36767-AMERICA_MEXICO_A_Comboni_missionary_found_dead_in_a_mass_grave_among_other_bodies#.VGg598Lwsfg



United States – Texas: Amarillo

Jacob Herrera (eighth grade student, slammed to the ground by police for wearing rosary beads given him by his deceased brother, arrested and held overnight, had permission from the school principal to bring them to school)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/texas-8th-grader-arrested-repeatedly-slammed-to-the-ground-by-police-after-refusing-to-remove-rosary-beads-at-football-game-130866/>

Thursday October 30, 2014



Iraq: Tel Keppe

Ayad (reported that ISIL has been planting explosives in the abandoned homes of Christians to kill them if they should return)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/isis-militants-plant-bombs-inside-villagers-homes-to-explode-when-they-return-says-iraqi-christian-whose-town-was-captured-128879/>



Nigeria: Uba

Joshua Chinasa (fled his village during an attack “We are in serious trouble as these boys have taken over our towns, splitting in groups with some Boko Haram members advancing towards Mararraban Mubi and Vintim, the home town of Chief of Defence Staff, Air Marshal Alex Badeh, giving Nigerian troops a hot chase. Mubi has now become a ghost of itself as people in their hundreds are fleeing for their lives. Even here in Maiha, we saw military vehicles zooming off towards Yola, the state capital”)

Nigeria: Mubi, Adamawa state

Abigail John (aged 15, secondary school senior, daughter of Rebecca John, sister of Lucky John, abducted by Boko Haram on [October 29, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: arm broken in an Air Force bombing on [October 30, 2014](#) in which five abducted women and a child were killed)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/10/residents-flee-mubi-insurgents-take/#sthash.usbxC7pQ.dpuf>

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2015/01/teenager-recounts-seven-week-ordeal-boko-haram-den/>



United States - North Carolina

Legalization of same sex marriage and denial of any conscientious objection has led to several resignations of judges and magistrates

John Kallam Jr

Gilbert Breedlove

Bill Stevenson

Tommy Holland

Gayle Myrick

Jeff Powell

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/four-more-north-carolina-judges-resign-over-refusal-to-conduct-same-sex-weddings-128890/>

Friday October 31, 2014



India: Tokapal area, Bastar District, Chhattisgarh state

Laxman (beaten unconscious by his three brothers on [October 20, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: still hospitalized)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/bans-on-christian-activity-in-chhattisgarh-state-india-escalate-into-violence/>



Egypt: Minya

Shadia Alham (widow, farmland seized by 'fanatics', police have refused to enforce a court order for its return)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1237&A=16327>



Nigeria: Mubi, Adamawa state

Abigail John (aged 15, secondary school senior, daughter of Rebecca John, sister of Lucky John, abducted by Boko Haram on [October 29, 2014](#), arm broken in an Air Force bombing on [October 30, 2014](#) in which five abducted women and a child were killed, **UPDATE**: forcibly converted to Islam)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2015/01/teenager-recounts-seven-week-ordeal-boko-haram-den/>



Sierra Leone: Makeni

Fr Anthony Patrick S Santianez CFX (missionary, Philippine citizen, intends to stay in the country despite the Philippine government's request that all its citizens leave Ebola affected areas)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Filipino-priest-says-he-will-remain-in-Sierra-Leone-and-risk-Ebola-for-his-faithful-32575.html>

October 2014, date unknown



Syria

Kayla Mueller (aged 26, U.S. citizen, humanitarian aid worker, abducted from an [Aleppo](#) hospital by ISIL in [August 2013](#), confirmed on [February 10, 2015](#) to have been killed while in ISIL captivity; **UPDATE**: had refused to join two Yazidi girls in an escape attempt because she thought that her appearance would put the two girls at greater risk of recapture, had been sexually assaulted by ISIL leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/isis-leader-repeatedly-raped-us-hostage-kayla-mueller-who-refused-to-escape-to-save-yazidi-girls-142859/>



Libya: Zuwara

Charles (Nigerian citizen, abducted when caught with a Bible, tortured for two days, escaped out a window)

<https://barnabasfund.org/news/Christian-migrants-and-refugees-in-Libya-at-serious-risk-says-Amnesty-Inte>



Nigeria: Shaffa, Hawul Local Government Area, Borno state

Pastor Eluid Gwamna Mshelizza (**killed** by Boko Haram two weeks before [October 19, 2014](#))

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/10/24-hours-ceasefire-boko-haram-kills-18-borno/>