

Today's Martyrs – November 2014

Saturday November 1, 2014



India: Kamseth village, Nasik district, Maharashtra state

Four Christians beaten by Hindu extremists on [October 28, 2014](#) 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, **UPDATE: homes attacked again four days later**

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)

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

Sunday November 2, 2014



Nigeria: Madagali

Cecilia Sumaila (abducted by Boko Haram, threatened with death for refusing to convert, released)

Nigeria: Gulak

Martina Ibrahim (abducted by Boko Haram along with three other women, escaped, whereabouts of husband and children unknown)

Kiviana John (widow, fled into the bush to escape Boko Haram, captured along with her sister by Boko Haram when looking for food for their children, refused to renounce Christianity, escaped by hiding in a tomb)

Nigeria: Bazza

Elizabeth Chutsi (captured by Boko Haram, escaped)

Nigeria: Michika

Mary (abducted by Boko Haram, released after she said her husband was hospitalized and her children needed her)

Barnabas Paul Mbiya (fled to a mountain to escape Boko Haram, after three days escaped to the state capital)

Naomi Zira (captured by Boko Haram, daughter fled in the bush, refused to convert to Islam, escaped into the bush and rejoined her family)

Nigeria

Regina Bitrus (attacked by a Boko Haram insurgent while bathing her child, pushed the attacker down and escaped, fled the village)

Nigeria: Sabon Gari

Beatice Elisha (civil servant, said "They [Boko Haram] were burning houses and many people have died. There was gunfire all over the place")

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/11/boko-haram-survivors-outwitted-insurgents-escape/>
<http://www.bosnewslife.com/33979-news-alert-christians-slaughtered-in-northeast-nigeria>

Monday November 3, 2014



North Korea

Kenneth Bae (U.S. citizen, has begun his third year in captivity)

<http://eugenecho.com/2014/11/03/two-years-730-days-and-counting-its-time-to-release-kenneth-bae-bringbaeback/>



United Kingdom

Antonia Tully (criticized the government's threat to downgrade or close faith-based schools that do not promote homosexual rights to their students, said "The prospect that schools will have to champion homosexuality or risk being downgraded by Ofsted [the Office for Standards in Education] strips all parents of their right to educate their own children about sexual morality")

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/uk-gvmt-tells-faith-based-schools-they-must-promote-gay-rights>

Tuesday November 4, 2014



India: Kotla, Madhya Pradesh state

Rev Rana (meeting with seven parishioners interrupted by members of the Bajrang Dai, the youth branch of the RSS paramilitary organization, all were stripped naked, beaten, whipped and arrested)

Vijay Raj (attended a prayer meeting with Rev Rana and six parishioners that was interrupted by members of the Bajrang Dai, the youth branch of the RSS paramilitary organization, all were stripped naked, beaten, whipped and arrested)

Mr Sam (attended a prayer meeting with Rev Rana and six parishioners that was interrupted by members of the Bajrang Dai, the youth branch of the RSS paramilitary organization, all were stripped naked, beaten, whipped and arrested)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh:-Hindu-radicals-beat-eight-Christians,-have-them-arrested-32636.html>

<http://persecutedchurch.info/2014/11/08/mp-radical-hindus-attack-christians/>



Pakistan: Kot Radha Kishan, Kasur, Punjab province

Christian husband and wife accused of Quran desecration, attacked by a mob summoned with mosque loudspeakers, stripped naked, legs broken, tied to a tractor and dragged to a brick kiln and burnt alive, police were called but did nothing, nearly a dozen local Christian families fled the area, their remains were recovered from the brick kiln but were quickly buried rather than turned over to their family

Shahzad Masih (aged 28, husband of Shama Bibi, father of four aged 18 months to 7 years, **burnt alive**)

Shama Bibi (aged 25, wife of Shahzad Masih, expectant mother, mother of four aged 18 months to 7 years, **burnt alive**)

Parveen Bibi (sister-in-law of Shahzad Masih)

Yasmeen Bibi (sister of Shama Bibi, described the attack on her sister and brother-in-law "They beat them with wooden clubs on their heads, and hatchets, before they were both tied to a

tractor and pulled out onto a road which was under construction, covered with crushed stones. I think they were unconscious, but still breathing, but the mob was still not willing to leave them alone. They took some petrol from a tractor and doused their bodies and threw them in the kiln. Then I lost hope and fled with my children from there...Some men asked them [the police who were present] to fire into the air to quell the protestors, because the mob had no weapons to fire back...Shama and her husband might have survived if the police had taken timely action")

Mukhar Masih (father of Shama Bibi, said "and I know tactics the government uses to oppress us...Last night when I left the village, it had been decided that the funeral would be held the next day. But instead it was hastily done at midnight, as if our children were thieves...My daughter Yasmeeen is the eyewitness of the entire incident, but she is not included in the FIR [police report], so how can I know the state is committed to providing us justice?")

Poonam (aged 1, youngest daughter of Shama Bibi, pulled from her mother's arms and thrown on the floor when he mother was seized by the mob, orphaned after her parents were burned alive)

Salman (aged 5, son of Shahzad Masih and Shama Bibi, orphaned after his parents were burned alive)

Sonia (aged 3, daughter of Shahzad Masih and Shama Bibi, orphaned after her parents were burned alive)

Bishop Irfan Jamil (said that the perpetrators must be prosecuted)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5024>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5025>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5023>

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/Article_3462820.html/

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5033>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/help-children-of-shahzad-and-shamma/>



United Kingdom

Bryan Barkley (aged 71, dismissed from his 20 year volunteer position at the Red Cross for publicly opposing same-sex marriage)

United Kingdom: HMP Littlehey, Cambridgeshire

Rev Barry Trayhorn (prison gardener, volunteer prison chaplain, resigned from his gardening position after being harassed following a May 2014 homily, said "I simply said what the Bible says. Prisoners need to hear God's word just as much as anyone else. If people come to a Christian chapel service, we cannot hold back the gospel truth that God forgives those who repent. As I led the worship, I spoke about the wonder of God's love and the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ to those who recognize their sin and

repent. I said that I am the worst sinner I know. But that wasn't politically correct. The mere mention of homosexual behavior in the Bible verses that I quoted provoked complaint. I was barred from taking part in chapel services and trouble came my way. I was put under enormous pressure for daring to say what the Bible says")

Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chief Executive of Christian Concerns; **UPDATE:** said on November 2, 2015 "It is astonishing that Barry was forced out of a sex offenders' prison for repeating what the Bible says about sexual behavior – during a chapel service – as he spoke about repentance and forgiveness. This is an important case. Freedom to maintain a clear gospel witness in prisons needs to be protected")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/freedom-of-speech/red-cross-dismisses-volunteer-for-views-on-same-sex-marriage>

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/freedom-of-speech/christian-prison-worker-forced-to-resign-after-quoting-bible-in-chape>

Wednesday November 5, 2014



China: Nanle county, Henan province

Zhang "Shanshan" Linxin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Shaojie and Wang Fengrui; **UPDATE:** abducted by local police while attempting to buy groceries, detained in a 'black' jail along with Fan Ruizhen and her aunt Zhang Cuijuan, detention is believed to be an attempt to prevent her from distributing literature about her father's conviction at the current Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation [APEC] meeting)

Zhang "Yunyun" aka "Esther" Huixin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Shaojie and Wang Fengrui, said "My family is very concerned for my sister, Shanshan, as well as my aunt and Fan Ruizhen")

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/nanle-county-government-detains-pastors.html>



Bangladesh: Konabari

Christian school attacked by 200 Islamists from two madrasas [Islamic schools] due to rumors of forced conversions, students uninjured, 17 arrested including 3 madrasa teachers

John Prokash Sarker (teacher, escaped from six madrasa students armed with knives and machetes)

Sumitra Kunda (aged 25, teacher, suffered a serious head injury)

Michael Robin Mondol (principal, hidden by the school staff from the Islamists who named him as a target, said "A wave of panic swept through the school and traumatized everyone. Many students became sick in the following days")

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3500298.html/

Thursday November 6, 2014



Iraq: Ankawa. Erbil, Kurdistan

Sr Habiba (has been aiding 1,500 displaced Christians, described the October 20, 2014 flooding of the refugee camp "The tents quickly filled with water and collapsed. They were engulfed in mud. Some people had to be taken to the hospital. This happened at 3 a.m.")

Sr Ban (has been aiding 1,500 displaced Christians, said "What is this Islamic State [ISIL] that is frightening the world? More should be done to remove these militants who have caused great human suffering to our people")

Fr Bashar (has been aiding 1,500 displaced Christians, said his bishop has obtained 60 trailers for people to live in)

Faten (former teacher, refugee, described life in a school with no heat)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141106174018.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141106152731.htm>



Jordan: Amman

Pastor Jody Miller (U.S. citizen, detained without charge by GID agents)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3476855.html/



Sudan: Kadir, Nubia

Neima Abiad Idris (aged 49, known as the 'Peace Singer' for her Christian songs on forgiveness, wife, mother of six, **killed in an air force bombing raid**)

http://www.persecution.com/public/newsroom.aspx?story_ID=%3d373339&featuredstory_ID=%3d343739



Egypt: Shubra

Marina Adly Abdul Malek (daughter of Mariam Saber, refused medical treatment by a Muslim doctor)

Mariam Saber (mother of Marina Adly Abdul Malek)

Egypt: Tora prison

Bishoy Armiya aka Mohammed Hegazy (aged 31 in 2014, Egypt's 'most famous' convert, arrested again on July 21, 2014 on 2009 charges of "defaming Islam", charges were filed after he attempted to have his religious affiliation changed on his government ID card; **UPDATE**: his attorney said "Bishoy told me when I visited him a week ago in Tora prison that he was beaten and tortured by some police officers who insulted his religion")

Egypt: Port Said

Fr Timothy Shaker (reported on two homemade bombs planted near his church, no injuries or damage)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57795>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57798>

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1241&A=16390>

Friday November 7, 2014



Iran

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 in 2013, convert, US citizen, husband of Naghmeh Shariat Panahi Abedini, father of Rebekka and Jacob, convicted on **January 27, 2013** of undermining the government by spreading Christianity and sentenced to eight years in prison; **UPDATE**: mother has fled the country due to threats and intimidations)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9380:saeed-abedinis-mother-flees-to-the-us-following-threats-intimidation-in-iran&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Iraq: Erbil, Kurdistan

Soham Yakoub (refugee, said "Every moment is suffering. We can't sleep. It rained yesterday. The sound was like stones on the tent. My child said to me this morning he wants to go home. He told me we'll go back today. I asked him, 'how, did you dream this?' He stared at me, silently. I don't know, maybe he dreamt he went back to our house")

Asrar Walid (refugee, said "Life is very bad here when it rains. We've suffered a lot. There is no machine for washing. We don't have anything. We don't have money. We ask for help to leave Iraq. Everyone just sits watching us from a distance without going to much trouble to find out how bad things are for us. Water leaks into the tents. They won't protect us in winter")

Fadia Salem (refugee, said "We left our homes around Qaraqush. No one is there now, everyone left. If there'd been international protection for us, we wouldn't have left our homes, wouldn't have to live in these tents. But is there any international protection?")

Fr Douglas Bazi (**UPDATE**: said "When our history and our name and everything are obliterated, that really is a genocide. The groups who have suffered the most from what's happened in Mosul are our brothers the Yazidis and the Christians. I am not surprised if ISIL kills people of that religion. What a way to treat them, and those who have no religion!")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141107160305.htm>



Israel: East Jerusalem

Pastor Karen Dunham (**UPDATE**: complained of municipal harassment of her church after she was ordered to remove a painted cross from a stone arch "I was told to remove graffiti because it was lowering the value of surrounding buildings, and I thought, 'You've gotta be kidding. My neighbor is building a third story [on an illegally constructed building], there's an illegal house sitting on my property, my fence is missing and he's giving me a ticket for a cross on my door?")

Danny Povolotski (spoke of a double standard in the persecution of Christians "If it was Jews, there would be choppers there and tanks. I really believe most of the indifference of the police is because she's not a Jew, she's a Christian...It's almost like everyone is deaf. The level of brute force compared to the level of lack of response of the police force there is pretty shocking. To me it's pretty shocking how it looks like a massive corruption thing going on there.")

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



Belarus: Minsk

Sergei Lukanin (attorney, **UPDATE**: detained on [November 7, 2014](#) for reading the Bible aloud in a public park)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2132

Saturday November 8, 2014



North Korea

Kenneth Bae (**UPDATE**: freed from captivity, has left the country)

Jonathan Bae (son of Kenneth Bae)

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/release-11082014140520.html>



Jordan: Amman

Pastor Jody Miller (U.S. citizen, detained without charge on [November 6, 2014](#) by GID agents, **UPDATE**: deported from the country at his own expense, his wife remains in the country, Assistant Pastor Maged also to be deported)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3476855.html/



Syria: Tel Tamr, al-Hasaka

Elias (university teacher, said "The situation in Tel Tamr is worrisome. It is not easy to live next to roads leading to a group that sees you as an infidel and wants to kill you. Despite this, we remained, because the land is ours")

Charbel Moussa (said "The war taught us that only weapons could protect us. We carry them today to defend our families and children from harm and protect our land and property from the threat of takfiris")

Umm Odisho (elderly woman, prays for her country in church each day)

Babel Sarkis (literature student, said "I am used to the simple life, which is more beautiful than anywhere outside Syria. I only miss my friends. I talk to them every day [on the Internet]. No one is happy outside Syria. Most of them want to come back despite the luxury and enticement of the west")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141108164045.htm>

Sunday November 9, 2014



China: Liuzhou

UPDATE: Prosecutors have filed a court case against four Christians for 'illegal business operations' related to their church-based kindergarten

Cheng Jie (kindergarten director)

Mo Xiliu (teacher)

Huang Quirui (church elder)

Li Jiatao (wife of a church missionary)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/guangxi-authorities-submit-case-of.html>



Bangladesh: Nabinagar village, Lalmonirhat district

Pastor Arif Mondol (detained with a second pastor for preaching the Gospel to 41 people, including Muslims, could face two years' imprisonment if convicted of offending religious sentiments)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/two-pastors-in-bangladesh-face-charges-for-proclaiming-christ-to-muslims/>



India: Karnal district, Haryana state

Pastor Bajinder (attacked and beaten by a mob of Hindus during a service, arrested, released 5 days later)

<https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/indian-pastors-call-for-prayers-to-exonerate-them-from-false-blasphemy-charge>



Azerbaijan: Zakatala

Two sisters arrested for distributing religious literature on a street

Matanat Qurbanova

Saadat Muradhasilova

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2086



Jordan: Amman

Assistant Pastor Maged (Egyptian citizen, passport seized by GID agents)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3476855.html/



South Sudan: Aweil

Pastor Adam Haron (aged 37, convert from Islam, threatened with death by Muslim extremists for his evangelism)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/03/pastor-in-south-sudan-jailed-lashed-after-radical-muslims-threaten-him/>

Monday November 10, 2014



Indonesia: Bandung, West Java province

Fr Saptono (forced to stop Mass by a mob of Islamists from the Islamic Defenders Front [FPI] and the Formasi [Forum of Indonesian Islamic community] who threatened arson, told parishioners to remove sacramentals from the church to prevent their destruction should the building be attacked, the mob left after he promised to stop saying Mass in the building)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/West-Java:-Islamic-extremists-stop-Catholics-celebrating-Mass-32684.html>



China: Guiyang, Guizhou province

A house church has been banned from using their new worship center

Li Guozhi (church leader)

Su Tianfu (church leader)

China: Beijing

Ni Yulan (aged 54 in 2013, civil rights attorney, unable to walk without crutches due to police torture, disbarred, released from prison on October 5, 2013, had been forced to crawl on the floor to make her way around the prison; **UPDATE:** placed under house arrest during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation [APEC] meetings, husband Dong Jiqin beaten in their home by police, hospitalized)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/guizhou-officials-ban-house-churchs.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/12/beijing-rights-defender-husband-under.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Qaisar Ayub (brother of Amoon Ayub, husband of Amina, father of three, arrested on blasphemy charges, 14-year old son developing psychological problems)

Amina (wife of Qaisar Ayub)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5483>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Stanislav Ovsyannikov (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,120)

Aleksandr Kyulminov (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Dmitry Grebenkin (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Dmitriy Khramov (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Madina Marajapova (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Ravshan Rahmanov (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Rustam Saksanbayev (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Sergey Shlufman (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

Yuriy Aleksandrov (caught in a police raid on [October 22, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$890)

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



South Sudan: Aweil

Pastor Adam Haron (aged 37, convert from Islam, threatened with death by Muslim extremists for his evangelism on [November 9, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: a Land Cruiser without a license plate attempted to run him over)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/03/pastor-in-south-sudan-jailed-lashed-after-radical-muslims-threaten-him/>



Tanzania: Zanzibar

Pastor Yahana Madai (church service disrupted by a 9 year old Muslim girl)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2017/04/muslims-zanzibar-tanzania-jail-pastor-child-abuse-allegation-scheme-group-says/>



Egypt: Kom Gharieb village, Suhag

Amgad Fakhry (abducted, ransom of nearly US\$70,000 demanded)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1243&A=16425>

Tuesday November 11, 2014



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Durdona Abdullayeva (mother of Ulugbek Kenzhayev, home raided by police on [October 24, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,330 for illegal possession of religious materials)

Ulugbek Kenzhayev (son of Durdona Abdullayeva, home raided by police on [October 24, 2014](#), **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,330 for illegal possession of religious materials)

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



Iran: Adel-Abad prison

Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh (convert, husband of Fariba Nazemian, arrested during a home church meeting in Shiraz, Fars province on February 8 2012; sentenced to a total of four years and two months in prison on June 16, 2013; **UPDATE**: conditionally released from prison)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9399:iranian-court-grants-christian-prisoner-conditional-release-from-adel-abad-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt

Dr Naguib Gibrael (lawyer for the Coptic Church, head of the Egyptian Federation for Human Rights, **UPDATE**: denounced the Salafis political parties as hypocritical and fanatical because they enticed Copts with promises of inclusion and then called for an Islamic Revolution on November 28, 2014)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1244&A=16446>



Tanzania: Zanzibar

Pastor Yahana Madai (church service disrupted by a 9 year old Muslim girl on [November 10, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: arrested after the girl's father alleged that he had touched her breast and removed her veil when he stopped her disruptions the previous night, released the next day, case closed a few days later due to lack of evidence)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2017/04/muslims-zanzibar-tanzania-jail-pastor-child-abuse-allegation-scheme-group-says/>



Libya: Benghazi

Paula Samir Naguib (son of Samir Naguib, **killed** by Islamists while driving a microbus)

Samir Naguib (father of Paula Samir Naguib)

Khidr Adli (cousin of Paula Samir Naguib, reported on his cousin's murder)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57930>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57900>



Nigeria: Potiskum, Yobe state

Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama (**UPDATE**: said "It is time for our politicians to put aside the election campaign and unite to fight Boko Haram" after a teenage suicide bomber attacked a public high school, killing at least 47 students and 3 teachers and injuring at least 98, added "Unfortunately I am not surprised to hear that such attacks continue, because the strategy adopted to combat Boko Haram does not appear believable. It is particularly disturbing to see how much Boko Haram continues to advance in Borno and Adamawa States, despite the significant deployment of military forces and security in those areas")

Fr James John (said people "have lost all confidence in the government and security forces...Nigerians, Christians and Muslims alike, have been left alone and defenseless")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36724->

[AFRICA NIGERIA Archbishop Kaigama Politicians must abandon the electoral struggle and unite to fight Boko Haram#.VGGG-MLwsfg](#)

<http://www.misna.org/en/other/bomb-blast-at-secondary-school-we-are-defenceless-10-11-2014-813.html>

<http://www.osundefender.org/?p=194025>

Wednesday November 12, 2014



Vietnam: Ben Cat, Binh Duong province

A church issued a report on continuing persecution by police “They send gangs and thugs, strangers, masked people, and police of various units to harass and arrest us during the day and the night, when we worship, when we pray, when we have Bible study, when we have children’s classes, when we eat together, when we have school ceremonies. They use bricks and stones to damage our building, and they pelt us with rotten eggs...They employ police of the 113 unit, rapid response police, security police in plain clothes, gangs and thugs, all taking turns to harass and threaten us. Thirty-four people have been injured, some to the point they had to be taken to hospital emergency. Pastor Quang was attacked in the church sanctuary in June by a gang with police and officials looking on, not lifting a finger to intervene”

Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang (**UPDATE**: arrested along with his son, another pastor, and six other parishioners by police accompanied by provocatively dressed prostitutes, church ransacked, signed the persecution report after their release)

Hung (report signatory)

Hong (report signatory)

Thach (report signatory)

Du (report signatory)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/five-months-of-attacks-on-mennonite-church-in-vietnam-prompt-sos/>



Pakistan: Lahore

Fr Andrew Nisari (**UPDATE**: reported that the ownership of St Francis High School has been returned to the church)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36746->

[ASIA PAKISTAN The state has given the St Francis school back to the Church#. VGSmMLwsfg](#)



Kazakhstan: Astana

Marat Babulov (cited for sharing his faith on a street on [August 2, 2014](#), fined on [October 13, 2014](#), fine upheld on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2026



Iran: Evin Prison, Tehran

Maryam Naghash-Zargaran aka Nasim (aged 35, began serving four years imprisonment on [July 15, 2013](#), apparently has had a heart attack in Evin prison in Tehran, transferred to Modares hospital on [September 29, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: subjected to an extremely invasive and public strip search upon returning to prison after a four day furlough, health has been precarious)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9469:female-christian-prisoner-strip-searched-upon-her-return-to-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Ethiopia: Oromiya Federal Court

Three Christian converts arrested in [August 2014](#) in [Shashemene](#) on fabricated charges of cultivation and possession of illegal substances, all had previously been threatened by Muslim relatives that only their reversion to Islam would prevent the charges

Obsa Ogeto (aged 32, convert, arrested, **UPDATE**: trial date set)

Soka Araro (aged 31, convert, arrested, released on bail, **UPDATE**: trial date set)

Peter (convert, arrested, released)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/11/17/false-case-against-christian-converts-heard-in-federal-court/>



Egypt

Bishoy Armiya aka Mohammed Hegazy (aged 31 in 2014, Egypt's 'most famous' convert, arrested again on July 21, 2014 on 2009 charges of "defaming Islam", charges were filed after he attempted to have his religious affiliation changed on his government ID card; **UPDATE:** appeal on his conviction and sentence of five years' imprisonment will be denied if he does not appear in court on November 18, 2014, prison authorities have not agreed to allow him to attend the hearing)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/3473245/>



Ukraine: Donetsk

Pastor Vladimir Franchuk (forced out of his church along with his parishioners, threatened with death if they returned)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue25716.html>

Thursday November 13, 2014



Syria: Qamishli

Fr Saliba (has lost half his parish due to emigration)

Fr Gabriel (church destroyed on July 29, 2012, said of an insurgent group "Nusra totally destroyed our church there and all our houses. We thought we would be able to return in about 15 days...")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141113031842.htm>



Jordan: Amman

Assistant Pastor Maged (Egyptian citizen, passport seized by GID agents on [November 9, 2014](#), **UPDATE:** detained without charge, reportedly will also be deported as was Pastor Jody Miller)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3476855.html/



South Sudan: Aweil

Pastor Adam Haron (aged 37, convert from Islam, threatened with death by Muslim extremists for his evangelism on [November 9, 2014](#), on [November 10, 2014](#) a Land Cruiser without a license plate attempted to run him over, **UPDATE:** detained on the pretext he was a Sudanese spy, beaten, US\$820 stolen)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/03/pastor-in-south-sudan-jailed-lashed-after-radical-muslims-threaten-him/>



Nigeria

Clergy signed a statement "We are also worried that the Christians are been systematically eliminated by members of the Boko Haram Islamic extremists. We are forced to believe that the whole attack is a deliberate plan to exterminate Christians living in the affected areas"

Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza (**UPDATE**)

Archbishop Nemuel Babba

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria

Samuel Dali Danti (**UPDATE**)

Bishop Amos Yakubu

Archbishop Ignatius Ayau Kaigama (**UPDATE:** said at a national prayer pilgrimage "Brothers and sisters, there is no better time to storm the heavens with prayers and petitions than now...Our darling innocent school girls from Chibok are still being held over six months since their abduction. Only God knows the psychological and physical trauma they are going through...There are still ongoing terrorist activities that are not only causing the loss of lives and so much havoc but are enjoying territorial expansion. Bombings and slaughter of innocent Nigerians, especially in the northeast, have become regular")

Nigeria: Kontagora, Niger State

A female suicide bomber attacked the Federal College of Education

Mary Okafor (student, said "We saw bodies on the ground between the library and the female hostel. Among the bodies were two dismembered women who we believed were the bombers. At least 10 students were killed and several others injured. They have all been moved to the general hospital. We have all been asked to vacate the school. The authorities in the town have asked all schools to close")

Dr Nathaniel Adediran (college provost, said “We thank God for answering our prayers because God did not allow the enemy to succeed”)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/11/female-suicide-bomber-hits-college-niger/#sthash.foafInzI.dpuf>

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/nigeria-boko-haram-makes-christian-children-watch-their-parents-being-slaughtered-in-front-of-their-eyes/#sthash.LhBEUiL6.dpuf>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/facing-boko-haram-nigerians-storm-the-heavens-with-prayers-32290/>



Mexico: Santa Cruz, Chilapa, Guerrero state

Fr John Ssenyondo MCCJ (Ugandan citizen, disappeared on [April 30, 2014](#) after celebrating a wedding in [Santa Cruz, Chilapa, Guerrero state](#); **body found in a mass grave** in [Chilapa, Guerrero state](#) on [October 29, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: identification confirmed)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36767->

[AMERICA MEXICO A Comboni missionary found dead in a mass grave among other bodies#.VGg598Lwsfg](#)

Friday November 14, 2014



Vietnam

Pastor Dinh Nhat Minh Khao (under investigation)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/five-months-of-attacks-on-mennonite-church-in-vietnam-prompt-sos/>



China: Nanle county, Henan province

Zhang "Shanshan" Linxin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Shaojie and Wang Fengrui, abducted by the authorities on [November 5, 2014](#) while attempting to buy groceries, detained in a 'black' jail along with Fan Ruizhen and her aunt Zhang Cuijuan, detention is believed to be an attempt to prevent her from distributing literature about her father's conviction at the current Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation [APEC] meeting; **UPDATE**: released)

Mei Xian (aged 78, mother of Pastor Zhang Shaojie, wife of Zhang Wenqiang, threatened suicide when the authorities arrived to evict her from her home so it could be auctioned to pay her son's fine, the authorities retreated)

China: Shenzhen, Guangdong

Guo Yongfeng (pro-democracy activist, prohibited from attending Bible study by the DSPS)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/china-18-member-pastor-zhang-shaojies.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/shenzhen-authorities-block-pro.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Amoon Ayub (brother of Qaisar Ayub, husband of Huma, arrested on blasphemy charges while trying to leave the country)

Huma (teacher, wife of Amoon Ayub)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5483>



Syria: Hassake

Archbishop Jacques Behnan Hindo (**UPDATE:** said "If the US-led intervention against the jihadists of the Islamic State [aka ISIL] eventually turns against the Syrian army, we could have a second Libya in Syria")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36765->

[ASIA_SYRIA_Archbishop_Hindo_if_the_US_attack_the_Syrian_army_we_will_have_a_second_Libya#.VGg7kMLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36765-ASIA_SYRIA_Archbishop_Hindo_if_the_US_attack_the_Syrian_army_we_will_have_a_second_Libya#.VGg7kMLwsfg)



Kenya: Nairobi

Mark Kariuki (chairman of the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya, said that the Attorney General's decision to ban the registration of new churches amounted to persecution "We call on all Christians to support us and stand with us")

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2014/november/kenya-bans-new-churches-miracle-faking-sprees-victor-kanyari.html>



Egypt: Tahta, Sohag

Gamal Gad (aged 59, **killed** when he attempted to prevent the abduction of his son Robert)

Robert Gamal (son of Gamal Gad, pharmacist)

Remon Gamal Gad Bishay (son of Remon Gamal Gad Bishay, described the shooting death of his father at his brother Robert's pharmacy)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58004>

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58069>



Ukraine: Donetsk

Rev Alexander (pastor, father of 10 children, church and automobile seized by armed men)

Pastor Sergey Kosyak (**UPDATE**: reported on the attack on Rev Alexander)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue25375.html>



United States - District of Columbia

Fr Frank Pavone (national director of Priests for Life, stated that the group would not comply with a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling which required the pro-life group to fund abortions, added "To ask a group of priests to cooperate in the government's plan to expand access to birth control and abortion-inducing drugs is about as contrary to religious freedom as you can get")

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priests-for-life-to-defy-court-order-requiring-it-to-comply-with-hhs-mandat>

Saturday November 15, 2014



India: Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu state

Rev K.A. Sathis (prayer service attacked by over 100 Hindu radicals who destroyed over 20 vehicles, desecrated the altar, burned Bibles, broke musical instruments, and beat the parishioners, hospitalized in serious condition along with four parishioners, threatened and beaten again in the hospital)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Tamil-Nadu,-100-Hindu-radicals-attack-a-Christian-community-32727.html>



South Sudan: Aweil

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<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/03/pastor-in-south-sudan-jailed-lashed-after-radical-muslims-threaten-him/>



Egypt

Mariam Samir Ramzy Khalil (aged 22, wife, disappeared while shopping, police took no immediate action)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58065>



United States – Pennsylvania: Danville

Fr Charles Engelhardt OSFS (aged 67, **died from an untreated coronary condition**, had served 2 years of a 6 to 12 year sentence for child molestation, trial is now under investigation for prosecutorial misconduct and wrongful conviction)

<http://www.bigtrial.net/2014/11/father-engelhardt-dead.html>

Sunday November 16, 2014



Pakistan: Christian colony [ghetto], Rana Town, Sheikhpura district, Punjab province

Elishba Bibi (aged 28, three months pregnant, beaten with a pipe for having disagreed with her attackers' family, stripped naked and dragged into the streets, beaten by her attackers when she said she was pregnant, miscarried, the attackers said “Christian children are no better than feces”)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/pakistani-christian-woman-miscarries-after-stripped-beaten-in-public/72497>

<http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/brave-christian-women-who-lost-baby-in-attack-by-her-muslim-clients-continues-to-fight-for-justice>



Iraq: Telsqof

V.M. (said that Christians trying to return to their town after Kurdish militia drove out ISIL have been hindered by Kurdish intelligence agents)

O.S. (said that his house was looted by Kurdish militia after they drove out ISIL forces from his town, said most Christians now want to leave the country)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/11/assyrian-homes-being-looted-by-kurdish-forces/>

Monday November 17, 2014



Pakistan: Lahore

Qaiser Ayub (aged 40, professor of computer science, arrested in the previous week on blasphemy charges dating from 2011, had been a fugitive for 3 years)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36773->

[ASIA_PAKISTAN_Christian_arrested_for_blasphemy_investigation_into_the_murder_of_Kasur_continues#.VGq1n8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36773-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Christian_arrested_for_blasphemy_investigation_into_the_murder_of_Kasur_continues#.VGq1n8Lwsfg)



Sudan: North Khartoum

NISS secret police enforced a court order backing the transfer of church property to a Muslim investor from a church committee imposed by the government, several Christians arrested

Pastor Dawood Fadul (arrested by police in [October 2013](#) after they invaded church property for the purpose of turning it over to a Muslim investor, released; **UPDATE**: reported on the government's demolition of his parish church and associated residences, arrested, released)

Daud Bashir Gadalah (church elder, said “This is a case of serious persecution of the church in Sudan. We appeal to the international community of the Christian body to stand with us and to advocate for our case. The forces of evil cannot prevail against the church of Christ”)

Pastor Hafiz Fasaha (home destroyed by a bulldozer)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/tensions-high-as-church-in-sudan-strives-to-fend-off-demolition/>



Nigeria: Jos, Plateau state

Daniel Kadzai (Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria - North Central Zone, said "The Federal Government has toyed with the lives and limbs of the Christians in Northern Nigeria for political gains. There is no explanation the government can give as to why the Federal troops will run away from the towns prior to the attack on such towns by Boko Haram without putting up any resistance, if the government does not have a hand in the whole genocide on Northern Christians as is being speculated in the local and foreign media...The international community has refused to notice the pogrom on Northern Nigerian Christians. Rather they have shifted their attention and resources only to Iraq, Syria, Gaza and Afghanistan as if those being killed in Nigeria are not human beings")

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/3503723/>



United States – Oklahoma: Oklahoma City

Jerome Bullock (son of Diane Range, stabbed by a Muslim neighbor and threatened with beheading during a debate over religion)

Diane Range (mother of Jerome Bullock, defended her son with a baseball bat when he was stabbed)

<http://www.koco.com/crime/man-arrested-accused-of-slashing-man-after-heated-religious-conversation/29809084>

Tuesday November 18, 2014



Turkmenistan

Soyunmurat Korov (conscientious objector, arrested, has been transferred to a military hospital due to a medical ailment)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2039



Honduras

Fr Ismael Moreno SJ (spoke on the continuing violence in the country and the murder of his collaborators "That's probably how I'll die, not from natural causes. I am prepared for that", added he declined police protection because "According to studies, seven out of ten police officers in Honduras are connected to organized crime")

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2014/11/18/priest-defending-human-rights-in-honduras-i-am-prepared-to-die/>

Wednesday November 19, 2014



China

Bishop John Peng Weizhao (detained at an unknown location on May 30, 2014; **UPDATE:** released from detention, prohibited from leaving Jiangxi province for three months and from exercising his episcopal ministry)

Bishop Cosma Shi Enxiang (disappeared while in police custody in 2001; **UPDATE:** has spent 54 total years in captivity)

Bishop James Su Zhimin (disappeared while in police custody in 1997; **UPDATE:** has spent 43 total years in captivity)

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (ordained as bishop in Shanghai on July 7, 2012, then disappeared after stating in his first homily that he would resign from the state-sponsored church; **UPDATE:** is still under house arrest, is the only bishop of Shanghai now that Bishops Aloysius Jin Luxian and Joseph Fan Zhongliang have both died)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Yujiang's-underground-bishop-released-but-under-police-surveillance-32745.html>



Pakistan: Kot Radha Kishan, Kasur, Punjab province

Shahbaz Masih (brother of Shahzad Masih, said that his family has been receiving threats to drop the prosecution of those arrested for the [November 4, 2014](#) lynching murder of his brother and sister-in-law)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/family-of-slain-christians-in-pakistan-fear-for-safety/72428>



Egypt: Giza

Nagwa Shehata (sister of Magdi Shehata Kheir, disappeared on her first day at work after a vacation)

Magdi Shehata Kheir (aged 26, brother of Nagwa Shehata, commented on his sister's disappearance)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58250>



Vatican City: St Peter's Square

Caramba (Ghanaian citizen, attempted to cover half-naked FEMEN demonstrators with his jacket, helped load the women into a police car)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/baring-breasts-in-st.-peters-square-femen-activists-protest-pope-francis>



Nigeria: Maiduguri

Fr Gideon Obasogie (**UPDATE:** said that 100,000 Catholics have fled Boko Haram, added "A large number of Nigerians are trapped and forced to follow the strict interpretation of the rules of Sharia in different cities like Bama, Gwoza, Madagali, Gulak, Shuwa, Michika Uba and Mubi. We are talking about towns located along the road that links Maiduguri and Yola to Adamawa State. Terrorists have declared that all conquered cities are part of the Islamic Caliphate")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36793->
[AFRICA NIGERIA More than 100 000 Catholics scattered because of Boko Haram but we remain to bear witness with our presence said a priest of Maiduguri#.V G14WMLwsfg](#)



United Kingdom: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Bernadette Smyth (pro-life activist, convicted of harassment of the director of an illegal abortion facility, her defense attorney denied that any harassment had occurred and that the director had initiated all contacts with his client)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/northern-irelands-most-prominent-pro-life-leader-convicted-of-harassment-ag>

Thursday November 20, 2014



China: Tumen, Jilin province

Peter Hahn (aged 74, U.S. citizen, operator of a Christian NGO specializing in aid to North Koreans, under investigation in the three weeks prior to August 7, 2014, bank accounts frozen by the authorities, prohibited from leaving the country; **UPDATE:** arrested on charges of embezzlement and counterfeiting invoices)

China: Dandong, Liaoning province

Julia Garratt (wife of Kevin Garratt, Canadian missionary, detained on spy charges on August 4, 2014 after Canada complained about Chinese internet hackers; **UPDATE**: still in detention, denied access to attorneys or family)

Kevin Garratt (husband of Juila Garratt, Canadian missionary, detained on spy charges on August 4, 2014 after Canada complained about Chinese internet hackers; **UPDATE**: still in detention, denied access to attorneys or family)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/us-christian-aid-worker-detained-by-china-near-north-korea-border/72450>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/us-christian-aid-worker-detained-by-china-near-north-korea-border/72450>



Pakistan: Islamabad

Pastor Arif Masih (**UPDATE**: name included on a list of nine Christians which was found attached to burnt Quran pages, said "I don't know who has done this heinous act, but I am sure that the perpetrator is very much against the Christian community")

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



Iran: Shiraz

Pastor Ebrahim Hossin-Zadeh (aged 32, arrested by plainclothes police from the Ministry of Information, interrogated, whereabouts and condition unknown but believed to be in the city detention center)

Date: November 20, 2014

Location:

Source [with photo]:

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9519:the-arrest-and-the-unknown-condition-of-one-the-house-church-leaders-in-shiraz&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Qatar: Doha

Event: Christian couple, U.S. citizens, jailed in [January 2013](#) on murder charges after their 8-year old daughter Gloria died from anorexia, authorities accused her of adopting Gloria for organ harvesting since she was not "good looking", the prosecutor also cited the Islamic prohibition on adoption; sentenced to 3 years imprisonment on [March 27, 2013](#) despite an autopsy that showed their daughter's illnesses were due to pre-adoption malnutrition, released from jail on [November 6, 2013](#) on bail pending appeal; **UPDATE: upcoming hearing scheduled for November 30, 2014, the death penalty could be imposed**

Matthew Huang

Grace Huang

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/November/Christian-Couple-Faces-Death-Sentence-after-Daughter-Dies/>



Iraq

Samir Abdul-Samad (lost his official documents when he fled Mosul in mid-July 2014)

Fr Ayman Aziz Hermiz (said "The displaced can get hold of new official papers they lost – such as identity cards or certificates of nationality as well as ration cards. But the problem is they have to go to Baghdad to do this and a lot of them cannot afford to travel there, or stay there, in order to do this. Passports can be replaced in Erbil and Sulaymaniyah")

Yonadam Kanna (member of parliament; **UPDATE:** said that the government in Bagdad needed to replace the official documents of displaced Christians what were stolen by ISIL, added that the government needed to create a National Commission for the Displaced)

<http://www.niqash.org/articles/?id=3579>



Belarus: Borisov, Minsk region

Andrei Kuzin (home raided by police during a worship service)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2035



United States – Georgia: Fort Benning

Joseph Lawhorn (United States Army Chaplain, sent a Letter of Concern from his commanding officer that accused him of "advocating one system of beliefs over another" at a suicide prevention class for having provided both Christian and non-Christian literature)

<http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/46402-army-chaplain-punished-for-sharing-faith-in-suicide-prevention-class>

Friday November 21, 2014



Egypt

Peter Ramses (attorney, demanded that the country legalize adoption for Christians - it currently bans adoption since Islamic law prohibits it)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1252&A=16571>



Russia: Vladimir

A court declared the video "Bailiffs' Piety" as 'extremists' because it is critical of the Russian Orthodox Church, in showing an attempt to seize relics from the Russian Orthodox Autonomous Church

Mikhail Baranov (video producer)

Anna Dombrovskaya (video producer)

Aleksandr Soldatov (web developer, hosted the video on his website)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2020

Saturday November 22, 2014



Japan: Tokyo

Nickeles Fernando (aged 57, Sri Lankan citizen, refugee, **collapsed and died** in an immigration detention center after being refused medical treatment for chest pain)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/sri-lankan-man-dies-at-japan-immigration-center/72521>



Iraq: Najaf

Abu Nabil (family displaced)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58120>



Syria: Izraa

Fr Elias Hanout (aged 38, presided over the Divine Liturgy as artillery shook his church, later said "It's simple. If the West wants Syria to remain a country for Christian people, then help us to stay here: stop arming terrorists")

Afaf Azam (aged 52, said as artillery shook his church during the Divine Liturgy "I have been coming to this church since I was born. But now the situation is very bad. Everyone is afraid. Jihadists control villages around us")

Eva Astefan (aged 43, mother of Adel Astefan, aunt of Joseph Haroun, applied for UN asylum after her daughter was shot dead by a sniper in 2012)

Adel Astefan (aged 14, daughter of Eva Astefan, **shot dead** in 2012 by a sniper)

Joseph Haroun (aged 29, nephew of Eva Astefan, said "Its our country and we love it, but we feel we have little choice [but to leave]. The terrorists kidnap and kill our men and dangle the holy cross over their bodies")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141122151543.htm>



Kenya: near Mandera

Douglas Ochwodho (survived an attack in which Al Shabaab insurgents killed 28 non-Muslims they had pulled from a bus, including his wife, said "We were ordered to lie down, many of us, because we could not recite the Quran")

Violet Muranga (teacher, pulled from a bus by al-Shabab terrorists, **shot dead**, students later said she had taught them to sing 'Twinkle, twinkle little star')

Nyagaha Nicholas (aged 44, head teacher, had to identify the five teachers killed in the bus attack)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/al-shabaab-executes-28-non-muslims-in-northern-kenya/>
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/04/world/africa/kenya-education-suffers-shabab-extremists-attacks.html?_r=2

Sunday November 23, 2014



China

Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-Kium SBD (**UPDATE**: said in [Rome, Italy](#) "communism has destroyed all human values. So to save human values we have to work hard to spread the good news of Jesus Christ")

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/zen-says-he-sees-no-good-will-from-china-toward-the-pope/72460>



India: Gangammalaya, Bangarapet, Karnataka state

Another church attacked by Hindu fundamentalists, eight wounded, church vandalized, threats made to not rebuild

Pastor Robert Solomon D'Souza (detained by police for questioning)

Kribakaran (aged 35, hit on the head with an iron bar, collapsed, hospitalized)

Krupakar (legs broken, hospitalized)

Wilson (legs broken, hospitalized)

India: Appampally village, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana state

Vadde Janardhan (aged 50, convert, farmer, assaulted with a large rock by the local RSS paramilitary leader on [October 28, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: birthday party for his 3 year old granddaughter interrupted by 70 Hindu radicals, Christian guests beaten)

Date: November 23, 2014

Location: Appampally village, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana state

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka,-Hindu-radicals-attack-a-Pentecostal-church:-eight-injured,-two-serious-32775.html>

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/11/26/church-service-attack-in-southern-india-leaves-christians-churches-broken/>

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

Monday November 24, 2014



Pakistan

Aasiya Noreen aka Asia Bibi (**UPDATE**: has filed an appeal to the Pakistan Supreme Court in an effort to overturn her death sentence for blasphemy)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/12/as-injustice-escalates-senator-in-pakistan-seeks-solution-to-blasphemy-violence/>



Jordan: Mafrq

Samira (Syrian refugee, said “My husband is illegally working in a restaurant that sells juices for people. We have to; otherwise, we couldn’t afford the rent”)

Jordan: Amman

Fatim Bohlak (aged 52, wife of Issa, Syrian refugee, left after their home was bombed to "all bricks and ruins")

Issa (aged 63, husband of Fatim Bohlak, Syrian refugee, retired civil servant, said that the Jordanians as becoming less friendly to the refugees)

Issm Darwish (aged 33, Syrian refugee, sells coffee on the streets to support his family)

Zait Masri (aged 24, Jordanian citizen, spoke on the plight of the Syrian refugees “The last thing we heard in the media was Syrian women marrying Jordanians to get citizenship...The camps are just bad. Some of them would sleep out in the snow...It’s almost impossible for them to find work. It’s hard enough for us to get work”)

Fr Rifat Bader (Jordanian resident, said that most of the Iraqi refugees do not want to go back)

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/syrian-and-iraqi-refugee-mega-crisis-is-out-of-control/>



Lebanon: Beirut

Christina (Syrian refugee, survived a rebel attack on a bus, hand tremors from imbedded shrapnel)

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/syrian-and-iraqi-refugee-mega-crisis-is-out-of-control/>



Ukraine: Pesky village, Donetsk region

Pastor Sergey Reuta (husband, father of three, **killed by an artillery shell** while leading a service)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue25716.html>



Central African Republic: Bangui

Christian ministers have begun to render aid to former members of the Seleka and anti-balaka militias

Archbishop Dieudonne Nzapalainga (**UPDATE**: said of the aid being given to the former Seleka fighters "For me, as a man of God, where there are men, women and children, these are God's children, created in His image and I have the obligation to help them")

Rev Nicolas Guerekoyame-Gbangou (**UPDATE**: has begun to aid former Seleka fighters)

Fr Patrick Mbea CSSp (announced the creation of schools in a camp that houses former Seleka fighters, hopes to open other schools)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36830->

[AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_Mgr_Nzapalainga_and_the_Church_in_aid_of_former_Seleka_rebels_a_gesture_of_forgiveness_and_reconciliation#.VHVXt8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36830-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_Mgr_Nzapalainga_and_the_Church_in_aid_of_former_Seleka_rebels_a_gesture_of_forgiveness_and_reconciliation#.VHVXt8Lwsfg)

Tuesday November 25, 2014



Indonesia: Jakarta

Fr Yohandes Purba Tamtomo (spoke at a Constitutional Court hearing in favor of overturning the ban on interfaith marriages)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/prohibiting-interfaith-marriage-violates-rights-indonesian-bishops/72470>



China: Linyi, Shangdong

Chen (church leader, described how local authorities forced the demolition of the top two stories of his church)

China: Dazhou, Sichuan province

Pastor Guo Pingxi (detained with more than 20 house church members while training them in 'common sense law' to help them defend their rights, given 15 day's administrative detention along with seven other detainees)

Yang (detained with Pastor Guo Pingxi, released)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/authorities-remove-crosses-on-churches.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/12/sichuan-law-training-class-raided-8.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Rakha Shahzad (aged 35, **died during torture** while in police custody)

Fr Francis Nadeem OFM Cap (**UPDATE**: condemned the murder of Rakha Shahzad)

Pakistan

Ashiq Masih (husband of Asia Bibi, **UPDATE**: appealed to the President to spare his wife from her death sentence for blasphemy)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36826->

[ASIA_PAKISTAN_Christian_tortured_and_killed_while_in_police_custody#.VHViEsLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36826-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Christian_tortured_and_killed_while_in_police_custody#.VHViEsLwsfg)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58187>



Sudan: North Khartoum

Five church leaders arrested for opposing the demolition of their church, hundreds of church members have acted as human shields protecting the remaining buildings

Pastor Dawood Fadul (UPDATE)

Elder Fathi Hakim

Elder Nouh Manzoul

Deacon Iman Hamid

Tilal Mafishi

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/police-in-sudan-arrest-church-leaders-for-refusing-to-surrender-worship-property/>



United States – Missouri: Ferguson

Pastor Carlton Lee (church destroyed by arson, has received death threats)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/michael-brown-familys-church-torched-destroyed-pastor-suspects-white-supremacists-to-blame-130281/>

Wednesday November 26, 2014



Pakistan: Thatha Gondal Hafizabad

Noreen Bashir (aged 14, daughter of Bashir Masih and Ruqqiya Bibi, abducted, forcibly converted to Islam and married to her captor)

Bashir Masih (husband of Ruqqiya Bibi, father of Noreen Bashir)

Ruqqiya Bibi (wife of Bashir Masih, mother of Noreen Bashir)

Fr Mushtaq Piyara (reported on the abduction of Noreen Bashir)

Dr Rafaqat Masih (has been assisting Bashir Masih and Ruqqiya Bibi in their effort to recover their daughter Noreen Bashir from her abductor)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=5079>



Lebanon: Dikwaneh, Beirut

Nour Astifo (father of Sandra Astifo, Syrian refugee)

Sandra Astifo (aged 3, daughter of Nour Astifo, Syrian refugee)

Mazen Bulos (Iraqi refugee, said "When I was born there was the Iran war, then a war with Kuwait, then a siege, then the 2003 war and then sectarianism. Then bombings, murder, kidnappings, and now this year we have Daesh [ISIL]. I swear since we have been born we haven't had peace, from war to war...How can you not fear a man who beheads? And we are 15 minutes away from him")

Salar Amer Habib (aged 52, Iraqi refugee)

Valentina (young girl, refugee)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141125193843.htm>



Central African Republic

Fr Mateusz Dziejdzic (abducted in Baboua on October 12, 2014 by the Front Democratique du Peuple Centrafricain [FDPC - a former ally of Seleka] in an attempt to free its leader from jail in Cameroon; **UPDATE**: released unharmed)

Fr Mirek Gucwa (announced the release of Fr Mateusz Dziejdzic)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36846->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA The Vicar General of Bouar Fr Mateusz is fine and was released without the use of force#.VHf_4cLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36846-)

Thursday November 27, 2014



Syria: Aleppo

Georges Bakhache (reported to have said "A lot of members of our community have left because they lost their jobs and because of terror of Daesh [ISIL]. Despite it all, we will not leave our land. Impossible...[ISIL terrorists] are not in town but they're not far...Christians

panicked when they saw what happened to the Christians of Mosul [Iraq. It made] a big stir here and Christians left for Lebanon, Sweden, Canada, America and Armenia")

Father Imad Daher (**UPDATE**: reported to have said "We will celebrate Christmas...We will celebrate with a Mass for peace", also recounted how he had been injured in an October 2012 artillery attack on his church, lost an eye and has a prosthetic cheek and a metal rod in his arm, said "I was treated in Lebanon and then came back, because a shepherd does not abandon his flock, otherwise the wolf will come")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141126225316.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20141202174517.htm>



Nigeria: Abuja

Fr Patrick Tor Alumuku (**UPDATE**: said "A few months ago in Kano the police discovered tailors who were sewing tunics for nun intended for bombers that were to mingle in the crowd of faithful to blow themselves up...In the last month there have been at least 4 or 5 attacks committed by women suicide in Nigeria. The last one was in the market of Maiduguri, on November 25, with two women suicide that caused 70 deaths according to the last toll. Previously similar attacks took place at the University of Kano and in that of Kotangora, while last week a girl blew herself up in a school classroom with thirty students. The alarm regarding the growing use of suicide women bombers is demonstrated by the fact that the Nigerian police recommended to shorten the exposure time of the Blessed Sacrament in the churches of Abuja on Sunday, November 23, the feast of Christ the King, and to reduce the procession. The police advised us to throw out unknown women who looked pregnant because the bombers hide bombs under false bellies")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/36850->

[AFRICA NIGERIA Boko Haram plans attacks with suicide women bombers disguised as nuns#.VHf-tsLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36850-)



United States – Georgia: Atlanta

Fire Rescue Chief Kelvin Cochran (church deacon, suspended for one month without pay for publishing a book defending traditional Christian morality)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/atlanta-fire-chief-fined-more-than-14000-for-publishing-christian-views-of>

Friday November 28, 2014



Ethiopia: Shenkore district

Church demolished by local officials in Muslim majority district, Christians detained for seven hours after attempting to photograph the demolition

Pastor Zemace Tadesse (aged 30, husband of Aster Tadesse)

Aster Tadesse (aged 30, wife of Pastor Zemace Tadesse)

Pastor Yosefe Hailemariam (aged 39)

<http://www.persecution.org/2014/12/01/local-officials-demolish-evangelical-church-in-muslim-majority-area/>



Egypt: Al-Wasty, Beni Suef province

Fr Shenouda Sabry (described a bomb explosion near his church)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58243>



Nigeria

Mercy Paul (schoolgirl, abducted on [April 14, 2014](#) in [Chibok, Borno state](#) by Boko Haram gunmen, escaped by jumping from a truck, **UPDATE**: now studying in [Canyonville, Oregon](#) in the United States)

<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/missing-nigeria-schoolgirls/i-jumped-one-womans-story-escape-boko-haram-n257451>

Saturday November 29, 2014



Afghanistan: Karte Seh district, Kabul

Christian aid workers from South African murdered by the Taliban, along with two Afghans

Werner Groenewald (husband of Hannelie Groenewald, father of Jean-Pierre Groenewald and Rode Groenewald, former pastor, **killed**)

Jean-Pierre Groenewald (aged 17, son of Werner and Hannelie Groenewald, brother of Rode Groenewald, **killed**)

Rode Groenewald (aged 15, daughter of Werner and Hannelie Groenewald, sister of Jean-Pierre Groenewald, **killed**)

Dr Hannelie Groenewald (medical doctor, wife of Werner Groenewald, mother of Jean-Pierre Groenewald and Rode Groenewald, survived, not present when her family was killed)

https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/12/article_3509858.html/



Nigeria: Shani, Borno state

Ishaya Brimah (described an attack on his village "They started throwing bombs into houses...then the Boko Haram fired shots at people fleeing. They set ablaze the police station, houses and a telecom mast...I saw people fleeing, some bodies on the ground")

Shuabu Lawal (shopkeeper, said of the Boko Haram attack on his village "A boy ran into my shop and said his father and elder brother had been shot. He was only wearing shorts, no top and sweating despite the wintry weather")

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/scores-killed-thousands-flee-christian-town-in-boko-haram-rampage-in-nigeria-130467/>

Sunday November 30, 2014



Malaysia: Bangi

Pastor Nelson Sembiling (worship service disrupted by police, service continued, police left)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/malaysia-mp-says-police-were-wrong-to-disrupt-church-service/72532>



Qatar: Doha

Christian couple, U.S. citizens, jailed in January 2013 on murder charges after their 8-year old daughter Gloria died from anorexia, authorities accused her of adopting Gloria for organ harvesting since she was not "good looking", the prosecutor also cited the Islamic prohibition on adoption; sentenced to 3 years imprisonment on March 27, 2013 despite an autopsy that showed their daughter's illnesses were due to pre-adoption malnutrition, released from jail on November 6, 2013 on bail pending appeal; **UPDATE: charges dismissed, cleared to leave the country, escorted to the airport by the U.S. Ambassador, passports seized after the prosecutor appealed the dismissal of charges, still unable to leave the country)**

Matthew Huang

Grace Huang

<http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/November/Qatar-Bars-US-Couple-from-Leaving-after-Acquittal/>



Egypt: Mt Sinai

Mounir Sami (legal advisor, described how the Monastery of St Catherine received a warning from the South Sinai governor demanding that it relinquish 29 parcels of land or pay an US\$700,000 fine)

<http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58363>



Turkey: Istanbul

Event: The leaders of the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches issued a joint statement on Christian persecution: "We cannot resign ourselves to a Middle East without Christians, who have professed the name of Jesus there for two thousand years. Many of our brothers and sisters are being persecuted and have been forced violently from their homes. It even seems that the value of human life has been lost, that the human person no longer matters and may be sacrificed to other interests. And, tragically, all this is met by the indifference of many. As Saint Paul reminds us, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" [1 Cor 12:26]. This is the law of the Christian life, and in this sense we can say that there is also an ecumenism of suffering. Just as the blood of the martyrs was a seed of strength and fertility for the

Church, so too the sharing of daily sufferings can become an effective instrument of unity")

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I aka Dimitrios Arhondonis

Pope Francis aka Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/12/joint-declaration-of-his-holiness-pope-francis-and-his-all-holiness-ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomew/>

November 2014, date unknown



Sri Lanka

Fr Benjamin Henry Miller SJ (aged 89, awarded the National Peace Council's Citizens Peace Award for his efforts during the civil war that saved the lives of thousands)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/in-sri-lanka-a-priest-who-protected-thousands/72430>



Eritrea: Asmara

Dr Kiflu Gebremeskel (pastor and mathematics professor, imprisoned)

Pastor Kidane Weldou (imprisoned)

Rev Haile Naizghe (imprisoned)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/760>



Turkey: Istanbul

Pastor Patrick Jensen (U.S. citizen, church property in [Gaziantep](#) sealed by police on [August 28, 2014](#), detained, fined US\$1,350 for working without a permit, ordered to be deported on [September 14, 2014](#), appeal filed on [September 26, 2014](#); **UPDATE**: deportation order overturned)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/10/4680155/>

