

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – September 2017

Friday September 1, 2017



India

Fr Cedric Prakash SJ (**UPDATE:** wrote following the assassination of writer and journalist Gauri Lankesh "Gauri represented the best of free and fearless India, respecting the rights of every citizen, celebrating pluralism and, above all, defending the highest values of democracy! Gauri had the courage to challenge the Sangh Parivar [the Hindu supremacist umbrella organization] and all sectarian people. She hated the caste system, struggled for the emancipation of women, fought for the poor and marginalized. Hers was an unstoppable crusade for the freedom of thought and expression. No one was spared when there was injustice in the center of the matter")

Auxiliary Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX (**UPDATE:** signed a statement by the Catholic bishops condemning the assassination of journalist Gauri Lankesh by likely Hindu nationalists "We salute her for the courage with which she wrote, the conviction with which she lived her life and the boldness with which she fought the forces of evil, hatred and corruption...The murder of this versatile and brave journalist follows other crimes of hatred of recent times: the murders of Sahitya Academy Award Winner and Writer M M Kalburgi in Dharwad, thinker Govind Pansare in in Kohlapur, thinker Narendra Dabholkar in Pune, the mob lynchings by Gau Rakshaks in the name of protecting cows, political killings in Kerala and other such hate crimes")

India: Rewa, Madhya Pradesh state

Fr Sebastian Panthalluparambil (aged 40, high school principal, charged with molesting a 17 year old student)

Bishop Joseph Kodakallil (said "This is totally a baseless and false complaint", added that a CCTV camera in the principal's office proves the incident did not happen: "It has been given as evidence to disprove the allegations")

Archbishop Leo Cornelio (**UPDATE:** said "It is an attempt to tarnish the image of the church. The real facts were distorted and a false case was registered against the priest")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Indian-bishops-condemn-the-murder-of-'courageous'-journalist-Gauri-Lankesh-41707.html>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/indian-priest-charged-with-molesting-student-bishop-cries-harassment/80169>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/'I-am-Gauri':-in-Bangalore,-15,000-demand-justice-for-the-murdered-journalist-41764.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shah OFM (**UPDATE**: attacked in the press after the daughter of a former prime minister solicited votes from the pulpit, said "The Christian politicians called me two days ago and explained that her only objective was to pray for her ailing mother...We agreed upon a draft speech briefly mentioning her 11 years of studies at the Convent of Jesus and Mary school and the student career of the former prime minister at St Anthony's High School. Both institutes are operated by the Lahore Archdiocese. She was supposed to conclude with prayer requests for her ailing mother. We gave her the opportunity because of her faith and her acquaintance with ruling party...Maryam transgressed by asking for votes for her father. I wanted to stop her but millions were watching live on their television screens. At one moment, I decided to walkout as boycott, but then it could have been detrimental for Church relations with authorities. We need their aid to help persecuted Christians and take back our nationalized schools and properties...A directive has been issued to all churches. The Church microphone and pulpit will not be given to politicians"

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/-Deceived-by-Sharif's-daughter,-Lahore-archbishop-rejects-campaigning-from-pulpit-41687.html>



Egypt: Minya

Hlim Hanna (police officer, reported to have been **killed**)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1973&A=32083>



Greece

Metropolitan Nicholas of Fthiotida (reported to have said that the authorities “are subverting the spiritual foundations of society and trying to transform our eternal institutional values. Their end goal is the imposition of a secular status and godless state upon Orthodox Greece”, added that the authorities aim to “limit and weaken the Church” and expel it to

the periphery of public consciousness, under the pretext of protecting religious minorities whose rights are already guaranteed by the Greek constitution)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/106112.htm>



Central African Republic: Zemio

Fr Jean-Alain Zembi (reported on [August 20, 2017](#) to have said of Moroccan UN peacekeepers “You were warned, but you deliberately decided to abandon this town. This community is being sacrificed, and I will hold you responsible for all those dead and preparing to die”, over 30 were killed, bodies have been left in the street in front of his rectory; **UPDATE:** fled his residence with 15,000 refugees to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, church looted)

Fr Desire Blaise Kpangou (reported on [August 20, 2017](#) to have wrote to the UN concerning Moroccan UN peacekeepers “If you don’t come soon to disarm these people, we will have to organize confessions and a final Mass and viaticum and prepare ourselves and the rest of the displaced people here for the worst”, added that the attackers appeared to be Sudanese; **UPDATE:** fled his residence with 15,000 refugees to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, church looted)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/catholic-priest-killed-another-injured-spate-attacks-car/>



Nigeria: Banana Junction, Amaifeke

Fr Cyriacus Onunkwo (abducted by armed gunmen while on the way to his father's funeral)

<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/09/catholic-priest-kidnapped-murdered-in-imo/>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62856->

[AFRICA NIGERIA A priest in southern Nigeria kidnapped and killed#.Wa7N0bK GOM8](#)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2017/09/catholic-priest-kidnapped-killed-nigeria/>

Saturday September 2, 2017



Philippines

Archbishop Socrates Villegas (**UPDATE:** said at an archdiocesan synod "We must teach even if our voices get hoarse. We must teach even if they threaten us. We must teach even if they kill us and if they kill us, our message will echo even more because the best way to teach is through martyrdom!...In the lights and shadows of life, in the stormy and sunny days, in the persecutions we endure and the triumphs we bask in – the Lord speaks...We dream not of status quo Church but an ever vibrant Church that is excited, not afraid to plunge into the deep")

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/filipino-archbishop-face-opposition-with-a-martyrs-courage-63919/>



China: Wenzhou, Zhejiang province

Fr John Wang Zhongfa (aged 86, sentenced as a seminarian to 12 years' forced labor in 1956; **UPDATE:** died of natural causes)

Bishop Peter Shao Zhumin (underground bishop; **UPDATE:** not allowed to attend the funeral of Fr John Wang Zhongfa but allowed to visit him in the hospital, sent to Beijing under guard for ear surgery)

Fr Paul Jiang Sunian (**UPDATE:** secretary to Bishop Peter Shao Zhumin, detained by police to prevent his attendance at the funeral of Fr John Wang Zhongfa)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Peter-Shao-Zhumin-under-guard-in-a-Beijing-hospital-41738.html>



Central African Republic: Zambagua village, near Zemio

Fr Louis Tongagnesi (retired priest, **hacked to death** on his farm by Seleka rebels)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/catholic-priest-killed-another-injured-spate-attacks-car/>



Nigeria: Omuma village, Imo state

Fr Cyriacus Onunkwo (abducted by armed gunmen while on the way to his father's funeral; **UPDATE:** found murdered by strangulation)

Bishop Augustine Tochukwu Ukwuoma (reported on the murder of Fr Cyriacus Onunkwo)

<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/09/catholic-priest-kidnapped-murdered-in-imo/>

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Sunday September 3, 2017



Central African Republic: Ndim

Fr Robert Wiecezorek (Polish national, abducted by Seleka rebels, tortured, released, hospitalized for surgery and blood loss)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/catholic-priest-killed-another-injured-spate-attacks-car/>

Monday September 4, 2017



Vietnam: Xuan Tho commune, Xuan Loc district, Dong Nai province

Fr Nguyen Duy Tan (church attacked by government thugs who arrived on a bus, locked the church gate and rang the bell to summon parishioners who detained the attackers, said “I recognized Nguyen Trong Nghia of the Red Flags group. Commune security kept inviting them back to their office, and district security officers behaved the same way, refusing to do any work at the scene. They wouldn’t note down the registration numbers of the guns or count how many bullets they had”, declined to press charges because “they are all on the same side, the side of the Communist Party. There would have been no point in pushing for prosecution”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Dong-Nai,-armed-activists-raid-church-41704.html>

Tuesday September 5, 2017



India: Kavalapadoor village, Bantwal Taluk, Dakshina district, Kachada, Karnataka state

Mercy (arrested on forced conversion charges)

Roselina (arrested on forced conversion charges)

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**: said the arrests demonstrate growing "intolerance towards the Christian faith. The renewed audacity of extreme right-wing groups is a serious threat to democratic India. Based on simple suspicions, nationalist activists capture, interrogate, and intimidate Pentecostal Christians. On the contrary, women were not doing anything illegal. Increasing religious intolerance is taking violent forms in India... 'Gau Rakshas' [cow watchers] or vigilantes, who also question what people are eating")

India: Ranchi, Jharkhand state

Rev Dr Manmassih Ekka (said after the Chief Minister [Governor] signed a new anti-conversion law "There is a danger to the social harmony in the state of Jharkhand. The passage of the bill is clearly an attempt to polarize tribal community by the ruling BJP... We have already seen the aggression of the Hindu fundamentalists misusing the bill as four Christians were falsely charged under forcible conversions and were sent to jail in Simdega district of Jharkhand... We are asking the government to take back their decision in the interest of people of Jharkhand. On behalf of the All Church Committee of Ranchi, we are organizing a public meeting in Ranchi along with progressive groups, including the Hindu community")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka,-two-Pentecostal-Christians-arrested-for-forced-conversions-41713.html>

<http://www.persecution.org/2017/09/20/jharkhands-state-governor-in-india-approves-anti-forced-conversion-law-despite-opposition/>



Russia: Ekaterinburg

Bishop Tikhon Shevkunov (commented on the movie Mathilde "The director Uchitel, who I don't personally know and whose films I've never seen, called me, and asked, 'Would you like to become a consultant for the film?' I said, 'Give me an official request. I will look at the request and then answer you.' The director Uchitel said, 'The script is already ready.' I said, 'The script?... First you make a request to consultants, and then you develop the script.' He said, 'The film is already almost ready.' I said, 'That's great! You want a consultant on a film that's nearly ready. Why?'" "... Why do they make audiences believe in the historicity of these contrived heartbreaking scenes of a 'love triangle' in which [Tsar] Nicholas, both before and after marriage, is melodramatically torn between

Mathilde and Alexandra? What is that? The author's vision? No—it is slander against real people")

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/106191.htm>

Wednesday September 6, 2017



Kenya: Bobo village, Hindi

Hillary Njuguna (carpenter, abducted and **killed** by al-Shabaab militants, failed to hear their arrival due to his power saw)

Joseph Kinuthia (secondary school teacher, **shot and beheaded**)

Jared Maiko (businessman, **shot and beheaded**)

Gushi Peter (**shot and beheaded**)

Joseph Muchemi (described the murders, said “The reason many people weren’t killed like in 2014, when 15 people were killed and houses torched, is because we are always alert at night. This, however, doesn’t mean that four people deserved to die. We will continue to ask the government to set up at least one police post in every three villages”)

Pastor Bernard Baya (said “Since morning, the people here have been protesting the state of insecurity where only Christians are killed. Roads have been blocked and tires are being burned everywhere as the police try to calm the residents. I have heard some protesters say that they would break into the mosques and burn them down because the Muslims have been killing their friends like chicken”)

<http://www.persecution.org/2017/09/06/al-shabaab-kills-four-more-christian-men-in-lamu-kenya/>



Syria: Aleppo

Fr Ibrahim Alsabagh OFM (aged 44; **UPDATE**: said his city "was a metropolis that [before the war] generated about 60 per cent of Syria's industrial output [but now is] paralyzed and does not produce even a kilo of tomatoes, [it is] only a great consumer...[It is an] unstable society, where seniors are abandoned to their fate and die alone because no one takes care of them. Then there are the widows, young and lonely mothers with children because the men have disappeared, those who have not died in the war but have escaped abroad to avoid compulsory military service...For every young man, there are 12 young women, a

huge disproportion...violence is part of the everyday life that went from the street into the home. The main challenge is to rebuild the children's personality. This issue is not just about schooling, but includes psychological support and involves the Church and the parish with targeted activities...The fundamentalist ideology has put down roots in the minds of a part of the population thanks to ignorance, poverty, and a desire to vengeance...[Security issues exist] because of the presence of sleeper cells, ready to strike")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/-Fr-Ibrahim-talks-about-Aleppo-Christians-and-the-metropolis%E2%80%99s-slow-revival-after-being-paralysed-by-war-41706.html>



South Sudan: Wau

Natalina Andrea Mabu (church coordinator, arrested on or before [August 28, 2017](#) after soldiers attending an UN human rights seminar were sickened by alleged food poisoning from a local hotel, 3 died, 57 were hospitalized; **UPDATE**: reported to have been released on bail)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62874->
[AFRICA SOUTH SUDAN Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Commission accused of food poisoning released on bail#.Wa x4LKGOM8](#)



Egypt: Sohag province

Pastor Dr Imad Shawky (said there are not enough churches in his province and that most need restoration)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1977&A=32144>



United Kingdom

Jacob Rees-Mogg (aged 48, Member of Parliament, said he supported his church's teachings on marriage and abortion)

Rev Gavin Ashenden (**UPDATE**: later wrote to the Times of London "Your cartoon published today displaying Jacob Rees-Mogg as a fetus deserving of abortion for expressing Christian views on contemporary ethical issues, causes the most profound offense. But worse than the offense, is the implication that is presents a new form of Test Act for

Catholics and other Christians...Such a cartoon deliberately sends the message that Christian ethical views have no place in the public and political forum and should be both ridiculed and excluded...")

Dan Hitchens (Catholic Herald editor, later wrote "...Considering all the truly evil things which happen in this country – workers paid pitiful wages to make their employers rich, addicts exploited by vampiric drug-dealers, the daily cruelty towards the elderly – it is strange that people get so furious about politicians saying that yes, since you ask, they wouldn't seek to change the law, but as a theoretical matter, they aren't wholly on board with the modern progressive beliefs about sex....Whatever can be said about Catholic teaching, there are at least various well-elaborated philosophical justifications for it; and it does provide a clear rule of life...the liberal sexual ethic amounts to little more than the vague wish: 'As long as no one gets hurt...' This can hardly address the complexity of human experience – both its nobility and its tawdriness...")

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/09/06/video-jacob-rees-mogg-i-oppose-same-sex-marriage-and-abortion-in-all-cases/>

<https://ashenden.org/2017/09/07/a-letter-submitted-to-the-times-for-publication/>

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2017/09/07/the-liberal-rage-at-rees-mogg-hints-at-a-deep-insecurity/>



United States – California: San Francisco

David Daleiden (aged 29; investigative journalist, reported on [July 19, 2017](#) to have been found in contempt of court for having released videos of abortionists publicly discussing abortion details, fined over \$137,000, judge has connections to Planned Parenthood but refused to recuse himself; **UPDATE**: reportedly the judge increased the fine to almost \$200,000)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/judge-orders-pro-life-investigator-to-pay-200k-in-fines-over-released-video>

United States - District of Columbia

Amy Coney Barrett (law school professor, mother of 7, federal appellate court nominee, told by Senator Dianne Feinstein "When you read your speeches, the conclusion one draws is that the dogma lives loudly within you" [pundits replied that the Senator sounded like Star Wars' Yoda], also questioned by Senator Dick Durban as to whether she was an "Orthodox Catholic")

Chad C Pecknold (theology professor, tweeted that Senator's Feinstein's questioning was "chilling", added "Senators Durbin and Feinstein weren't questioning a judicial nominee, they were holding a Religious Inquisition with extreme prejudice" and "I teach dogma for a living, and can honestly say that even orthodox Catholics aren't nearly so 'dogmatic' as secular progressives")

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/democrat-senator-rips-catholic-judicial-nominee-the-dogma-lives-loudly-with>

Thursday September 7, 2017



China: Beijing

Gao Zhisheng (aged 53, husband of Geng He, brother of Gao Zhiyi, reported on [November 15, 2016](#) to have disappeared after agents from Beijing arrived at his home in [Shaanxi province](#) and destroyed a copy of his new book, *Year 2017, Stand Up China*, which had been sent him from friends overseas; **UPDATE**: confirmed to be in police custody)

Geng He (wife of Gao Zhisheng, granted asylum in the U.S.; **UPDATE**: said “We finally made contact with the government. They said he has been brought back to Beijing”)

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/gao-police-09072017170316.html>



Iran

Firouz Khandjani (**UPDATE**: in hiding, described how Christian children are being forced to learn the Quran in school: "Right now [President] Rouhani wants to prove that he is a good Muslim by persecuting Christians. Most of the new Christians are former Muslims")

Iran: Shiraz

Mohammad Vahid Roghangir (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; sentenced to six years in prison on [July 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Bijan Farokhpour Haghighi (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Eskandar Rezaie (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Suroush Saraie (released from prison on [November 10, 2015](#); rearrested, then released in [December 2015](#); detained in [July 2017](#); **UPDATE**: recently transferred to a VEVAK interrogation center)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/37736-iran-threatens-to-expell-christian-children-from-schools>



Czech Republic: Prague

Cardinal Dominik Duka OP (**UPDATE**: reported to have written in sympathy to the Greek ambassador after the German supermarket chain Lidl removed the cross from the Greek church pictured on some of its packaging “So far, ‘only’ the falsification of photos has occurred, but there are fears that soon real crosses may be removed even from churches...Their ignorance and suppression of their external expression bears witness of the priorities some businesspeople have”)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/106249.htm>



United Kingdom: London

Archbishop Gregorios Theocharous (aged 88, reported to have complained after the German supermarket chain Lidl removed the cross from the Greek church pictured on some of its packaging “They hurt the Christians — not only the Greeks because it was a Greek church — but [all] the Christians what I read. I hope that many others will protest against this silly decision...It is immoral in my eyes to remove something which has been there for 2,000 year and is the symbol that Christ died on the cross for you, for me, for millions of people”)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/106249.htm>

Friday September 8, 2017



India: Karnal district, Haryana state

UPDATE: Two pastors reportedly may face trial and a 10 year sentence for desecration of Hindu idols, the pastors claim "We are not suicidal" and that the evidence was fabricated

Pastor Bajinder (attacked and beaten by a mob of Hindus during a [November 9, 2014](#) service, arrested, released 5 days later)

Pastor Sanjay (arrested on [July 19, 2017](#) for his involvement in the alleged November 9, 2014 desecration despite the facts that he was not present and did not know Pastor Bajinder)

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



Nigeria: Ikeja, Lagos state

Fr Daniel Nwankwo (shot outside his church after Mass, hospitalized)

Nigeria: Ancha village, Miango district, Bassa local government area, Plateau state

Twenty Christians were killed and six injured in a revenge attack after the alleged murder of a Muslim child

John Bulus (said “On Saturday, September 2, while we were working on our fields and farms, we saw the Fulanis moving their cattle and families out of their camp, a settlement that is just some few kilometers away from here. So we rushed to them to inquire why the sudden departure from camp. They responded by telling us that one of them was some time ago killed in another village 5 kilometers from our village, hence, their decision to move away...One of them ran after me into the house, and he stood by the door to my room without entering the room or shooting, and after a few minutes he went out to join his colleagues outside. And just as I was thinking about what to do, I heard sporadic gun shots all over the village. They were shooting everywhere in the village and this lasted for about 25 minutes”)

Sati Ishaya (aged 9, **killed**)

Aveh Ishaya (aged 5, **killed**)

Azumi Monday (aged 3 months, **killed**)

Lami Monday (aged 3, **killed**)

Emmanuel Sunday (aged 6, **killed**)

Ishaya Sunday (aged 8, **killed**)

Friday John (aged 17, **killed**)

Ayo John (aged 10, **killed**)

Deba John (aged 7, **killed**)

Bulus Rohun (aged 50, **killed**)

Laraba Bulus (aged 45, **killed**)

Musa Ishaya (aged 21, **killed**)

Gado Odo (aged 75, **killed**)

Sei Musa (aged 19, **killed**)

Kande Ahmadu (aged 48, **killed**)

Ishaya Ahmadu (aged 40, **killed**)

Bala Ishaya (aged 18, **killed**)

Tina Monday (aged 20, **killed**)

Lami Ishaya (aged 40, **killed**)

Ahmadu Rohun (aged 80, **killed**)

Talatu Gado (aged 60, injured)

Mai'angwa Monday (aged 16, injured)

Talatu John (aged 46, injured)

Monday Ahmadu (aged 24, injured)

Vou Monday (aged 4, injured)

Tina Ahmadu (aged 28, injured)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2017/09/muslim-fulani-herdsmen-massacre-20-christians-plateau-state-nigeria/>

<http://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/ssouth-west/242739-catholic-priest-shot-lagos.html>



United States – Michigan: Macomb county

Hadeel Khalasawi (husband of Sumar, father of Mariano and Malano, stepfather of Marcella, immigrated from Iraq at age 4, former teen felon, detained, faces deportation to Iraq and possible death once he arrives)

Sumar (wife of Hadeel Khalasawi, said "[The government] should have deported them from day one after they committed their crimes. If they didn't want them in this country, they should have sent them back, not let them go and after 20 or 30 years come and snatch them away from us and break our hearts...My husband did make mistakes. He paid for his crimes. They let him out. He started a family. And now they just came after we built this life together...Eventually he's going to get killed. My husband has tattoos of Christianity. He's a target there after he goes there")

Mariano (son of Sumar and Hadeel Khalasawi)

Malano (son of Sumar and Hadeel Khalasawi)

Marcella (daughter of Sumar and stepdaughter of Hadeel Khalasawi)

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/iraqi-christians-helped-donald-trump-win-the-white-house-now-theyre-facing-deportation/article/2176817>

Saturday September 9, 2017



China: Xuzhou, Jiangsu province

Pastor Wei Zhelan (required to fill out an 'Underground Christian Church Key Staff [Leaders] Information Registration Form' with her personal information, commented on the government proposal to merge her church with an official church "It's too far away. We can't go there. I'm over 60 now, and I can't go there. It's dozens of miles away")

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2017/09/jiangsu-authorities-invoke-fear-with.html>



United States - Michigan

Carrie DeKlyen (aged 37, wife of Nick DeKlyen, mother of six, **died of brain cancer**, had decided against aggressive treatments due to pregnancy)

Nick DeKlyen (husband of Carrie DeKlyen, father of six, said "We love the Lord with everything in us. We talked about it, prayed about it...Under no circumstance do we believe you should take a child's life. She sacrificed her life for the child")

Life Lynn DeKlyen (newborn daughter of Carrie and Nick DeKlyen)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/faith-helped-couple-choose-baby-over-chemotherapy-treatment-93100/>

Sunday September 10, 2017



Philippines: Manila

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle (wrote in a pastoral letter stating "the country cannot be governed by violence...With pain and horror we continue to receive news of murders every day, largely victims of suspected drug dealers or drug addicts. We cannot allow the destruction of life to become an ordinary fact. We cannot rule the nation with homicides, this is not human", ordered all churches to ring their bells every night at 8 PM to remember those killed)

Fr Benjamin Alforque SCJ (contrasted the extrajudicial killings with the government's acceptance of the wealth of the Marcos family "The Marcoses get the red carpet while the government deprives drug suspects of due process")

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/church-leaders-criticize-dutertes-stance-on-marcos-heirs/80215>



China: Zhuhai, Guangdong province

Enoch (aged 22, convert, programmer, reported to have said that his house church has remodeled its apartment "We are trying to look more like a family that are here to chat and drink tea so no one will report us to the police...I'm really afraid it will be shut down one day. At the state church, I felt like I was listening to a lecture. But at the family church, people know about each other and love each other", added that the church has divided its WeChat social media group into several smaller groups to be less noticeable to the police)

<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/2110433/chinas-underground-churches-head-cover-crackdown-closes>



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Mary James Gill (Member of the Provincial Assembly; **UPDATE**: criticized a government advertisement calling for people to not throw trash in the streets during a Christian religious festival since Christian sanitation workers would not be available to pick it up)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/christians-upset-over-controversial-pilgrimage-advert/80233>



Egypt: Ezbat Al-Forn village, Minya province

Fr Daniel Babawy (celebrated the Divine Liturgy after security forces allowed the reopening of his church under guard, some local Muslims offered congratulations)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/egypt-coptic-churches-closed-security-reopen/>

Monday September 11, 2017



Philippines: Caloocan

Bishop Pablo Virgilio David (**UPDATE**: threatened with arrest for obstruction of justice for hiding 2 children who witnessed the extrajudicial murder of a criminal by police)

Philippines: Manila

Fr Albert Alejo SJ (**UPDATE**: said "In the so-called crusade against drugs launched by President Duterte, extrajudicial killings continue at a pace of about a thousand per month. The poor are those most affected. To understand the seriousness of the phenomenon, one must bear in mind that under the dictatorship of Marcos, one of the darkest periods of national history, there were 250 a year. We have a serial killer president and the state is becoming a state-killer. As Christians we cannot remain indifferent")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62893->

[ASIA PHILIPPINES Catholic leaders you cannot rule the country with murders#.Wbff8rKGOM8](http://www.fides.org/en/news/62893-ASIA_PHILIPPINES_Catholic_leaders_you_cannot_rule_the_country_with_murders#.Wbff8rKGOM8)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/scared-drug-war-witnesses-seek-church-protection/80230>



Nepal

The government enacted a law banning religious conversions, which will go into effect in August 2018

Bishop Paul Simick (said "We did not expect that the country would curtail international practices since Nepal is a member of several treaties and conventions on human and religious rights...Now there is fear that charges will be levelled at priests, who do not ask anyone to convert but help people to conduct religious practices. There is the possibility that the right of priests to exercise their faith and duties will be curtailed")

Pastor Chari Bahadur Gahatraj (**UPDATE**: said "This code aims to control religious freedom and freedom of conversion...We strongly condemn such control in every form. Minorities were forced to follow traditional Hindu practices. But because of discrimination and oppression, people are interested in Christianity...We do not force anyone or ask them to change religion. They come to join us and we cannot deny them entry into the Christian community")

Rev Bharat Giri (said "This is a conspiracy against the increasing Christian population. But we will not stop our evangelical work, which is our priestly duty. God will defend us")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Nepal%E2%80%99s-new-criminal-code-punishes-all-religious-conversions-41746.html>



Nigeria

Bulus (aged 32, alias, convert, reported to have been beaten, threatened with death, jailed on false allegations that he stole livestock from his family, said “I remembered that even Jesus, who didn’t sin, suffered. He died a painful death on the Cross, alongside criminals. I realized I had to live as He did and take up my cross. From the moment I decided that, my burdens were lifted and I saw how God gave me enough strength for every day to preach the Good News also in prison”)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/bulus-fulani-family-jailed-false-charges-hes-christian/>

Tuesday September 12, 2017



Philippines: Manila

Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Soncuaco Pabillo (**UPDATE**: said "Any person who is said to be a drug suspect in the eyes of the government must have an opportunity to defend themselves in a right and lawful court with due process, accessing the judicial system. The government cannot apprehend people without proper investigation and facts... The Philippine government has no moral responsibility nor political right to kill people on the basis of mere suspicions. What about people’s inalienable human right to defend their position with due process?...The government’s relentless war against drug is nothing but extra-judicial killing, which is uncalled for. It is nothing but an ‘abuse of power’")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Duterte%E2%80%99s-war-on-drugs-is-unjustified,-says-Mgr-Pabillo-41763.html>



China: Chengdu, Sichuan province

Pastor Wang Yi (**UPDATE**: detained while travelling to a Christian training conference in Hong Kong, released and sent home)

Jiang Rong (wife of a pastor, not detained while travelling to a Christian training conference in Hong Kong)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2017/09/pastor-detained-for-traveling-to.html>



Bangladesh: Chittagong

Archbishop Moses M Costa (**UPDATE**: said “Last year a thousand Bengalis attacked a parish in Chittagong, because many miles away two business men had been killed and we Christians were accused of having had something to do with it...The government does not acknowledge their [i.e. minorities] rightful existence and ignores them, so that they have scarcely any possibility of development...[take shipbreaking for example:] This work is carried out in very hazardous conditions and claims innumerable human lives. But I am not permitted to visit this place, because the authorities have refused me permission”)

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1505178316.html>



Yemen

Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB (aged 57, Indian citizen, abducted when armed men attacked a nursing home in Aden on March 4, 2016, killing 16 employees and residents including 4 nuns; **UPDATE**: freed from captivity, has left the country)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Fr.-Tom-Uzhunnalil-is-freed-41761.html>



Israel: Jerusalem

Bishop Attallah Hanna (aged 52; **UPDATE** spat upon and cursed by more than 20 Jewish extremists)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1983&A=32259>



United Kingdom: Isle of Wright

Sally Rowe (wife of Nigel Rowe, reported that she had been told that her six year old son could be disciplined if he could not accept the transgender change of a classmate, in reply said that the school's promotion of gender theory was psychologically damaging of the other students and therefore constituted abuse under the law)

Nigel Rowe (husband of Sally Rowe, reported to have said "I cannot contemplate my six-year-old son being disciplined and stigmatized as a bully simply because he believes that another six-year old born as a boy, is actually a boy...the school's behavior has created a direct clash between our family's beliefs, and the imposition of this new ideology. We,

and our children, are being bullied into accepting a new moral framework which strongly conflicts with what we really believe")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/education/parents-to-challenge-church-schools-transgender-policy>



Canada: Toronto

Mary Wagner (aged 43, arrested on [December 12, 2016](#) after entering the waiting room of an abortion clinic in an effort to persuade the clients to leave, refused bail conditions that required her to avoid entering abortion clinics; convicted of mischief and breach of probation on [August 15, 2017](#); **UPDATE**: released with time served, read letters to the court including one thanking her from a woman who she had persuaded to keep her baby on the day of her arrest)

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/mom-tells-judge-my-baby-is-alive-because-of-mary-wagner>

Thursday September 14, 2017



Australia: Melbourne

Karina Okotel (aged 37, attorney, wife of David, mother of Hannah, David, and Grace, daughter of Sri Lankan immigrants, said of her opposition to same sex marriage “I have even been told to go back to my own country, which is difficult given that I was born in Australia. However, the discrimination and hate I have faced, just by querying whether we should be legalizing same-sex marriage, has been like nothing I have experienced before...I wonder what life will be like for my own kids should they form a view that supports traditional marriage. To protect them, will I have to caution them to keep their views to themselves, not to ask questions and not speak up?”)

<https://barnabasfund.org/news/Australian-politician-defending-religious-freedom-says-she-faces-bigotry-worse-than-racism>



China: Wenzhou, Zhejiang province

Li (reported to have said “Many Sunday schools in Wenzhou were shut down...Many teachers sent messages to their colleagues in group chats in order to prevent children from attending religious gatherings”)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2017/09/china-persecutes-christians-for.html>



India: Ranchi, Jharkhand state

Cardinal Telesphore P Toppo (**UPDATE**: reported to have been burned in effigy at a BJP rally)

Auxiliary Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas SFX (**UPDATE**: reported to have written a letter to Prime Minister Modi "I am making this appeal to you with much sorrow and anguish but also with hope. You must be aware of the recent happenings in Jharkhand, a State ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party. You might be aware that there is spiraling hatred being created by the Chief Minister [Governor] belonging to your Party, which if not controlled immediately, could take the State and its people down the streets of violence and hate... Here is the burning of effigy of probably the most prominent and respected religious leader in Jharkhand. Cardinal Telesphore P. Toppo, as you would be aware, is a non-controversial leader, respected not only in Christian circles but also in civil society and by Tribals and non-Tribals...History shows us that hatred which begins as a tiny spark can engulf into an unstoppable fire. As you know the burning of effigies can very well turn into physical violence...I appeal to you, honorable Prime Minister, with trust and hope to intervene and curb the spread of hate created by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand. Jharkhandis and Jharkhand deserves better. If the Chief Minister is unable to control his ideological hatred, then it is time for him to go")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Jharkhand,-Card.-Toppo-'in-flames'.-Msgr-Mascarenhas:-curb-the-hatred-of-the-chief-minister-41778.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

James Nadeem (brother of Najma and Samreen, accused on or before **July 10, 2016** of sending a blasphemous poem via social media; arrested on **July 14, 2016**, case likely triggered by his marriage to a Muslim woman who converted to Christianity, the pastor who baptized his wife has fled into hiding; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

<https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/christian-man-sentenced-to-death-for-alleged-blasphemous-whats-app-message>



Egypt

Father 'S' (reported to have said "Because I advocate for these [abducted Christian] girls, I received threats. If I wouldn't stop, they would take my daughter too. But I fear no one, only God. Their threats weren't going to stop me", during the 2011 attempted abduction of his daughter he fired his gun in the air: "The kidnappers got scared and ran away", added that he has recovered only 8 girls of the approximately 150 abducted in his area in the last 10 years "Every girl who doesn't return feels like a daughter I am losing... We are one Body. If one suffers, we all do...But I believe my God is a God of miracles. We pray for these girls in church, while our tears flow. I pray also for their kidnappers, that God touches their hearts")

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/egypt-ex-kidnapper-admits-get-paid-every-copt-christian-girl-bring/>



Nigeria: Akure, Ondo state

Pastor Benaiah Moses (complained after a convention center refused to allow a Christian prayer meeting "This is quite unfortunate. Imagine, they sent us out after they had assured us of using the venue, giving an excuse that the place is reserved for dinner...Can this ever happen with other religions? I don't see any reason why they wouldn't allow us to use the hall this morning, or in the least, give us an alternative", the delegates held their prayer meeting outside the center under the scorching sun)

Bishop Eddy Bebor (said there was a deliberate effort to prevent the prayer meeting at the convention center)

Nigeria: Jos, Plateau state

Muslims attacked Christians in reprisal for the targeted killing of Muslims by Biafrican separatists, at least three were killed

Jerry Binkur (final-year college student, **killed**)

Prof Timothy O Oyetunde (postgraduate dean, attacked in his automobile, escaped with minor injuries, another professor was stabbed in the chest, automobile set afire)

Prof Ema Ema (stabbed in the head while in Prof Timothy O Oyetunde's automobile)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201709150082.html>

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/nigeria-calm-returns-to-jos-after-eruption-of-violence-that-threatened-the-nation/>

Friday September 15, 2017



Australia: Perth

Pastor Margaret Court (former professional tennis player, denied re-election to her tennis club due to her support of traditional marriage, said "I think it's sad. You don't have the freedom of speech today to really defend yourself")

<https://thewest.com.au/news/wa/same-sex-marriage-critic-margaret-court-hits-back-over-cottesloe-tennis-club-dumping-ng-b88600348z>



Vietnam: Thua Thien Hue province

Br Stanislas Tran Minh Vong OSB (aged 81; **UPDATE**: said the current drought has led his fellow monks to again ask the government to return a seized reservoir to their monastery "We are very worried about our orange gardens that are in danger because water supplies have become scarce")

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/scarce-water-threatens-benedictines-livelihood/80231>



Eritrea

Ruth (wife, mother of three, husband in prison for his faith, reported to have said: "I always worry and wonder how he is. I also find it unbearable to see how my three young children miss him. They always cry for baba. They sometimes perform poorly in school because they miss him so much. It is so hard to care for them by myself")

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2017/09/eritrean-christian-single-mothers-isolation-church-leader-husband-imprisoned/>



United States - Michigan

Steve Tennes (farmer, husband of Bridget Tennes, banned in [March 2017](#) from a farmer's market in East Lansing due to his Facebook posts in support of traditional marriage and refusal

to host same sex weddings on his farm; **UPDATE:** a Federal court issued an injunction against the municipal ordinance that banned him)

Bridget Tennes (wife of Steve Tennes)

<https://stream.org/judge-suspends-citys-ban-farmers-marriage-views/>
https://www.scribd.com/document/359013890/Country-Mills-vs-East-Lansing-opinion-and-order-granting-motion-for-preliminary-injunction#from_embed

Saturday September 16, 2017



Philippines: Bato

Fr Teresito 'Chito' Suganob (abducted by Islamic militants along with 13 parishioners in [Marawi, Mindanao](#) on [May 23, 2017](#), cathedral burned, 9 other Christians shot dead;

UPDATE: rescued from captivity by the Philippine military)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Marawi:-Fr.-Chito,-free-after-4-months-41807.html>

Sunday September 17, 2017



Australia: Canberra

Madeline (aged 18, fired from her job at a children's party store after she posted on Facebook that she would vote against same sex marriage in the national referendum)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-woman-fired-revealing-shell-vote-no-australias-gay-marriage-referendum-199921/>

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/18-year-old-aussie-loses-her-job-for-saying-its-ok-to-vote-no-on-same-sex-m>



Nigeria: Oguurute, Enugu Ezike, Enugu state

Bishop Godfrey Igwebuike Onah (issued a pastoral letter in [Nsukka, Enugu state](#) on [April 29, 2016](#) entitled *Stop This Madness!* concerning the [April 25, 2016](#) attack by Fulani gunmen in [Nimbo](#); **UPDATE**: denounced the destruction a mosque by possible Biafrian separatists, visited the local imam to express his condolences)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62950->

[AFRICA NIGERIA The Bishop of Nsukka condemns the attack on a Mosque Fears of independent reawakening#.WcUVNLKGOM8](#)

Monday September 18, 2017



Vietnam: Hoang Mai, Nghe An province

John Nguyen Van Oai (aged 36, husband, arrested in [Nghe An](#) on [January 19, 2017](#) on fabricated charges of violating probation; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment and 4 years' house arrest)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Ho%C3%A0ng-Mai,-Catholic-activist-Nguy%E1%BB%85n-V%C4%83n-Oai-convicted-again-41844.html>



Cambodia: Phnom Penh

Twenty-nine Montagnard tribal people from Vietnam have been denied asylum for religious persecution

Rlan Lap (aged 40, Vietnamese citizen, had spent years in a Vietnamese prison, said “I am very scared, I am very nervous. I know when they take me back to Vietnam, they are not going to treat me well”)

Y Rin Kpa (aged 47, had spent 9 years in prison in Vietnam)

By Un (aged 40, church leader, father of six, said “I urged the people to protest for freedom of religion, ownership over the land, and to demand authorities to allow us to build a church”, was attested, beaten, and tortured)

Siu Loih (aged 60, spent 4 years in prison in Vietnam)

<http://www.phnompenhpost.com/national/well-founded-fears-montagnards-returning-vietnam-speak-dread-what-awaits-them>



India

Pastor Gunsingh (reported to have been beaten by Hindu radicals, motorbike damaged, said “More than 70 Christians from Kadhalkogaom stopped meeting for any kind of Christian gathering, and I was strongly advised not to enter into the village”)

Mansingh (reported to have been beaten by Hindu radicals, deafened in one ear, suffered a partial hearing loss in the other ear)

<http://www.persecution.org/2017/09/18/despite-persecution-in-india-i-will-live-for-him-alone/>

Tuesday September 19, 2017



Australia: Brisbane

Pastor John Gill (church threatened with arson after it posted a billboard supporting traditional marriage)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/evangelical-church-threatened-set-on-fire-amid-lgbt-outrage-at-marriage-billboard-199760/>



Thailand: Bangkok

Maherwar Ishaq (Pakistani asylum applicant, subjected to an attempted rape by a Pakistani embassy official when she applied for a passport renewal on [December 26, 2016](#);
UPDATE: threatened by Pakistani embassy officials with deportation and death unless she drops her complaint against the embassy, Canadian Christians have been working to secure her asylum there)

<https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/depraved-officials-of-embassy-in-pakistan-threaten-christian-girl-to-stay-silent-on-sexual-harassmen>



Egypt

Girgis Nazir (reported to have been **shot dead** by a Muslim neighbor during a disagreement)

<http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1985&A=32294>



Mali

Sr Gloria Cecilia Narvaez Argoti (Colombian citizen, abducted in **Koutiala** on **February 7, 2017**;

UPDATE: reported to have developed health issues with a leg and kidney)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62930->

[AMERICA_COLOMBIA_Health_problems_for_the_missionary_nun_kidnapped_in_Mali_in_February#.WcEgbLKGOM8](http://www.fides.org/en/news/62930-AMERICA_COLOMBIA_Health_problems_for_the_missionary_nun_kidnapped_in_Mali_in_February#.WcEgbLKGOM8)

Wednesday September 20, 2017



China: Hong Kong

Anthony Lam Sui-ki (**UPDATE:** said that the new 10,000 page religious regulations order published by the government showed that public consultations with Christians had been ignored with the aim to achieve total control of religion)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/total-control-is-behind-chinas-revised-religious-regulations/80265>



India: Mohanpur village, Guna district, Madhya Pradesh state

The state government closed a 20 year old Catholic college allegedly for lacking permits and title to its land

Fr Siljo Kidanganv (college administrator, reported to have said the government "received pressure from extremist Hindu groups and closed the school, arguing that our certificate lacked the signature of the district authority. But the Church bought land from the local population following all legal formalities. Now because of a small matter the government has taken possession of the property")

Fr Maria Stephen (said "What worries us most and concerns us is the way the closure took place. Police arrived at night with five jeeps full of members of the Rashdriya Swayamsevak

Sangh [RSS] Hindu paramilitary group, and VHP [Vishva Hindu Parishad, Hindu nationalists, leader of Hindutva ideology]. This scared the children...The behavior of officials dictates that they are not on the side of the poor but the rich. It is horrible to see welfare and good education to poor children shut down")

Bishop Anthony Chirayath (**UPDATE:** reported to have said police "found that the alleged accusation of converting 200 people is false. Police officers have also verified that property really belongs to the Church, so there is nothing illegal about the land on which the structure is built. They only want to attack us...[the goal] is to drive out Christians from this area. There are just two Christian families here and yesterday one of them told me they received threats, now lives in fear")

Archbishop Leo Cornelio (**UPDATE:** reported to have said there had been "harassment against Christians and an anti-Christian atmosphere surrounding our mission. This is a land dispute. And it is also a question of Ghar Wapsi, that is to return to the religion of origin. But tribals have never been Hindus. So the [nationalist]'s claim to return the land to the people is unfounded and only responds to the goal of tormenting Christians")

India: Madhya Pradesh state

The state government has ordered all public schools to require students to say Jai Hind [hail India] when attendance is taken, Hind is a sectarian pro-Hindu word for India - the official non-sectarian word is Bharat

Bishop Anthony Chirayath (**UPDATE:** reported to have said he had not received the order and would think about implementing it, added "It is not good for a healthy democracy to force such orders on students")

Fr Maria Stephen (**UPDATE:** reported to have said "This is more or less a cultural invasion")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Catholic-college-closed-down-in-Madhya-Pradesh.-Bishop-of-Sagar:-They-want-to-drive-out-Christians-41829.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh,-Catholics-and-Protestants-denounce-Hindutva-targeting-of-the-poor.-41840.html>

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/forcing-patriotic-slogan-on-indian-schools-criticized/80290>



Iraq: Basra

Archbishop Habib Hormouz al-Naufali (**UPDATE:** said that there are only 300 families left in his eparchy [diocese], of its 15 churches only 4 are open, requested that a statue of Mary the mother of Jesus be moved from a public park to church property)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-statue-of-Our-Lady-removed-in-Basra-to-avoid-tensions-between-religious-communities-41836.html>



Israel: Beit Jimal

Archbishop Giacinto-Boulos Marcuzzo (**UPDATE**: condemned the vandalism of St. Stephen's church [a traditional site of the tomb of the saint]: "Vandals broke into the church and destroyed the crosses, the statue of Our Lady and the stained glass, as well as the faces of the saints...Perhaps, Jewish extremists did it, but we do not know this for sure. At present, there is no evidence, but it is the same kind of background that led to the attacks in Tabgha and other Christian sites in the Holy Land")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-Mgr-Marcuzzo,-the-attack-against-St-Stephen%E2%80%99s-Church-in-Beit-Jimal-is-a-sign-of-fanaticism-41846.html>

Thursday September 21, 2017



China: Gaizhou, Liaoning province

Fr Fei Jisheng (aged 41, abducted by authorities in [November 2015](#), released; detained on [June 6, 2016](#) for cross-border evangelization; released in [July 2016](#); arrested in [Fushun, Liaoning province](#) on [October 18, 2016](#) on charges that he stole a money box from a home for the elderly, Christians believe he was arrested for his evangelization work; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment in a closed trial, had been denied visitations while detained)

He Xianmin (sentenced to 1 year probation)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/chinese-priest-gets-jail-time-for-theft-supporters-say-he-was-framed/80303>



India: Ranchi, Jharkhand state

Fr Michael Kerketta SJ (said in response to the [September 5, 2017](#) signing of the state's anti-conversion law "The measure affects non-Hindu religious communities like Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, and other local communities. It is our duty to denounce an injustice that violates the freedom of conscience and religion and is against the Constitution...Hindu extremist groups in the state of Jharkhand are strong and have ample space in society. In

past days anti-Christian demonstrations in Ranchi and violent militants shook the city. Some Christians are in prison for false accusations of having promoted conversions")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/62944->

[ASIA INDIA Anti conversion law in Jharkhand will give rise to violence and religious polarization#.WcPBW7KGOM8](http://www.fides.org/en/news/62944-ASIA_INDIA_Anti_conversion_law_in_Jharkhand_will_give_rise_to_violence_and_religious_polarization#.WcPBW7KGOM8)



Ireland: Dublin

Patrick McCrystal (director of Human Life International, spoke after threats forced a hotel to cancel hosting a meeting of his organization "Who decides who may speak in Ireland? This is an attack on the very foundation of democracy in our country. These women are highly respected in their fields. Yet an angry mob have decided that only certain voices are allowed to be heard in Ireland")

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/antiabortion-group-left-fuming-after-hotel-cancels-their-booking-over-intimidation-36155799.html>

Friday September 22, 2017



Kazakhstan

Pretrial investigations reportedly underway of four Christian conscientious objectors

Adilzhan Iskakov

Dmitry Vedyakin

Kaken Dostayev

Tlek Zhumagazinov

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2317

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