

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2016-10-30 through 2016-11-05



Canada

Bruce Clemenger (Trinity Western University law school president, applauded an appellate court's denial of an attempt to strip the school of its accreditation over its Christian beliefs, stated "The EFC is delighted that the religious liberties of all Canadians have been upheld, including evangelical Christians. Evangelicals contribute to all aspects of Canadian society, including law. This judgment is a strong affirmation of Canada's religious diversity and the right of everyone to contribute to Canadian society without compromising their religious beliefs")

Date: November 1, 2016

Source: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-law-school-cant-be-denied-accreditation-over-biblical-stance-on-homosexuality-canadian-court-rules-171259/>



China

Fr Fei Jisheng (aged 40, arrested on charges that he stole a money box from a home for the elderly, Christians believe he was arrested for his evangelization work)

Fr Dong Hongchang (reported on the arrest of Fr Fei Jisheng)

Date: October 18, 2016

Location: Fushun, Liaoning province

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/arrest-of-priest-in-china-is-a-state-secret/77493>



Cyprus

Archbishop Chrysostomos II (**UPDATE:** stated that he wants to create Christians schools to teach children Orthodox values, now under attack by an LGBT group which stated that his statement is a violation of the criminal code and that he should be prosecuted)

Date: November 1, 2016

Location: Nicosia

Source: <http://in-cyprus.com/lgbti-group-call-for-legal-action-against-archbishop/>



Egypt

Vena Ashraf (abducted, **murdered**, jewelry taken)

Date reported: November 1, 2016

Location: Beni Suef

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1763&A=27925>

Viola Samir (aged 7, described how eight Christians in her class were prevented from attending Christian instruction by their teacher, one was beaten for not learning the Quran by heart, father later said "When my daughter told the teacher that the extra texts were not part of the Arabic curriculum, she was severely punished by her teacher. The Christian religious studies teacher complained to the headmaster, but he took no disciplinary action against the Muslim teacher. In the end, the teacher allowed the Christian children to leave the class to join their Christian studies class")

Date reported: November 1, 2016

Location: near Samalout, Minya province

Abanob Milad (aged 11, father said "Once, the teacher, Mohamed, caned Abanob on the back of his hands, afterwards forcing him to stand with his face to the board and both arms up in the air for the entire length of the lesson. My son had failed to repeat the Quranic text by heart when prompted")

Date reported: November 1, 2016

Location: Samalout, Minya province

Kyrellos Shafiq (aged 9, given a zero for his homework, father said "The teacher made the other students pin down my son as he gave him the bastinado, caning him on his bare feet. It seems only Christians are given this punishment. They're 12 out of 42 in my son's class")

Date reported: November 1, 2016

Location: Delga village, near the city of Dayr Mawas, Minya province

Maccar Aziz (aged 10, told by a Muslim friend that the teacher had told the Muslim students to ostracize the Christian students on religious grounds)

Date reported: November 1, 2016

Location: Abu-Teig, Assiut province

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/11/4703212/>



India

Event: A Christian family was beaten by Hindu radicals in their home in [Kuther village, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state](#) and hospitalized on [October 8, 2016](#); **UPDATE:** evicted from the hospital by police after they gave testimony about the attack to an aid worker

Sularam Kashyap (husband of Sudri, son of Sukru Kashyap)

Sudri Kashyap (pregnant wife of Sularam Kashyap)

Sukru Kashyap (aged 60, father of Sularam Kashyap)

Date: [October 15, 2016](#)

Location: [Jagdarpur, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state](#)

Sukru Kashyap (aged 60, husband, father of Sularam Kashyap; **UPDATE:** [died of his injuries](#))

Sularam Kashyap (husband of Sudri, son of Sukru Kashyap; **UPDATE:** prevented from burying his father by local Hindus, was able to bury him the next day with police protection)

Date: [October 31, 2016](#)

Location: [Kuther village, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh state](#)

Source: <http://www.persecution.org/2016/11/02/christian-family-in-indias-bastar-district-brutally-beaten-by-suspected-hindu-radicals/>



Lebanon

Kristina (aged 28, wife, mother of an 18 month old daughter, Syrian refugee, told of stories reported from her friends in Aleppo “But you know what’s surprising? The church is still full, displaced people take their place. Especially Muslims are coming to the church now...That absolutely did not happen before the war. Still the Muslims are afraid – especially when entering and leaving the building – but they are there. The children have opened the church’s doors, then the women followed, and finally the men...Many Muslims were genuinely surprised when they met Christian women in our churches willing to serve them. Their image was that all Christian women spend most of their days dancing in night clubs and drinking alcohol! Meeting each other was a shock, both for them and for us...For the first time in history, Muslims are coming to us. The only thing we have to do is tell them the good news, they are waiting for it. They realize that, when living in a Christian environment, the [Gospel] will be shared. They may even see it as a sign of weakness if it isn’t...Many are re-thinking the faith they grew up in and have dropped their hostility towards Christians”)

Date reported: [November 2, 2016](#)

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/11/4705949/>



Nigeria

Event: An attack on at least two villages by Fulani Muslim herdsmen ended after three days

John Audu (shot dead)

Tahiru Audu (shot dead)

Jonathan Yakubu (shot dead)

Hasholy Tari (aged 35, killed)

Iliya Maiga (aged 70, husband of Alisabatu Iliya, father of Istifanus Iliya, killed)

Alisabatu Iliya (wife of Iliya Maiga, mother of Istifanus Iliya, died from gunshot wounds)

Istifanus Iliya (aged 50, son of Iliya Maiga and Alisabatu Iliya, killed)

Williams Anche (aged 51, killed)

Enoch James (aged 23, killed with a machete)

Jonathan Akos (aged 49, killed)

Gabriel Adamu (aged 30, killed)

Daniel Amos (aged 60, community leader, said “These Fulani herdsmen attacked us for three days and killed nine of my people, all of them married Christians who died leaving behind children. In all, 12 houses were burned by the herdsmen. These Muslim herdsmen destroyed all our crops on our farms. Survivors among my people have been displaced, and some of them may never again return to this village...This is the first of this type of attack on my people, and I know that there has never been any problem between my people and these herdsmen,” Amos said. “If there was any such problem, I would definitely have looked for ways to resolve them amicably. Unfortunately, these herdsmen never told us what the problem is. As Christians, we’ll never want to have problems with others”)

Yakubu Sabo (aged 26, said “Alisabatu Iliya was shot on both legs and hands, and all limbs were broken. She died from bleeding from the bullet wounds. John Audu and Tahiru Audu were shot and killed by the herdsmen. Jonathan Yakubu too was shot, and he died, while Enoch James was cut on his head with a machete resulting in his bleeding to death”)

Associate Pastor Audu Ibrahim Mai’angwa (aged 32, said “The following morning, which was a Monday, the herdsmen returned at about 11 AM to carry out another attack on our village, killing four more of our people. The four murdered are members of my church”)

Pastor Markus Danladi Akwa (aged 55, said “I urge our Christian brethren to not despair, but to have hope that they shall overcome these trials. We must forgive these herdsmen for persecuting us and pray that God convicts them so that they come to know Jesus Christ...I want to plead with our government to put an end to these senseless attacks on

Christians. The government should also urgently assist these Christian villagers, as many are now starving as all their crops were destroyed and houses burned down”)

Date: September 27, 2016

Location: Dogon Fili village

Bayo Ambi (aged 30, **killed**)

Indika Sarki (aged 15, **killed**)

Danjuma Ladan (aged 47, described the murder of Bayo Ambi and Indika Sarki “Both are members of our church, ECWA Church-Denji. Most of our people who survived the attack have all left this village”)

Date: September 27, 2016

Location: Antang / Denji village

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/10/dangerous-area-in-kaduna-nigeria-a-virtual-ghost-town-13-more-deaths-discovered/>



Pakistan

Event: Police filed a report against a husband and wife two days after a Quran was desecrated on a neighbor's property, video recordings show they were at work during the crime, the neighbors refused to implicate them

Parvaiz Masih (aged 50, husband of Azra Bibi, custodian)

Azra Bibi (wife of Parvaiz Masih, custodian)

Date: October 30, 2016

Location: Manawala, Sheikhpura

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/11/4708039/>



Palestine

Archbishop Alexios (as of [July 28, 2012](#) is demanding that forced conversions to Islam cease; **UPDATE:** “confirmed that the Christians who converted to Islam did so under threats, coercion, compulsion, and force”, demanded that the government investigate forced conversions but received no reply)

Date: mid-October 2016

Location: Gaza

Source: <http://raymondibrahim.com/2016/11/01/forced-conversion-christians-gaza/>



Uganda

Stephen Muganzi (aged 41, fled his home with his family after threatened by a mob for hiding two young converts from Islam, said “The life of my family is at stake. Where am I going to take them? I have lost everything that was in the house”)

Date: October 16, 2016

Location: Kobolwa village, Kibuku district

Event: Twenty seven Christians while harvesting rice were attacked for suspicion of converting Muslims to Christianity, 12 hospitalized

John Supete (cut in the back of the head, said “The Muslims attacked us while shouting in Arabic “We are fighting for the cause of Allah”)

Kiryra Mbulambago (said “The Muslims beat us using clubs, sticks and metallic objects, and several of us were injured”)

Date: October 6, 2016

Location: Nalidi village, Pallisa district

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/11/muslims-in-uganda-burn-home-where-boys-threatened-with-violence-took-refuge/>



United States - Rhode Island

Dr Anthony Esolen (professor at Providence College, under pressure to resign after publishing two articles on the existence of “the Totalitarian Diversity Cult” at the college, has been charged with making 'racist, xenophobic, misogynist, homophobic, and religiously chauvinist statements')

Date reported: November 3, 2016

Location: Providence

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/providence-college-rebukes-professor-after-students-protest-his-lack-o>

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