

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2018-09-30 through 2018-10-06



### China

Cao Qingen (church minister, detained during a police raid on a church)

Date: September 16, 2018

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/09/church-calls-for-help-as-police-block.html>



### Kenya

Fredrick Mukanda Bahati (husband, father of two, brother of Wycliffe Mukanda, mason, attacked on a construction site along with two co-workers by Muslims angered by the deaths of three al-Shabaab militants in a likely police action, all three fled to a nearby hotel and were **stoned to death**)

Wycliffe Mukanda (brother of Fredrick Mukanda Bahati, said "This is a sad day in our family. We have lost a man who was skilled in construction and loved all of us. He always reminded us to pray and trust God even in difficult times. That is what is keeping us going after losing him. We were expecting to see him before the end of the year but now what we have is the memories, a widow, and two children to take care of...Where were the police to protect?")

Date: September 22, 2018

Location: Elwak, Mandera

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/09/25/local-muslims-stone-three-christians-death-protest/>



### Myanmar

**Event: Churches continued to be closed by the Chinese backed United Wa State Army, 92 church leaders and 42 Christian students were detained**

Tat Jack (said “My uncle is a preacher. He lives at a village nearby the Wa rebel base, Panghsang city. He and his son were detained in early September. But we are not allowed to visit them. We also heard that many members of the Christian community there are detained”)

Date reported: October 1, 2018

Location: Shan state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/rebels-in-burma-detain-more-than-90-christian-leaders-shut-down-more-churches/>



## Nicaragua

Bishop Rolando Jose Alvarez Lagos (**UPDATE:** condemned the September 23, 2018 killing of a 16 year old anti-government demonstrator by pro-government paramilitaries in Managua “We mourn the death. We mourn one more death. It grieves our soul, the death of the young man, of the boy, Matt Andres Romero. Our prayers for his family. Our love and solidarity with them. We continue to insist: not one more death, please”)

Date: September 25, 3018

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/nicaraguan-bishop-laments-death-of-teen-during-anti-government-protests-19698>



## Nigeria

### Event: Fulani Muslim gunmen killed 17 Christians in their homes

Rogu Audu (aged 50, son of Kande Audu, father of Ruth and Dorcas Rugu, uncle of Ishaya, Jonathan, and Cynthia Kogi, brother in law of Kogi Audu, nephew of Sunday Moru, said “The Fulani herdsmen came from the Wild Life Park, which shares a border with our community. The park is located in the southern flank of Rukuba Road and has rocky hills, which provided the attackers with cover to enable them to invade our community...When the Fulani herdsmen came, they shot into the house randomly, breaking and forcing their way into rooms shooting defenseless women and children and anyone in sight”)

Ruth Rogu (aged 18, **killed**)

Dorcas Rugu (aged 20, **killed**)

Ishaya Kogi (aged 15, relative of Rogu Audu, **killed**)

Jonathan Kogi aged 17, nephew of Rogu Audu, **killed**)

Cynthia Kogi (aged 22, niece of Rogu Audu, **killed**)

Lucky Kogi (aged 25, relative of Rogu Audu, parent of Majesty and Blessing, **killed**)  
Majesty Lucky (aged 3, child of Lucky Kogi, **killed**)  
Blessing Lucky (aged 4, child of Lucky Kogi, **killed**)  
Kande Audu (aged 75, **killed**)  
Kogi Audu (aged 47, sister in law of Rogu Audu, **killed**)  
Blessing Kogi (aged 22, child of Kogi Audu, injured, hospitalized)  
Azumi Gado (aged 20, **killed**)  
Ladi Rigi (aged 22, **killed**)  
Sunday Moru (aged 65 uncle of Rogu Audu, grandfather of Blessing Sunday, home attacked)  
Blessing Sunday (aged 18, granddaughter of Sunday Moru, fiancée of Monday, **killed**)  
Monday (fiancé of Blessing Sunday, **killed**)  
Daniel Kadiya, 60, grandfather of Redzie, Patience, and Philip Yakubu, said of his grandchildren  
“They had machete cuts and are currently receiving treatment at the Bingham University  
Teaching Hospital, Jos. Redzie was cut on her head, Patience was cut on her right hand,  
while Philip was cut on the face and hands”)  
Redzie Yakubu (aged 14, granddaughter of Daniel Kadiya, cut with a machete on the head)  
Patience Yakubu (aged 8, granddaughter of Daniel Kadiya, cut with a machete on the right hand)  
Philip Yakubu (aged 5, grandson of Daniel Kadiya, cut with a machete on the face and hands,  
hospitalized)

Date: September 27, 2018

Location: Rukuba Road, Jos, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/four-children-grandmother-among-17-christians-slain-in-attack-by-muslim-herdsmen-in-nigeria/>



## Syria

Souleman Yusph (journalist, disappeared, believed to have been detained by the Asayish [the Kurdish security and intelligence service], had extensively reported on Kurdish closure of Christian schools)

Archbishop Jacques Behnan Hindo (**UPDATE**: spoke on the disappearance of Souleman Yusph: “at present we don’t have any news...We hope that the situation can be resolved as soon as possible. We are closely following the story in order to figure out who took him and where he is now”)

Date: September 30, 2018

Location: Qamishli

Isa Rashid (teacher, education director, beaten by suspected Kurds, hospitalized in serious condition)

Date: September 22, 2018

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Hindo-worried-about-a-Christian-journalists-disappearance-in-a-Kurdish-area-45086.html/>



## United Kingdom

Bishop Gavin Ashenden (**UPDATE**: Twitter account suspended after citing a study purporting that most of the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic church was due to homosexuality and not pedophilia, immediately restored after he deleted the tweet)

Date reported: October 1, 2018

Source: <http://archbishopcranmer.com/bishop-blocked-twitter-truth-sex-abuse-catholic-church/>

Princess Alexandra of Hanover (aged 19, professional figure skater, removed from the British royal line of succession due to her conversion to Catholicism)

Date reported: September 27, 2018

Source: <http://royalcentral.co.uk/europe/monaco/princess-alexandra-of-hanover-is-removed-from-the-british-line-of-succession-109243>

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