

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2018-11-04 through 2018-11-10



Cameroon

Rt Rev Fonki Samuel Forba (spoke with separatists after they abducted 79 children and 3 staffers from a Christian school "They don't want any ransom. All they want is for us to close the schools. We have promised to close down the schools We hope and pray they release the kids and the teachers")

Date: November 4, 2018

Location: Bamenda

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/79-presbyterian-schoolchildren-kidnapped-cameroon-near-where-us-missionary-murdered-228371/>



Canada

Steve Jalsevac (publisher of LifeSiteNews, web site host company gave notice of suspension of service after a convicted U.S. child molester alleged that LifeSiteNews had defamed him when it had reported on his previous takedowns of other Christian sites, the convicted molester also alleged that LifeSiteNews had violated his copyright when it used his police mugshot)

Date: October 27, 2018

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/urgent-lifesite-is-under-attack>



China

Event: Four underground priests disappeared into police custody, reportedly are held in a hotel undergoing indoctrination to coerce them to join the official church

Fr Zhang Guilin

Fr Wang Zhong

Fr Su Guipeng

Fr Zhao He

Date reported: November 5, 2018

Location: Hebei province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hebei,-four-underground-priests-disappear-in-police-custody-45386.html>

Bishop Peter Shao Zhumin (underground bishop; **UPDATE**: abducted by police reportedly for "10 or 15" days of interrogation and indoctrination)

Date: November 9, 2018

Location: Wenzhou, Zhejiang province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Wenzhou's-bishop-Shao-Zhumin-taken-by-police-45439.html>

Cardinal Emeritus Joseph Zen Ze-Kium SDB (aged 86; **UPDATE**: flew to Rome to deliver a letter to Pope Francis concerning persecution in China and the Vatican response, said "I want to talk to the pope again and hope he will consider again, but this may be the last time...But the Holy See does not support them [persecuted Catholics] and regards them as trouble, referring to them causing trouble and not supporting unity. This is what makes them most painful...The pope has said that members of the Chinese Church should be the prophets and sometimes criticize the government. I feel very surprised that he does not understand the situation of the Chinese Church")

Date: October 26, 2018

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/zen-presents-letter-to-pope-warning-him-on-china/83839>

Pastor Zhang Ganghua (church vandalized by police, sign removed on [October 28, 2018](#); questioned by police for four hours on [October 31, 2018](#), told his church would be banned if it did not join the official church, lock on the church door damaged; two door lock were damaged on [November 1, 2018](#); police raided his church on [November 4, 2018](#) but refused to show identification, the congregants refused to open the doors until the end of the service at which point the police entered the church and demanded identification, the congregants refused to identify themselves until the police did, the police attempted to take a man into custody but the congregants resisted, the police left after 30 minutes; **UPDATE**: church door locks were damaged)

Date: November 5, 2018

Location: Changsha, Hunan province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2018/11/changsha-church-harassed-repeatedly.html>



Congo, Democratic Republic

Cardinal Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya (aged 79; **UPDATE**: resigned)

Date: November 1, 2018

Location: Kinshasa

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/65022->

[AFRICA D R CONGO Resignation of the Archbishop of Kinshasa and appointment of successor](http://www.fides.org/en/news/65022-)



Egypt

Event: Seven Christians were killed [six from the same family, including a 12-year old girl and a 15-year old boy] and 19 wounded in a terror attack on pilgrims

Asaad Farouk Labib Ghaly (husband, father of four, **killed**)

Kamal Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Reda Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Nady Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Bishoy Reda Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Maria Kamal Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Bousy Milad Yousef Shehata (**killed**)

Date: November 2, 2018

Location: on the road near St Samuel the Confessor monastery

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/11/islamist-terrorists-ambush-kill-seven-christians-near-monastery-in-minya-egypt/>



India

Event: Three Christians in an automobile were assaulted after leaving the home of a fellow Christian, the home was later surrounded and the occupants threatened

Sahen Narzary (assaulted)

Lohen Narzary (assaulted)

Fabian Narzary (assaulted)

Mahindra Brahma (convert, threatened in his home along with his family)

Enash Basumatary (described the attack)

Date: October 2, 2018

Location: Dhaligaon village, Bongaigaon district, Assam state

Pastor Rakesh Dutta (aged 29, convert, husband, father of a 2-year old daughter, mason, church vandalized by a mob supported by local media who recorded the attack, said “They said in the video that they will come again. They said, ‘If the government does not take action of eliminating the district of the Christians and Muslims, we will do it ourselves. Those who become Christians will be thrown out of the village. All those who are already will be thrown out as well. They will be physically assaulted.’...All the villagers give their offerings in the form of grain [if they are farmers] or in whatever form they can, to the priests of the Hindu temples...Once the villagers become Christians, they stop giving their offering to the temples, and this is making the Hindu priests angry, because they lose their revenues...We have demanded the arrest of the two people who have threatened openly, even on media, and requested the police to let the others free. Even after there is enough proof to arrest the two men whose statements were broadcasted by the news channels, the police are slow to take any action...If we approach the media and tell the truth to them, they will not publish the news”)

Date: October 15, 2018

Location: Raidangoni village, Majuli district, Assam state

Jimmy Gotthrop (school principal, statue of St. John Bosco vandalized, said “These people must have come prepared, because they used some weapons to break the statue. It is certainly not the work of a drunkard or a mischief...This was the third incident of desecrating the Don Bosco statue. About four years ago, some people tried to burn the statue, but they failed in their attempt. Around two years ago, some people tried to break the statue...There is an atmosphere of fear among the Christian people, reasoning as to why this has happened”)

Date: September 29, 2018

Location: Tezpur, Assam state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/11/oubreak-of-violence-against-christians-in-assam-india-sparks-concern/>

Dinanath Jaiswar (activist; **UPDATE:** said “Jaunpur district [Uttar Pradesh state] has emerged as the epicenter of violence against the Christian community. The frequency and intensity of the incidents took us by surprise. There were days when at least two or three incidents would be reported from different parts of Uttar Pradesh, and we would struggle on how to provide help to hapless Christians. Many a time we have had to divide our team or call more people, just so we could stand with the people who were being targeted and arbitrate with the authorities for their release...About six megachurches that were targeted by the police in Jaunpur are permanently closed since the initial attack. They have been asked to obtain permission from the district magistrate or High Court to resume church services”)

Rev Vijayesh Lal (Religious Liberty Commission national director; **UPDATE:** said “Incidents of violence and hate targeting Christians have risen to a never-before level in Uttar Pradesh. Whereas there were 50 incidents that were documented in the state of Uttar Pradesh last year as a whole, this year till [the end of] October we have already documented 64 incidents”)

A C Michael (All India Catholic Union national coordinator; **UPDATE:** said “It is a fact that the Christians living in the most populous state of India, Uttar Pradesh, are facing heightened

fear of threat to their lives for practicing their faith. In one such case, on September 13 [2018], a Christian who was leading a prayer meeting was beaten up and warned of severe consequences if he continued to pray. Christians in Jaunpur are in great fear of being attacked and are not even conducting prayers in their own homes”)

Date reported: November 7, 2018

Location: Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state

Pastor Ashok Rajbhar (attacked by Hindu extremists during a [September 23, 2018](#) worship service; detained by police along with his father on [September 30, 2018](#) to prevent a worship service, released; **UPDATE**: detained by police along with his father to prevent a worship service, released, church closed)

Date: October 7, 2018

Location: Nevadiya village, Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state

P Nanhe Lal (arrested without charge, forced to sign a statement that he would not conduct religious services)

Date: September 24, 2018

Location: Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state

Pastor Ram Asre (arrested on multiple charges, forced to sign a statement that he would not conduct religious services, released on bail)

Date: October 30, 2018

Location: Badlapur, Jaunpur district, Uttar Pradesh state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/11/persecution-of-christians-radiates-outward-from-hub-in-northern-india-sources-say/>

Pastor P Yesudas (husband, prayer service in a private home interrupted by police, held by the neck and punched in the back and stomach, said “My wife and the believers asked her, ‘What is our fault? Why are you abusing us?’ But she came after them, and the constables who were accompanying her also started punching with their fists”)

Pastor Satyaseelan (responded to a phone call from Pastor P Yesudas, came to his aid)

Date: October 6, 2018

Location: Aralvaimozhi, Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu state

Pastor C J Zeba (subjected to an illegal arrest attempt “All of a sudden, on the road, they surrounded me and asked me to go to the police station with them. I screamed for help, and my friends who are also pastors and an audible distance away came running, and the police went away. It is very disturbing that police are misusing their power”, reported that another pastor was threatened with arrest on October 21, 2018)

Date: third week of October 2018

Location: Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu state

Pastor John Immanuel (police disrupted a worship service on [October 7, 2018](#), later said “Police suddenly entered the shack we had built for temporary use to gather for prayers on the site of our church building which is under construction at present. They told us that neighbors are disturbed by our singing and praying. I told them that the noise levels are always under control, and that we have been worshipping for the past two years, and the

neighbors never raised any such issues”; **UPDATE:** summoned to the police station to meet with the complainant, said “Uma Mageshwari is a neighbor who has close links with RSS [paramilitaries]. About a week before police came, RSS activists had put up a pole in the church premises and attached a saffron flag to it. They refused to remove it, and we informed the police. They [RSS activists] kept watch of our coming and going every day. They still do”)

Date: October 9, 2018

Location: Chennai, Tamil Nadu state

Pastor Kalai Selvan (church meeting disrupted by police on [October 2, 2018](#), said “He told us that he came from the commissioner’s officer to conduct enquiry. He clicked photographs of the congregation, structures and also the sign board with the prayer center’s name. Within 30 minutes, the landlord of the building received a call from the police station questioning why he had rented the place for Christian worship”; visited by a police officer on [October 6, 2018](#) with a noise pollution complaint, later said “I told him that only 30 to 40 of us use the hall to pray privately and do not play loud music or use microphones, and that we never caused trouble to neighbors. [Officer] Ranganathan told us the police inspector at Sarvanampatty police station wants to see me”, went to the station and was told to return with documentation proving he had permission to use the building for services; **UPDATE:** said “I submitted the documents in the police station, and the inspector told me that the higher officials from the commissioner’s office had put pressure on him to conduct enquiry”)

Date: October 8, 2018

Location: Sarvanampatty area, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu state

Pastor Vincent Paul (home attacked during a worship service, family and friends beaten, said “[Hindu Munnani leader Sanil] Kumar’s mother, Rani, bit my hand, and his followers broke the chairs and threw away the Bibles. His wife, Dhanam, attacked my wife and children while the goons continued beating our guests and me. They brought media also to videotape the attack, and the news flashed in all local channels”, the attacker later apologized after he tried to file a police report but became belligerent when he said he wanted to continue to worship in his home: “This did not go well with Kumar. He told me that he would go as far as killing me and my family but will not allow Christian prayers in the area. I pleaded him that we are not more than 15 people, and that we gather only to pray and worship and have never caused any trouble in the area with our activities. He said, ‘Today you are 15, tomorrow you will become 50, and after some days you will be in hundreds...My two children, ages 13 and 4, are afraid to step out of the house. The goons surround our house day and night to keep a watch on us. We have no other option left but to sell away this house”)

Date: September 30, 2018

Location: Puducherry

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/police-attack-threaten-christians-in-tamil-nadu-state-india/>

Pastor Sanjay Robinson (said “Pastors and Christian workers are terrified and worried about their survival as the attacks continue to rise in Uttar Pradesh. The trend of increased attacks will get worse as the election for the Lok Sabha is fast approaching”)

Date reported: November 5, 2018

Location: Lok Sabha, Uttar Pradesh state

Pastor Vijay Massih (beaten along with two other pastors when 50 Hindu radicals invaded a retreat, said “Our lives are in danger... Everything went against us following the incident, including negative publicity by print and electronic media leveling false charges of forcible conversions. Even the police have taken the side of the attackers”)

Date: September 8, 2018

Pastor Surajveer Peter (aged 43, ordered to close his church under threat of arrest, said I was so afraid. When the police came to the place where the worship was going and chased the Christians worshippers, I thought to myself, I didn't do any harm to anybody, but I was treated as a criminal by both Hindu radicals and also the police”)

Date reported: November 5, 2018

Location: Khannapur village, Muzafernagar district, Uttar Pradesh state

Dr John Dayal (**UPDATE:** said “Recent developments in India must disturb not just Indian citizens, but the peace-loving people of the world at large. The killing of Muslims in the garb of protecting cows, the threat to throw out Christians, closing their educational institutions and ending all conversions by changing the constitution of India are real threats...Without the economic progress it promised, the Modi government is engineering a confrontation between the religious minorities and charged sections of the Hindu majority. The targeted hate, the manner of denying sections of Muslims the protection of the law as citizens, stripping Dalits [untouchables] of the affirmative action and protection from discrimination, and the punitive persecution of small Christian communities and new followers of Christ are clear signals. The RSS [paramilitary organization] is leading the national discourse”)

Date reported: November 5, 2018

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/11/05/indias-christians-troubled-surge-religious-persecution/>

Pastor Hanumanth Rao (attacked while leading a prayer meeting in the home of Mrs Devamma, threatened with death)

Mrs Devamma (home attacked during a prayer meeting, later summoned to a village meeting and ordered to withdraw her criminal complaint and to no longer use her home for prayer meetings)

Date: October 24, 2018

Location: Parupalli village, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana state

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/11/01/mob-attacks-village-prayer-meeting-attempt-kill-indian-pastor/>

Arjun S Hattimatur (husband, one of several Christians beaten by 100 Hindu radicals who invaded a home during a prayer meeting, suffered a serious head injury, later said “We were beaten up in the presence of the police. They were watching us like spectators. We were taken to the police station on the false charges that we were involved in the forcible conversions and the police filed an FIR [First Information Report] against us...This is the not the first time. We were attacked twice in the last few years, but then the police acted

fairly and the rule of law was applied. In this case, nothing seems to be working for us as both the media and police took the side of the attackers”)

Date: November 1, 2018

Location: Santhoshnagar Hubli city, Karnataka state

Pastor Srikanth Durgappa (attacked by 25 Hindu radicals while leading a worship service, continually beaten while dragged by them to a police station where the police beat him, jaw fractured, released that evening with a warning to not conduct any more prayers)

Date: November 4, 2018

Location: Lokapura, Bagalkot district, Karnataka state

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/11/09/christian-leaders-assaulted-hindu-radicals-indias-karnataka-state/>

Pastor Satpal Singh (church destroyed in an arson attack)

Shibu Thomas (Persecution Relief; **UPDATE:** said "In Punjab, the fanatics want to instigate sectarian violence. All this is wrong, criminals do anything against Christians, because nobody stops them. We have appealed to the government, so that it arrests the guilty. Christians should not be afraid, no religious place should be attacked. Christians everywhere are like sacrificial lambs")

P S Nehemiah Christie (Head – ADF India Tamil Nadu Legal Aid Center; **UPDATE:** said "similar incidents are common in India. Churches are vandalized and prayer meetings interrupted. All this happens in the largest democracy in the world, which in theory promotes peace. Every Indian citizen must be treated equally. It is worrying that the Hindutva ideology violates the Constitution. Attacking the Christian minority has become a habit and serves to ruin the harmony between religious communities for political advantages")

Date: November 7, 2018

Location: Punjab state

Source: [http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Punjab,-a-Pentecostal-church-burned-at-Diwali-festival-\(Video\)-45442.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Punjab,-a-Pentecostal-church-burned-at-Diwali-festival-(Video)-45442.html)



Myanmar

Fr Raymond Than SDB (**UPDATE:** negotiated with leaders of the United Wa State Army after they closed another church and expelled another priest and three nuns, negotiations failed)

Sr Catherine Htay (said the school had been closed)

Date: November 2, 2018

Location: Mong Pawk, Shan state

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/wa-army-expels-more-clergy-in-northern-myanmar/83835>



Nepal

Dilip Bhadur Gurung (police constable, arrested for talking about Christianity at a public religious gathering, will likely be denied a promotion for 5 years)

Pastor B P Khanal (**UPDATE**: said of the arrest of Dilip Bhadur Gurung: “It is a kind of injustice – if he was talking about Hinduism or Buddhism, he would not have faced any problem. Taking the name of Jesus is risky in public-speaking; it is an offense against the law. People are biased and are looking for an opportunity to arrest Christians...Nepal law discriminates between Sanatan and others. Freedom of religion or belief is to be ensured for all, but the new criminal code ensures the freedom only of Sanatan Dharma, ‘the eternal tradition,’ or the ‘eternal way’ Hindu majority. By its language and meaning, it doesn’t tolerate religious activities of minorities except the Sanatan. Practicing, teaching and doing good [acts of welfare] by ‘others’ are criminalized”

Date: October 3, 2018

Location: Gulmi

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/policeman-punished-for-talking-about-christ-at-public-religious-meeting-in-nepal/>



Nigeria

Raphael Galadima (tribal ruler, abducted along with his wife on [October 19, 2018](#) after meeting with the state governor regarding anti-Christian violence; **UPDATE**: **body found**)

Date: October 26, 2018

Location: Kaduna state

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/10/30/christian-traditional-ruler-nigeria-executed-despite-ransom/>

Fr Victor Adigboluja (abducted)

Fr Anthony Otegbola (abducted)

Fr Joseph Ediae (abducted)

Fr Emmanuel Obadjere (abducted)

Date: November 6, 2018

Location: between Agbor and Umutu, Ukwani local government area, Delta state

Source: <https://punchng.com/gunmen-abduct-four-catholic-priests-in-delta/>



Pakistan

Yaqoob ‘Kaka’ Bashir (aged 25, son of Kasuar Bibi, mentally disabled, accused on [June 4, 2015](#) of Quran desecration after he accidentally burned part of an Islamic booklet with a cigarette, dragged from his home in [Lukoo Shade Mehmoodabad neighborhood, Mirpur Khas, Sindh province](#) by a mob, arrested, more than 25 Christian families fled their homes; **UPDATE:** sentenced to life imprisonment)

Kasuar Bibi (mother of Yaqoob Bashir; **UPDATE:** said “It’s unbearable and unjust. My son is innocent. He did not insult or do blasphemy. He does not care much of these issues as his mind works differently than that of a normal person’s”)

Date: [September 28, 2018](#)

Location: [Mirpurkhas](#)

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/10/24/mentally-disabled-pakistani-christian-sentenced-life-in-prison/>

Sharjeel Masih (aged 12, son of Farzana Ejaz, suspended from school, said “I was just trying to turn off a running tap when the teacher grabbed me, called me churha [low caste] and asked why I had touched the tap and made it filthy. ‘This tap is not from the country of your mother,’ she said before abusing me. I had to sit outside the school for five hours”)

Farzana Ejaz (wife, mother of Sharjeel Masih and two others, attempted to apologize to the teacher, said “Sharjeel was punched in the belly and back. Ever since her appointment three years ago, the headmistress has picked on him...She asked me to grab her feet for the mistake of my son and threatened that her brother, a police officer, would sell my younger daughter to a brothel...We are now being threatened and approached by the family of the principal as well as local politicians”, reported the incident to the government)

Date: [before October 20, 2018](#)

Location: [Attock district, Punjab province](#)

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/pakistani-headteacher-suspended-for-attacking-christian-student/83705>

Rev Javed Johnson (complained to authorities about businesses seizing part of a Christian cemetery)

Date reported: [November 8, 2018](#)

Location: [Fateh Jang Chowk, Attock](#)

Source: <https://www.christiansinpakistan.com/attock-encroachment-on-graveyard-land-ticks-local-christian-community-off/>



Philippines

Cardinal Orlando Quevedo OMI (aged 79; **UPDATE**: resignation accepted)

Bishop Angelito Lampon OMI (**UPDATE**: appointed successor to Cardinal Orlando Quevedo)

Date: November 6, 2018

Location: Cotabato, Mindanao

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/vatican-names-new-archbishop-for-mindanao/83810>

Sr Patricia Fox (aged 72, Australian citizen, arrested on [September 17, 2013](#), slapped and punched by police; arrested on [April 16, 2018](#) for 'illegal political activity'; released on [April 17, 2018](#) after a prosecutor found no probable cause for the arrest; visa revoked on [April 23, 2018](#); deportation suspended on [July 22, 2018](#) pending appeal; **UPDATE**: deported)

Fr Jerome Secillano (**UPDATE**: said "The faith she proclaims is not detrimental to the life of Filipinos. In fact, it is a source of hope and consolation to our suffering countrymen")

Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Soncuaco Pabillo (**UPDATE**: said "This is not the end of your story, be strong. We know that God works with us, that's why there will be more surprises. Just keep on and be courageous")

Date: November 3, 2018

Source: <https://www.ucanews.com/news/nun-leaves-philippines-telling-church-to-fight-injustice/83794>



Sudan

Pastor Tajdeen Yousif (convert from Islam, arrested along with 12 others by NISS secret police on [October 13, 2018](#), beaten and tortured for days; **UPDATE**: released on bail, in hiding)

Date: October 22, 2018

Location: Nyala, South Dafur

Source: <https://barnabasfund.org/us/news/christian-converts-from-islam-arrested-and-tortured-in-darfur-sudan>
and http://www.fides.org/en/news/65042-AFRICA_SUDAN_Torture_ill_treatment_against_Christians_forced_to_renounce_their_faith



Turkey

David Byle (aged 48, Canadian-U.S. citizen, husband of Ulrike, father of five, arrested by anti-terrorism police on [October 13, 2018](#), released the following day with an order to leave the country within 15 days; **UPDATE**: left the country)

Date: October 27, 2018

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/10/27/turkey-forces-another-christian-country-2/>



Uganda

Emmanuel Nyaiti (aged 12, son of Kauta Yokosofat, abducted with chloroform in an attempt to convert him to Islam “Ali Lukuman tried to persuade me to become a Muslim, which I refused, and he slapped me and I started screaming. They continued threatening me that they will kill me if I will not convert to Islam”, beaten and choked when he refused, screams heard by his father and other villagers, hospitalized)

Kauta Yokosofat (father of Emmanuel Nyaiti, said “My son’s words could not be constructed well, as he looked confused and could not turn his neck with the strangulation marks”)

Date: October 25, 2018

Location: Moru village, Kiryolo parish, Kaderuna sub-county, Budaka district

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/christian-boy-in-uganda-strangled-threatened-with-death-for-refusing-to-convert-to-islam/>

Pastor Umar Mulinde (husband, father of six, attacked with acid on [December 24, 2011](#), blinded in the right eye; **UPDATE**: home attacked, escaped with his family, said “They entered my house dressed in Islamic attire. Muslim extremists forcefully broke into my home in the middle of the night, but after realizing the danger, I sought God, and he gave me some wisdom to pray, which confused them, and they could not trace my whereabouts. We narrowly survived – I only lost a number of my personal household goods and office items such as laptops, iPads and phones, but precious life remained intact...This second attempted murder defeats human logic, due to the fact that I am guarded by police, unlike in 2011. I had given my bodyguards a day off, and thugs succeeded to break into my home at night without being noticed. I narrowly survived this close attempt on my life, and I must really thank God...What I know is that these attacks are connected to religious extremism and are protected by corrupt leaders paid off by the Muslim community”)

Date: September 25, 2018

Location: Kampala

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2018/10/acid-attack-survivor-umar-mulinde-targeted-again-in-uganda/>

Abdul Hamza (convert from Islam, husband [wife did not convert], father of Bwambare and Mumbere, **died from poisoning**, his widow abandoned their sons and married the suspected poisoner)

Bwambare (orphan son of Abdul Hamza)

Mumberev (orphan son of Abdul Hamza)

Rev Canon Kainja (described the conversion and poisoning of Abdul Hamza, has taken custody of his orphan sons Bwambare and Mumbere)

Date reported: November 8, 2018

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/11/08/two-boys-abandoned-recently-converted-father-poisoned-uganda/>



United Arab Emirates

Pastor Aneela Haroon (wife of Haroon Constant Gill, Pakistani citizen, threatened with death along with her family for her preaching if she should return to Pakistan)

Haroon Constant Gill (Pakistani citizen, husband of Pastor Aneela Haroon, threatened with death)

Date: October 28, 2018

Location Abu Dhabi

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=6961>



United Kingdom

Keri Gibbs (British-Pakistani Christian Association, criticized the British government for not offering asylum for freed Pakistani blasphemy victim Asia Bibi but noted that 100,000 British Muslims had signed a petition that called for her execution, and so commented that "perhaps this [lack of an asylum offer] is more thoughtful than it first appeared and a kindness after all")

Date: November 10, 2018

Source: <https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/judicial-review>

Paul Woolley (Bible Society official, produced a 3 minute Bible Society film on British soldiers' use of the Bible in World War One, a theater chain refused to show it because it was religious)

Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chief Executive of Christian Concerns; **UPDATE:** criticized a theater chain for refusing to show a 3 minute Bible Society film on British soldiers' use of the Bible in World War One: "Bans on Christian films have a chilling effect on free speech. These bans are preventing Christians from promoting the Bible or Christianity, even with historical facts reading of famous passages. It is a matter of historical fact that British soldiers were issued with Bibles and that many found comfort from the text. The denial of any religious advertising amounts to an enforcement of a secular perspective. Anything challenging secularism is silenced. This is not how a free society functions")

Date: November 9, 2018

Source: <https://www.christianconcern.com/our-issues/freedom/cinemas-reject-ww1-bible-society-short-film>



Vietnam

Rev Nguyen Trung Ton (husband of Nguyen Thi Lanh, arrested on [July 30, 2017](#), charged with 'carrying out activities with the purpose of overthrowing the Peoples' administration'; sentenced on [April 5, 2018](#) to 12 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: prison officials refused medical treatment for a leg wound, including medicine sent from his family, has had difficulty walking)

Date reported: [October 25, 2018](#)

Source: <https://www.persecution.org/2018/10/25/prison-officials-vietnam-deny-medical-care-imprisoned-pastor/>

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