

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*



## Netherlands

Anil Kamaran (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Chen Yan (Chinese citizen, asylum applicant, detained in an immigration facility [on or before April 2, 2019](#) after documenting Chinese persecutions, at risk of deportation to China; released on [May 6, 2019](#);

reported on [May 9, 2019](#) that her husband and brother had been interrogated in China over her 'illegal actions' and that her son was in hiding there;

reported on [May 28, 2019](#) to have been granted asylum)

Fr Christos Sidiropoulos (church property including a reliquary stolen on [September 6, 2014](#) in [Amsterdam](#))

Ephraim Emmanuel (son of Suneel and Saima Emmanuel, to be deported to Pakistan, appeal to be filed on [April 22, 2013](#) asking reconsideration due to likelihood of persecution of a parent for blasphemy)

Eric Kavin (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Esther Mulder (convert, said on [March 14, 2019](#) "After my conversion, the [death] threats started. Especially on Facebook. Most of the time they're coming from other Somalis. They write to me in Somali, so no one else is able to understand what they're saying. We once posted a picture of a Somali conference where everyone was standing in front of a cross. People didn't like it and we received several threats")

Faraidoun Fouad (convert, said on [March 14, 2019](#) "I converted in 1999. In 2002 God called me to reach out to my own people. Directly after my conversion to Christianity I received the first [death] threats. People who I thought were my friends, became my enemies. Even Muslims who are not very conservative told my wife that they would kill me...I receive threats every day. When I post something on Facebook, I often receive hateful reactions")

Brother Jassim (convert, Facebook account blocked, has received death threats, said on [March 14, 2019](#) "In 2015 I became a Christian. I was baptized on April 24, 2016, on my birthday...My mother taught me to respect everyone and to be kind. That was in stark contrast to what Islam was teaching me. I had to hate and curse Jews and Christians. Muhammed was my big role model, but his life was bad. He killed Jews and married a girl of six. How could he be my role model?", printed 8 pages of threats for the police)

Kaleem Saleem (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Kamran Simon Saif (reported on [October 15, 2014](#) to have been arrested on immigration charges for deportation, is facing blasphemy charges in Pakistan and faces arrest and persecution if deported)

Kees van der Staaij (member of parliament, reported on [January 7, 2019](#) to have had a criminal complaint filed against him for signing the Nashville Statement in favor of traditional Christian marriage)

Mangat Masih (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Morris Inayat (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Mostafa Najafi (convert, Afghan citizen, asylum application rejected as of [December 3, 2013](#), jailed for 4 months, life threatened in the immigration camp, father said it would be his 'duty' to kill him for his conversion should he be deported back to Afghanistan)

Mostafa “Naser” Talaie (convert, Iranian refugee, [murdered](#) on [February 18, 2013](#) in [Oisterwijk](#), had received multiple threatening phone calls in the days prior to his murder, friends believe he was murdered because of his conversion)

Piet De Vries (theologian at the [Free University, Amsterdam](#), signer of the Nashville Statement in favor of traditional Christian marriage, reported on [January 8, 2019](#) to have said “When the Nazi ideology was forced on, the churches were silent, now that gender ideology has begun, churches are silent too often, and we have to make ourselves heard”, following that statement was told by his university that ‘a line had been crossed’ and that he would be brought up on disciplinary charges, prosecutors have been considering criminally charging him and the other 250 Dutch signers)

Robin Javed Gill (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Saima Emmanuel (spouse of Suneel Emmanuel, parent of Ephraim Emmanuel, to be deported to Pakistan, appeal to be filed on [April 22, 2013](#) asking reconsideration due to likelihood of persecution for blasphemy)

Shahzad Bhatti (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Suneel Emmanuel (spouse of Saima Emmanuel, parent of Ephraim Emmanuel, to be deported to Pakistan, appeal to be filed on [April 22, 2013](#) asking reconsideration due to likelihood of persecution for blasphemy)

Tnveer Qurban (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Watson Gill (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

William Johnson (member of Pakistani Christian-Dutch group seeking in [Amsterdam](#) on [May 23, 2012](#) an end to the Dutch government's refusal to allow Pakistani Christians to apply for asylum)

Cardinal Willelm Eijk (said on [December 17, 2019](#) that priests cannot be present during acts of voluntary euthanasia or assisted suicide and must speak clearly against such acts)