

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom



Tajikistan

Abdujamol Bobojonov (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded he renounce his faith and return to Islam)

Andrei Chumachenko (home raided during a [June 11, 2017](#) worship service by NSC secret police, said "Lieutenant Khojayev threatened me that they will demolish my house. Other officers also threatened our believers with criminal prosecution")

Bahodur Yorboboyev (fined for teaching religion without state authorization in [September 2013](#) in [Dushanbe](#))

Pastor Bakhrom Kholmatov (arrested in [Khujand](#) on [April 10, 2017](#) by the NSC secret police on charges of 'extremism', condition unknown;

reported on [July 14, 2017](#) to have been sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment for 'singing extremist songs in church and so inciting religious hatred', friends and family threatened with arrest if they disclose details of the trial;

as of [November 29, 2017](#) has decided to not appeal;

still in [Yavan Prison](#) as of [February 27, 2018](#);

released on [December 18, 2019](#))

Bimavlyuda Yokubova (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded she renounce her faith and return to Islam)

Chaborkhon Bozorboyeva (detained on [July 26, 2015](#) for conversing with a police agent on a street in [Khujand, Sugd region](#) about her faith, hit and slapped when she refused to sign a confession)

Daniil Islamov (aged 18, conscientious objector, forcibly conscripted in [April 2017](#) despite serious health issues;

sentenced in [Qurghonteppa, Khatlon region](#) on [October 13, 2017](#) to six months' imprisonment, appeal underway;

Supreme Court in [Dushanbe](#) sent his case back to court on [November 28, 2017](#) due to 'mistakes in the decision' but did not cite those mistakes;

still in prison as of [February 27, 2018](#), location [unknown, possibly Yavan Prison](#);

released in [October 2018](#);

filed a complaint against the government with the UN Human Rights Committee on

January 24, 2019)

Farogat Muhiddinova (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded she renounce her faith and return to Islam)

Gulnora Tegniyeva (detained on [July 26, 2015](#) for conversing with a police agent on a street in [Khujand, Sugd region](#) about her faith, hit and slapped when she refused to sign a confession)

Kimarbon Bobojonov (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded he renounce his faith and return to Islam)

Madamin Chariyev (fined US\$250 in [late September 2013](#) in [Dushanbe](#) for illegally importing unlicensed religious literature)

Madina (convert as of [July 28, 2014](#))

Nadia (convert, beaten by her family and forced to say the Muslim profession of faith, sobbingly called a Christian on [June 9, 2013](#) but her telephone now appears to be disconnected)

Nazira Oripova (home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#) raided during a [July 18, 2015](#) worship service, Bibles seized, detained for several hours, authorities demanded she renounce her faith and return to Islam)

Parvis Davlatbekov (**stabbed to death** for dressing as Father Frost – the Russian Santa Claus)

Pastor Pyotr Plett (church in [Dushanbe](#) raided by NSC secret police on [June 11, 2017](#), later said the authorities "left us alone after the incident")

Rizvon Jurayeva (fined US\$34 on [April 3, 2013](#) in [Dushanbe](#) for illegally importing unlicensed religious literature)

Sabina (convert, cousin of Madina, as of [July 28, 2014](#) has been beaten and restricted to home by her father)

Shamil Rasulovich Khakimov (aged 68, widower, pensioner, harassed with repeated phone calls from police on [January 28, 2019](#) after his number was found on the phone of a detained Christian;

summoned for interrogation at the police station on [February 1, 2019](#);

arrested on [February 16, 2019](#);

placed in pre-trial detention for two months on [February 18, 2019](#), health in jail good despite high blood pressure and a recent leg surgery, denied a Bible;

charged with 'inciting religious hatred' on [March 7, 2019](#);

pre-trial detention extended on [April 23, 2019](#) without his attorney present;

appeal of his detention denied in [Sodg](#) on [April 29, 2019](#))

Tillakiz Yakubova (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded she renounce her faith and return to Islam)

Umeda Mansurova (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded she

renounce her faith and return to Islam)

Yusufjon Yakubov (arrested during a [July 18, 2015](#) raid on a private home in [Bobojon-Gofurov district, Khujand, Sugd region](#), detained for several hours, authorities demanded he renounce his faith and return to Islam)

Zara (convert, as of [July 28, 2014](#) has been beaten and restricted to home by her husband)