

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1964

Thursday January 16, 1964



Bangladesh – then East Pakistan: Narayanganj

Fr Richard James Novak CSC (aged 28, U.S. citizen, **stabbed to death** by 5 Muslims during Muslim-Hindu sectarian fighting)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Bangladesh.htm

http://www.madisonvintner.com/mad_vintner_home_page_019.htm

Thursday January 23, 1964



Rwanda

Deacon Yona Kanamuzeyi (husband of Mary, father of six, Tutsi tribal, abducted from a refugee camp by the army, sang the hymn *There is a Happy Land*, taken to a bridge and **shot dead**)

Kayumba (abducted from a refugee camp by the army, taken to a bridge, witnessed the murder of Deacon Yona Kanamuzeyi, released)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yona_Kanamuzeyi

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_Of_Our_Faith



Congo, Democratic Republic: Kilembe, Kwilu, Bandundu

Fr Gerard Defever OMI (aged 43, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Nicolas Hardy OMI (aged 45, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

Fr Pierre Laebens OMI (aged 43, Belgian citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faihw.com/new_martyrs/Congo.htm

Friday January 24, 1964



Congo, Democratic Republic: Kwilu, Bandundu

Irene Ferrel (missionary, U.S. citizen, **shot dead** with an arrow by Maoist militants)

Ruth Hege (missionary, knocked unconscious by Maoist militants, awoke to find Irene Ferrel dead)

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