

Today's Martyrs

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Events – August 1979

Wednesday August 1, 1979



Russia: Leningrad

Vladimir Poresh (Christian Seminar member, arrested on a charge of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda)

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Saturday August 4, 1979



El Salvador: San Esteban Catarina, San Vicente

Fr Alirio Napoleon Macias Rodriguez (**assassinated**)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napole%C3%B3n_Mac%C3%ADas

Tuesday August 7, 1979



Guinea: Camp Boiro concentration camp

Archbishop Raymond-Marie Tchidimbo CSSP (aged 58, arrested in [Conakry](#) on [December 24, 1970](#), tortured; sentenced to life imprisonment on [January 23, 1971](#); **UPDATE**: freed, flown to exile in Rome)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond-Marie_Tchidimbo

Saturday August 11, 1979



Russia: Komsomolsk-na-Amur

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 29, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#); trial in [Konakovo](#) ended on [January 11, 1979](#), refused to confess or show remorse, sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment, beaten by police in public after he refused to turn over his trial notes; **UPDATE**: offered early parole on the condition he never return to Moscow, refused)

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Tuesday August 14, 1979



Ethiopia: Addis Ababa

Patriarch Theophilos aka Meliktu Jenbere (aged 69, arrested on [February 17, 1976](#) for ordaining 5 bishops without government approval; **UPDATE**: **executed by strangulation with electrical wire**)

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

Wednesday August 29, 1979



Iran: Isfahan

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, home ransacked by Revolutionary Guards)

Margaret Thompson Dehqani-Tafti (wife of Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, mother of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, home ransacked by Revolutionary Guards)

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