

Today's Martyrs

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Events – October 1979

Saturday October 6, 1979



Iran: Shiraz

Dr Fathali Azali (church hospital superintendent, released from jail on the condition he persuade the church to turn over its finances to the Revolutionary Guards)

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Sunday October 7, 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 on [August 29, 1979](#);

UPDATE: questioned in his office by Revolutionary Guards who demanded church money be turned over to them, refused, threatened with arrest)

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Monday October 8, 1979



Iran: Isfahan

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli; questioned in his office on [October 7, 1979](#) by Revolutionary Guards who demanded church money be turned over to them, refused, threatened with arrest; **UPDATE**: arrested, questioned, released)

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Tuesday October 23, 1979



Iran: Isfahan

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli; questioned in his office on [October 7, 1979](#) by Revolutionary Guards who demanded church money be turned over to them, refused, threatened with arrest; arrested on [October 8, 1979](#), questioned, released; **UPDATE**: arrested, questioned, released)

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Thursday October 25, 1979



Philippines: Oringao, Negros Occidental

Lolito Olimpos (married, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines1.htm

Friday October 26, 1979



Iran: Isfahan

Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti (aged 60, husband of Margaret, father of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, questioned in his office on [October 7, 1979](#) by Revolutionary Guards who demanded church money be turned over to them, refused, threatened with arrest; arrested on [October 8, 1979](#), and again on [October 23, 1979](#), questioned both times and released; **UPDATE:** shot at in his bed by likely by government agents, not injured)

Margaret Thompson Dehqani-Tafti (wife of Bishop Hassan Barnaba Dehqani-Tafti, mother of Bahram, Shirin, Sussanne and Guli, **UPDATE:** shot at in her bed by likely government agents, injured in her hand)

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1918728/The-Rt-Rev-Hassan-Dehqani-Tafti.html>

October 1979, date unknown



Turkey: Ischy

Farida Petrus Hanna (aged 14, abducted, family failed to recover her and eventually fled to France)

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