

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – February 1981

Sunday February 15, 1981



Guatemala: La Barranca, El Quiche

Fr Juan Alonso Fernandez MSC (aged 47, Spanish citizen, **assassinated**)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs/Guatemala.htm>

Wednesday February 25, 1981



Iran: Tehran

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Terry Waite (aged 39, envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, negotiated the release of Jean Waddell and Audrey and Fr John Coleman)

<http://archives.chicagotribune.com/1981/03/01/page/2/article/3-released-britons-not-bitter-at-iran/index.html>

Friday February 27, 1981



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