

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – January 1994

**Sunday January 16, 1994**



### Iran: Sari

Mehdi Dibaj (aged 59, convert, arrested in 1983, held without trial, tortured; sentenced to death for apostasy on December 3, 1993; **UPDATE**: released after an international outcry)

Bishop Haik Hovsepian Mehr (aged 49, had aided the release of Mehdi Dibaj)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehdi\\_Dibaj](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mehdi_Dibaj)

**Wednesday January 19, 1994**



### Iran: Tehran

Bishop Haik Hovsepian Mehr (aged 49, had aided the January 16, 1994 release of Mehdi Dibaj; **UPDATE**: disappeared after refusing to halt the conversion of Muslims)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haik\\_Hovsepian\\_Mehr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haik_Hovsepian_Mehr)

**Sunday January 30, 1994**



### Iran: Tehran

Bishop Haik Hovsepian Mehr (aged 49, had aided the [January 16, 1994](#) release of Mehdi Dibaj; disappeared on [January 19, 1994](#) after refusing to halt the conversion of Muslims;  
**UPDATE:** [family informed of his death](#), previously had written "I am ready to die for the cause of the Church so that others will be able to worship their Lord peacefully and without so much fear")

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haik\\_Hovsepian\\_Mehr](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haik_Hovsepian_Mehr)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes\\_Of\\_Our\\_Faith](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_Of_Our_Faith)

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