

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 1996

Thursday May 9, 1996



China: Beijing

Bob Fu aka Fu Xiqiu (aged 28, teacher, husband of Heidi Cai, arrested for illegal religious activities, interrogated and beaten)

Heidi Cai aka Cai Bochun (aged 30, student, wife of Bob Fu, arrested for illegal religious activities, interrogated)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Fu

Sunday May 12, 1996



Zaire: Monastere Notre-Dame, Mokoto village, Masisi zone, North Kivu

A Trappist monastery sheltering local Tutsis was attacked by local Hutus and Rwandan Hutus from UN supplied refugee camps, over 100 Tutsis were killed and the monastery was destroyed

Fr Dhelo OSCO (abbot, away on business when the attack began, had previously told the Hutus "I said to them that if they thought my death could solve the problem and I would die alone, I would be content to die. After that they didn't come for me")

Fr Victor Bordeau OSCO (French national, one of six monks still present when the attack began and who escaped on a tractor, later said after no humanitarian organization would evacuate the Tutsis from danger because it would violate their mandates: "Everything is lies here. All these organizations – they will give blankets, food, yes. But save lives? No they can't")

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL1894074W/We_wish_to_inform_you_that_tomorrow_we_will_be_killed_with_our_families pgs 277-289

Tuesday May 21, 1996



Algeria: Tibhirine

Seven Trappist monks abducted by the Armed Islamic Group; UPDATE: beheaded

Fr Bruno Christian Lemarchand OSCO (beheaded)

Fr Celestin Ringiard OSCO (beheaded)

Fr Christophe Lebreton OSCO (beheaded)

Dom Christian de Cherge OSCO (beheaded)

Br Luc Paul Dochier OSCO (beheaded)

Br Michel Fleury OSCO (beheaded)

Br Paul Favre-Miville OSCO (beheaded)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assassination_of_the_monks_of_Tibhirine

Thursday May 23, 1996



Russia: Bamyut, Chechnya

Yevgeny Aleksandrovich Rodionov (aged 19, army private, captured by Chechen rebels on [February 13, 1996](#); **UPDATE: beheaded** when he repeatedly refused to renounce Christianity and convert to Islam)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yevgeny_Rodionov

May 1996, date unknown