

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – February 1997

**Sunday February 2, 1997**



### **Rwanda: Kampanga, Musanze**

Fr Guy Pinard M.Afr (aged 51, Canadian national, **shot dead** while distributing Communion)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Rwanda.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.africamission-mafr.org%2fassassines.htm](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.africamission-mafr.org%2fassassines.htm)

**Tuesday February 4, 1997**



### **Philippines: Jolo, Sulu**

Bishop Benjamin de Jesus OMI (aged 56, **killed**)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Philippines2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines2.htm)

[http://www.cbcponline.net/documents/1990s/1997-bp\\_dejesus.html](http://www.cbcponline.net/documents/1990s/1997-bp_dejesus.html)

**Monday February 10, 1997**



### **Iraq: Shaqlawa**

Haval Matta (son of Lazar Matta, **killed** by hundreds of Kurds)

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<http://www.chaldeansonline.org/Banipal/English/massacres.html>

**Sunday February 23, 1997**



**Iraq: Erbil**

Governor Franso Hariri (survived an assassination attempt)

<http://www.aina.org/releases/hariri.htm>

**February 1997, date unknown**



**Pakistan: Shanti Nagar village**

Romana Bashir (survivor of an attack that saw 13 churches ransacked and hundreds of homes destroyed by arson)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3950>



**Russia: Moscow**

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 46, Christian Seminar member, husband of Katya Brodenko, father of Dima Levashova, Vladimir Ogorodnikov and Denil Ogorodnikov; arrested in Redkino for parasitism on November 20, 1978; released from prison on February 14, 1987 following a pardon from General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev; **UPDATE:** arrested by police and charged with 'disobedience toward the authorities' in an attempt to close his Island of Hope homeless shelter)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident\\_For\\_Life](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life) - page 255-256