

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1998

Thursday January 8, 1998



Rwanda: Busasamana, Rubavu

Convent attacked by Hutu rebels, night watchman and two guests also killed

Sr Berthilde Mukamuhire DR (killed)

Sr Cesarine Uwimana DR (killed)

Sr Devota Rwangeyo DR (seriously injured, shot, hospitalized in a coma)

Sr Epiphanie Gasigwa DR (killed)

Sr Felicite Benimana DR (killed)

Sr Georgine DR (seriously injured, shot, right fingers cut off, hospitalized)

Sr Xavera Mukagakwaya DR (killed)

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

<http://jloughnan.tripod.com/nunmartyrs.htm>

Thursday January 15, 1998



Paraguay: Asuncion, Itapua

Fr Guillermo Boumans SVD (aged 66, Dutch national, killed)

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

Wednesday January 28, 1998



Pakistan: Sheikpura

Pastor Noor Alam (husband, father, nearly completed church burned to the ground in [December 1997](#), told he had one month to reverse his decision to rebuild or he would be killed; **UPDATE:** [stabbed](#) at home by 3 men in front of his wife and daughter, hospitalized, [died](#))

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26123571M/Heroes_Of_Our_Faith

Saturday January 31, 1998



Rwanda: Kigali

Fr Vjekoslav "Vjeko" Curic OFM (aged 40, Croat national; began to shelter over 150 refugees at his [Kivumu](#) parish on [April 12, 1994](#), hired staff to feed them, would later save some by firing gunshots in the air; took survivors of an [April 19, 1994](#) massacre in a primary school to a hospital, buried the dead; **UPDATE:** [shot dead](#) while in his automobile by persons unknown)

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

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vjekoslav_%C4%86uri%C4%87

<http://www.vjeko-rwanda.info/en/father-vjeko-centre/biography-of-padr-vjeko/17-fra-vjeko-curic-fratar-i-svecenik>

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