

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 1999

Saturday January 9, 1999



Brazil: Sao Paulo

Jose Barbosa de Andrade (aged 33, police officer, **drowned** while attempting to rescue a homeless man)

<http://newsaints.faihtweb.com/year/1999.htm>

<http://www.afam.com.br/noticia/igreja-catolica-encaminha-beatificacao-de-soldado-da-pm/17159> - with translation

Wednesday January 20, 1999



Indonesia: Pattimura University, Ambon, Maluku

Islamists from Lasker Jihad attacked a Bible camp attended by 125 teens

Roy Pontoh (aged 15, **slashed to death** with a machete, when his attacker asked who he was he said "A soldier of God", when asked what that meant his last words were "A soldier of God is ready to die for Christ...Jesus!")

Pastor Meiky Sainyakit (**killed** along with his driver while hiring a truck to bring the attendees home)

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



Italy: Ponte Chiasso, Como

Fr Renzo Beretta (aged 76, **killed** by a Moroccan immigrant for money)

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

<http://archive.thetablet.co.uk/article/30th-january-1999/26/murdered-for-five-pence-officiating-at-the-funeral>

Friday January 22, 1999



India: Manoharpur village, Keonjhar district, Odisha state

Christian missionaries from Australia killed while they were sleeping when their automobile was firebombed, allegedly by a member of Bajrang Dal – the youth branch of the RSS paramilitary organization

Gladys June Staines (widow of Dr Graham Stuart Staines, mother of Esther, Philip and Timothy Staines, denied allegations that they were luring people to convert to Christianity)

Dr Graham Stuart Staines (aged 58, husband of Gladys June Staines, father of Esther, Philip and Timothy Staines, **burned to death**)

Philip Staines (aged 10, son of Dr Graham Stuart Staines and Gladys June Staines, brother of Timothy and Esther Staines, **burned to death**)

Timothy Staines (aged 6, son of Dr Graham Stuart Staines and Gladys June Staines, brother of Philip and Esther Staines, **burned to death**)

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



Sierra Leone: Freetown

Sr Aloise Maria Ansama Antony MC (aged 34, Indian national, **killed** by rebels, had been held as a hostage)

Sr Sueva Maria Sujila Asakra MC (aged 43, Bangladeshi national, **killed** by rebels, had been held as a hostage)

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

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

Saturday January 23, 1999



Sierra Leone: Freetown

Sr Bernadette Nzembi MC (aged 30, Kenyan national, **killed** by rebels)

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

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

Tuesday January 26, 1999



Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo

Fr Cipriano Ibanez (aged 72, Spanish national, **shot dead** in a carjacking)

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

Wednesday January 27, 1999



China: Shanghai

Sr Teresia Zhou Shuying OCD (aged 90, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/China2.htm

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