

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 2005

Friday December 2, 2005



Iraq: Kirkuk

Sarmad Bahnam Ibrahim (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Monday December 5, 2005



Iraq: Bagdad

Raad Hormoz Neamo (**killed**)

Safaa Ghanim Tobeya (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Thursday December 22, 2005



Laos

Pastor Aroun Voraphom (arrested in 1996 and detained for more than a year, **UPDATE**: beaten, **killed**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Evangelical-clergyman-killed-in-Laos-5015.html>

Sunday December 25, 2005
Christmas – Western calendar



Kenya: Nairobi

Fr Philip Valayam SDB (aged 46, **shot dead** by robbers while returning home after midnight Mass)

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

Monday December 26, 2005



Iraq: Bagdad

Monzir Curcas Garo (**killed**)

<http://indefenseofchristians.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Genocide-report.pdf>

Wednesday December 28, 2005



South Africa: Ngqeleni, East Cape

Sr Margaret Branchen (aged 74, midwife, Swiss national, **shot dead** in a burglary at her clinic)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/6466#.VfnoasLlsfg>

December 2005, date unknown



Azerbaijan: Julfa, Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic

Bishop Nshan Ara Garabed Topouzian (aged 39, alerted by Iranian border guards that Azerbaijani soldiers were destroying a large historic Armenian graveyard along the border, travelled to the border from Tabriz in Iran with other clergy, photographed and recorded the grave desecrations, held an impromptu memorial service for the Christian remains that were destroyed)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nshan_Topouzian

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_cemetery_in_Julfa

<https://hyperallergic.com/482353/a-regime-conceals-its-erasure-of-indigenous-armenian-culture/>