

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – August 2006

**Tuesday August 1, 2006**



**Iraq: Al Dura, Bagdad**

Sarkoun Bethio (**killed**)

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

**Wednesday August 2, 2006**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Ayad Youssef Ibrahim (**killed**)

**Iraq: Malab Al Shaab, Bagdad**

Mansour Dawood Youssef (**killed**)

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

**Friday August 4, 2006**



**Iraq: Shamas, Mosul**

Fr Ragheed Aziz Matta Ganni (aged 34, First Communion Holy Qurbana interrupted by a nearby gun battle, said “Although people are used to it and remained reasonably calm, they started to wonder whether they were going to make it back to their homes or not. I was aware of the immense joy of the 80 children receiving their first Communion, so I turned the subject into a joke and said to them: ‘Do not panic, these are fireworks. The city is celebrating with us’. And at the same time I gave them instructions to leave the church quietly and quickly”)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves\\_in\\_Crimson\\_Fields](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26474392M/Doves_in_Crimson_Fields) pgs 171-175



**Nigeria: Afikpo, Ebonyi state**

Fr Chidi Okorie (aged 31, **stabbed** in his room by robbers, **died** in the hospital)

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

**Tuesday August 8, 2006**



**Iraq: Al Qush, Mosul**

Bassam Shamoon Hakeem (**killed**)

**Iraq: Bagdad**

Galal Khoshaba Youssef (**killed**)

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

**Wednesday August 9, 2006**



**Iraq: Kundi Kusa, Duhkuk**

Akhekar Curcas Odishe (**killed**)

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

**Saturday August 12, 2006**



**Iraq: Almasaref, Mosul**

Akram Abram Shelimonalnaggar (**killed**)

Aziz Abram Shelimonalnaggar (**killed**)

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

**Sunday August 13, 2006**



**Sri Lanka: Allaipiddy, Velanai Island, Jaffna district**

Fr Thiruchelvam Nihal Jim Brown (aged 34, church shelled by the Sri Lankan military, 15 refugees inside were killed, later criticized by the military for helping 300 Christians escape the combat area)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchelvam\\_Nihal\\_Jim\\_Brown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchelvam_Nihal_Jim_Brown)



**Iraq: Al Zafraniya, Bagdad**

Aram Khalil Uraha Beyious Alkakoush (**killed**)

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

**Monday August 14, 2006**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Adam Khalil Uraha (**killed**)

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

**Tuesday August 15, 2006**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Fr Saad Sirop Hanna (abducted after saying the Divine Liturgy)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26376145M/Abducted\\_in\\_Iraq](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26376145M/Abducted_in_Iraq)

**Thursday August 17, 2006**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Ghassan Ezzat Rofa (**killed**)

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

**Saturday August 19, 2006**



**Iraq: Al Noairia, Bagdad**

Raad Benyameen Khoshaba (**killed**)

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

**Sunday August 20, 2006**



**Sri Lanka: Allaipiddy, Velanai Island, Jaffna district**

Fr Thiruchelvam Nihal Jim Brown (**UPDATE**: disappeared after passing a naval checkpoint, had been threatened by a naval officer days earlier apparently in response to his previous complaint against the [August 13, 2006](#) military assault on the civilians who had taken refuge in his church, was last seen on his motorbike followed by armed military personnel, **presumed dead**)

Wenceslaus Vincens Vimalathas (disappeared, **presumed dead**)

<http://directory.ucanews.com/news/9-years-after-fr-brown-vimalathas-disappearance-in-sri-lanka/2567>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchelvam\\_Nihal\\_Jim\\_Brown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thiruchelvam_Nihal_Jim_Brown)

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

**Monday August 28, 2006**



**Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby**

Br Augustine Taiwa OH (aged 40, **killed** by a drunken youth who threw a spear into traffic)

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

**Thursday August 31, 2006**



**Iraq: Bagdad**

Manaf Hosni Youssef (killed)

**Iraq: New Bagdad, Bagdad**

Basema Eleya Curcas Blo (killed)

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

**August 2006, date unknown**



**Egypt: near Nag Hamadi**

Hani Seraphim Nasralla (military corporal, **body found in the Nile River with evidence of torture**, had reported “trouble with his direct unit commander [who was]... was singling him out for punishment and public humiliations... because he was a Christian”, military ruled his death a suicide)

<https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2016/01/4237397/>