

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – January 2012

Thursday January 5, 2012



Nigeria: Gombe, Gombe state

Pastor Johnson Jauro (church attacked by Boko Haram, at least eight congregants including his wife were shot dead, said "I was leading the congregation in prayers. Our eyes were closed when some gunmen stormed the church and opened fire")

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

Monday January 9, 2012



Vietnam: Nghe An

Anne Nguyen Dang Minh Man (aged 27, convert, arrested in [August 2011](#) for photographing an anti-government demonstration; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment followed by 5 years' house arrest)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/After-eight-years-of-strict-prison,-Catholic-activist-to-purge-five-more-years-under-house-arrest-47648.html>

Friday January 13, 2012



China: Guodong village, Hejiaji town, Zizhou county, Shaanxi province

Liu Xinxing (detained for engaging in Christian activities - “suspicion of organizing and using a cult to undermine law enforcement”)

Xue Yuxia (detained for engaging in Christian activities - “suspicion of organizing and using a cult to undermine law enforcement”)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/09/shaanxi-christians-sentenced-to-labor.html>

Monday January 16, 2012



United States – Texas: Houston

Gelareh Bagherzadeh (aged 30, recent convert, molecular biologist, **found dead in her car from a single gunshot wound**, motive was her helping her best friend Nesreem Irsan leave Islam and marry a Christian)

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Capital-murder-charges-filed-in-case-involving-6217080.php>

Sunday January 22, 2012



Pakistan

Sylvester John (son of Peter and Naseen John, shot five times after refusing the invitation to Islam, uncle killed)

<http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/family-of-asylum-seekers-desperately-needs-our-help>

Friday January 27, 2012



Guatemala

Fr David Donis Barrera (aged 60, **shot dead** after a traffic accident near the border with El Salvador)

<http://www.ewtn.com/vnews/getstory.asp?number=117699>

January 2012, date unknown



China

Fr Ding Zhanmin (underground priest, arrested with four other priests)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Inner-Mongolia,-an-underground-priest-expelled-from-his-parish:-forced-to-be-a-farmer-43454.html>



Pakistan: Faisalabad

Amir Masih (in prison on reportedly false charges of abduction)

Dilber Masih (in prison on reportedly false charges of abduction)

Patras Masih (in prison on reportedly false charges of abduction)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Faisalabad:-Christian-family-jailed-on-false-charges-of-kidnapping-26337.html>



Syria: Hama

Fr Basilius Nassar (**shot dead** while helping evacuate the wounded)

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10000872396390443537404577579473069060742.html>