

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 2012

Thursday November 1, 2012



Kazakhstan

Pastor Dmitri Kan (Grace Presbyterian Church, described how the church has consolidated its 70 churches across the country into 14 to comply with the draconian registration laws, but even so 6 were denied re-registration)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1763



Iran: Shiraz

Roxana Forughi (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE**: released on bail)

Bijan Haghighi (detained on [October 12, 2012](#) in a government crackdown that may have detained between 100 and 400 Christians; **UPDATE**: released on bail)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17860.html>



Azerbaijan: Baku

Gulsira Akchurina (suit against the government restriction on the importation of religious literature dismissed on appeal)

Kamila Mammadaliyeva (suit against the government restriction on the importation of religious literature dismissed on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1766



Syria: Aleppo

George Kabandjian (killed by sniper fire)

http://www.armenianow.com/news/40779/syria_conflict_armenian_killed



Argentina: Buenos Aires

Fr Alejandro Ruso (rector of the Metropolitan Cathedral, requested that police erect a metal fence around the cathedral to protect it from pro-abortion and anti-clerical demonstrators who shouted blasphemies against Jesus and threw eggs which hit the building and a priest)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17891.html>

Friday November 2, 2012



Egypt: Sohag

Nabil Nasry Kamel (aged 34, **beheaded**)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/cs-releases/954-body-of-young-copt-found-decapitated-in-egypt>

Saturday November 3, 2012



North Korea: Rajin

Kenneth Bae (aged 44, U.S. citizen, arrested for preaching Christianity)

<http://www.persecution.org/2012/12/31/american-christian-remains-detained-in-north-korea/>



Pakistan

Shamim aka Martha Bibi (arrested on blasphemy charges on [January 22, 2007](#) in [Chak No 170 village/R Colony \[ghetto\], Fort Abbas area, Bahawalpur district, Punjab province](#) after resisting conversion to Islam by her sister-in-law, has been mistreated in jail; **UPDATE:** released on bail, reunited with her husband and six-year old daughter)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3907>



Egypt: el-Dabaa, Marsa Matrouh province

Sarah Ishaq Abdel Malek (abducted and reportedly forced to convert to Islam and to marry;
UPDATE: prosecutor issued an order for the arrest of her suspected abductor)

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/west-alexandria-ag-orders-arrest-suspect-coptic-girl-s-kidnapping>

Sunday November 4, 2012



Kenya: Garissa

Chaplain Julius Mukonzi (**killed in a grenade attack** on a church, 11 others wounded)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17874.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-20196493>



Egypt: Alexandria

Bishop Tawadros aka Wagih Sobhy Baqi Suleiman (elected Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of All Africa in the Holy See of St Mark the Apostle)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20121104110258.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/950-bishop-tawadros-new-pope-of-egypt-s-coptic-christians>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/949-egypt-s-coptic-church-chooses-new-pope>



Nigeria: Enugu

Msgr Obiora F Ike (pastor of St Leo the Great church, called for parishioners to spend seven days in prayer, fasting, and penance for the conversion of those who desecrated the church)

Fr Paulinus I. Ogara (said that the vandals at St Leo the Great church left graffiti “warning against the worship of idols”)

Bishop Callistus V. Onaga (has called on Christians “to be alert and defend their faith and continue the struggle against all odds”)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17953.html>

Monday November 5, 2012



China

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (ordained as bishop in Shanghai on [July 7, 2012](#), then disappeared after stating in his first homily that he would resign from the state-sponsored church; still being held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sheshan; **UPDATE**: is still posting on his personal blog where he refers to being interrogated by officials as "drinking tea")

<http://www.ucanews.com/2012/11/05/china-beefs-up-security-before-congress/>



Egypt

Pope Tawadros II (**UPDATE**: spoke out against too large an Islamic content in the new draft constitution)

Egypt: Shubra Al-Kheima district, Cairo

Bishop Morcos (**UPDATE**: protested the 24 hour occupation of Coptic Church land by Salafist Muslims who hung a sign reading 'Al-Rahma Mosque')

<http://www.aina.org/news/20121105192931.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20121106191719.htm>

Tuesday November 6, 2012



Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur

Rev Thomas Philips (**UPDATE**: opposed the introduction of Islamic punishments into the law)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32582&lan=eng>

Wednesday November 7, 2012



India

John Dayal (**UPDATE**: described "panic" and "disgust" after Hindus raped two Christian girls aged 13 on [October 25 and 27, 2012](#) in [Simanbadi village](#) and [Bhubaneswar village](#), [Kandhamal district](#), [Orissa state](#), killing one , said "[what is striking] is the silence of the media and the authorities of such severe cases of violence against defenseless minorities")

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32587&lan=eng>



Azerbaijan: Aliabad

Zaur Balaev (husband of Nunka Balaev, religious service at his home raided by police while he was in Moscow, religious books seized)

Nunka Balaev (wife of Zaur Balaev, religious service at her home raided by police while she was in Moscow undergoing cancer treatment, religious books seized)

Ramiz Osmanov (present in the home of Nunka and Zaur Balaev when it was raided by police, detained without charge, photographed, questioned, and released)

Hamid Shabanov (home raided by police, religious books seized, detained without charge and released)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1765



Egypt: Zaytoun, Cairo

Maggie Milad Fazez (aged 13, hair cut by a veiled Muslim woman on the subway in the second such incident in one week)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20121106194112.htm>

Thursday November 8, 2012



Syria: Aleppo

Pastor Ibrahim Nasir (described the destruction of the historic Arabic Evangelical Church by armed men with explosives)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32613&lan=eng>

Friday November 9, 2012



Syria: Derbasieh

Fr. Michael Yacoub (church of St Osyo, led an evacuation of the city by Christian families)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32621&lan=eng>

Saturday November 10, 2012



North Korea

Bae (said of being a Christian in prison: "It's like seminary. I prayed for others daily. My faith grew by leaps and bounds even as my body decayed...We pray for you! Because Western Christians often put so much faith in their prosperity and political freedoms that they don't know what it's like to have to depend completely on God.")

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17924.html>



Egypt: Cairo

Emad El Erian (Coptic spokesman, described how Salafis seized Coptic Church land for a mosque - "They threatened to burn some of the Coptic houses in the neighborhood")

Sherif Roushdi (Cairo appeals court chief judge, described the attack on Christians in April 2011 in the village of Abou Qorqas, and the subsequent conviction of his brother Alaa Reda Roushdi on false charges)

Theresa Samir (journalist and Coptic activist, warns that rising Islamist power threatens everyone: "Christians will face more oppression because they are a minority")

<http://triblive.com/home/2934595-74/christians-christian-egypt-rushdy-copts-muslims-brother-cairo-coptic-salafis#ixzz2ByDikBqu>

Sunday November 11, 2012



Pakistan: Chak no.198 EB, Vihari district

Asiya Masih (aged 14, abducted, forcibly converted to Islam, raped and tortured for 11 days, returned to her family but threatened with consequences if she returns to Christianity)

Francis Yaqoob (father of Asiya Masih)

Chaudhry Riaz Bashir (influential businessman, helped secure the return of Asiya Masih to her family from her captors)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenews.php?hnewsid=3964>



Egypt

Fr Rafik Greich (**UPDATE**: said that the Salafist seizure of the Coptic Church land for a mosque appears to be a direct challenge to newly elected Pope Pope Tawadros II)

Egypt: Dakahlia province

Paula Fathi (fired from her job for being a Christian)

Egypt: Cairo

Naguib Gabriel (**UPDATE**: described an assault on a 28-year old Christian woman on the subway by 2 niqab-clad women who called her as infidel, knocked her down, broke her arm and cut off her hair)

http://www.compassdirect.org/english/country/egypt/article_1912351.html

<http://www.maghrebchristians.com/2012/11/11/i-was-fired-because-of-my-faith-paula-fathi/>

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/women-assault-cut-hair-christian-woman-metro>

Monday November 12, 2012



Tanzania: Zanzibar

Bishop Fabian Obeid (described riots that destroyed five churches)

Bishop Shayo (churches attacked by mob, threatened with beheading)

Rev Emmanuel Masoud (church attacked by mob, threatened with beheading)

Pastor Lucian Mgaywa (described the flight of Christian pastors from the mob)

<http://www.worthynews.com/11856-dozens-of-churches-destroyed-in-tanzania-east-africa-violence-spreading>



Syria: Hassake

Archbishop Eustathius Matta Roham (expressed fear of a general war between Syria and Turkey)

Syria: Ras Al-Ayn

Fr Touma Qas Ibrahim (pastor of the church of St Thomas, retrieved ancient liturgical manuscripts under great threat)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32621&lan=eng>



Palestine: East Jerusalem

Pastor Steven Khoury (church vandalized)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue17981.html>



United States – Texas: Houston

Coty Beavers (aged 28, husband of Nesreem Irsan, **shot dead in his home** for having married a former Muslim woman without converting to Islam)

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

Tuesday November 13, 2012



Philippines: Bongao, Tawi-Tawi province

Conchita Francisco (aged 62, pastoral worker, widow and mother of two children, **shot to death** in front of the Cathedral after Mass)

Fr Eliseo Mercado Jr OMI (described the murder of Conchita Francisco)

Bishop Angelito Lampon, OMI (celebrated the funeral of Conchita Francisco and said the murder "deprived the community of an authentic witness of the Gospel")

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32669&lan=eng>



India

Br KJ Markose (**UPDATE:** said of discrimination against [untouchable] Christians that "the number is growing")

India: Pikoredi village, Orissa state

Prakash Pradhan (denied a caste certificate because he is a Dalit [untouchable] Christian, his Hindu brother was also denied a certificate due to his Christianity)

India: Bogadi village, Orissa state

Jacob Pradhan (denied a caste certificate because his wife is a Dalit [untouchable] Christian)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa's-Tribals:-If-you-are-a-Christian,-you-can-not-have-a-caste-certificate-26339.html>



Pakistan: Lahore, Punjab province

Younis Masih (father of four, arrested in 2005 and sentenced to death in 2007 for blasphemy, **UPDATE:** appealed his sentence in a Lahore court – his accuser did not appear)

Pakistan: Faisalabad

Patras Masih (in prison since [January 2012](#) on reportedly false charges of abduction)

Dilber Masih (in prison since [January 2012](#) on reportedly false charges of abduction)

Amir Masih (in prison since [January 2012](#) on reportedly false charges of abduction)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4063>

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32644&lan=eng>

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

Wednesday November 14, 2012



India: Kandhamal district, Orissa state

Christian farmers shot dead by security forces who allegedly mistook them for armed Maoist rebels

Aiba Padra (aged 35, **shot dead**)

Shyamason Majhi (aged 50, **shot dead**)

Sanatan Mallick (aged 27, **shot dead**)

Ghasiram Bagsingh (aged 33, **shot dead**)

Laxmi Kanta Nayak (**shot dead**)

Br Pramod (Salesian order, brother of Ghasiram Bagsingh, alleged that his brother and Aiba Padra, Shyamason Majhi, Sanatan Mallick, and Laxmi Kanta Nayak were well known, were unarmed, and that their shootings had been arranged by the local village chief)

<http://www.christianpersecution.info/index.php?view=12141>



Kazakhstan: Oktyabrsky

Fr Gennadi Subbotin (described how his church was not allowed to re-register with the government)

Kazakhstan: Jamjul region

Bishop Irinei Klippenstein (stated that several Russian Orthodox Church Abroad communities in southern Kazakhstan are still awaiting re-registration)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1768



Syria: Aleppo

Fr. Jules Baghdassarian (aged 55, stated on [September 28, 2012](#) in [Sheik Maqsoud, Aleppo](#))

"Innocent civilians continue to die: yesterday an Armenian Christian mother and her 6 year old daughter were killed, while the father is seriously injured in hospital. Few days ago we counted 15 victims in our Greek-Catholic community...thousands of refugees are crowded into schools and Christian priests of all denominations take care of them, they bring food and give assistance"; **UPDATE: died from a sudden heart attack** in [Aleppo](#))

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32654&lan=eng>



Nigeria: Madauchi-Zonkwa, Kaduna state

Kayit (family which lost five members to an attack on their home)

Pastor Bitrus Titus (described an attack on the Kayit family that left five dead)

Rev Yunusa Nmadu (described an attack on the Kayit family that left five dead)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18003.html>

Thursday November 15, 2012



Armenia: Yerevan

Anania Grigoryan (began serving a 24 month sentence for refusal of military service)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1774



Sweden: Tensta suburb, Stockholm

Reza Jabbari (convert, reportedly faces imminent deportation to Iran where he faces likely persecution - the Swedish court expressed doubt as to the sincerity of his conversion and the likelihood of persecution in Iran)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5738:sweden-likely-to-deport-iranian-christian-&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

Friday November 16, 2012



Somalia: Barawa, Lower Shebelle region

Farhan Haji Mose (aged 25, **beheaded** for converting to Christianity)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2012/11/christian-convert-from-islam-beheaded-in-somalia/>

Sunday November 18, 2012



Uzbekistan: Tuiteppa, Urtachirchik district, Tashkent region

Christians fined for meeting with other Christians, reading the Bible, singing Christian songs, praying, and possessing religious books

Timur Kholmatov (husband of Irina Kholmatov, fined 100 times the minimum monthly wage)

Irina Kholmatov (wife of Timur Kholmatov, fined 20 times the minimum monthly wage)

Marina Khvan (fined 30 times the minimum monthly wage)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1783



Egypt: Cairo

Bishop Anba Pachomius (**UPDATE**: announced that three Christian churches - the Coptic Oriental Orthodox, the Coptic Catholic, and the Anglican - have withdrawn from the constitutional panel due to the panel's domination by Islamists who want to impose a religions state)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/976-egypt-s-churches-pull-out-of-constitution-panel>



Nigeria: Maiduguri, Borno state

Rev Elisha Kabura (**shot dead** in his home, had received death threats from Boko Haram)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2012/s12110111.htm>

Monday November 19, 2012



Pakistan: Islamabad

Rimsha Bibi Masih (aged 11 or 14, has Down's Syndrome, arrested on a charge of blasphemy on [August 18, 2012](#) for burning pages of the Quran after crowds threatened police that they would burn the homes of Christians in Meherabadi, Islamabad; **UPDATE**: charges dismissed by the High Court)

Fr John Mall (described the Rimsha Masih case outcome as a "bold decision")

Fr James John (said "There is a long list of innocent people in jail for blasphemy. They too must be saved. Rimsha has become the symbol of change for Pakistan's minorities")

Asia Bibi (**UPDATE**: still on death row awaiting her appeal on her blasphemy conviction)

Timar Shahzadi (aged 14, abducted on [October 22, 2012](#) by Muslim men while returning from school in Islamabad, parents fear she will be forcibly married; **UPDATE**: still being searched for by her father, police are no help)

Amjad Masih (father of Timar Shahzadi)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Islamabad:-blasphemy-charge-dismissed-for-Rimsha-Masih,-the-disabled-Christian-girl-26397.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Paul-Bhatti:-the-acquittal-of-Rimsha-Masih,-an-important-precedent-in-blasphemy-cases-26398.html>

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistani-Christians-happy-about-Rimsha-Masih-verdict,-Islamists-talk-about-manipulation-26404.html>

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2012/11/rimsha-masih-original-fir-is-quashed.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/viewnews.php?newsid=1868>



Kazakhstan

Bishop Yuri Novgorodov (forced to restructure the Lutheran Churches to gain government re-registration)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1768



Iran: Karaj

Pastor Behnam Irani (still detained since [April 2012](#), is still beaten in prison, is experiencing internal bleeding, has been refused medical care; **UPDATE**: reportedly continues to be in critical condition and at risk of death)

<http://www.maghrebchristians.com/2012/11/19/imprisoned-christian-pastor-in-iran-likely-to-die-if-plight-is-ignored/>



Syria: Qara

Fr Georges Louis (**UPDATE:** church of Sts Sergius and Bacchus desecrated, icons and manuscripts stolen but later returned with apologies, served coffee to the masked men who returned the items)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32708&lan=eng>

Tuesday November 20, 2012



India: Chippagirl Gowtown village, Karwar district, Karnataka state

Rev Suresh Kithan Siddle (denounced the demolition of the Blessing Youth Mission church by Hindu nationalists following the forced detention of its members in their homes)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka,-Hindu-nationalists-demolish-a-Pentecostal-church-26421.html>



Kenya: Garissa

Bishop Paul Darmanin (**UPDATE:** described the conflict in the city between the army and Somali terrorists)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32689&lan=eng>



Nigeria: Mainari village, Borno state

Ayuba (aged 29, husband, father of three aged 7, 5, and 1, shot three times after he refused to convert to Islam, left for dead, wife found him and had him brought to Cameroon for

hospitalization, said “I have been praying that these Boko Haram gunmen will eventually get to know Jesus, repent of their crimes against the church, and become the followers of Jesus”)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/two-attempted-murders-by-boko-haram-show-islamic-extremist-motives/>

Wednesday November 21, 2012



Philippines: Manila

Fr Melvin Castro (stated opposition to the proposed Reproductive health bill)

<http://www.zenit.org/article-36002?l=english>



Azerbaijan: Gyanja

Fakhraddin Mirzayev (aged 20, sentenced to one year in prison for refusing military conscription; **UPDATE**: conviction upheld on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1834

Thursday November 22, 2012



Syria

Archbishop Eustathius Matta Roham (**UPDATE**: appealed to the civil war belligerents to not attack the cities of Kamishly and Hassake because they are filled with refugees and residents totaling 800,000 of whom 160,000 are Christians)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32706&lan=eng>

Friday November 23, 2012



Indonesia: West Pasaman, West Sumatra

Rev Bernard (said that two Islamic organizations are blocking building permits needed by his church, which has recently been threatened by a mob)

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2012/11/24/muslims-threaten-churches-w-sumatra.html>



India: Hospet village, Bellary district, Karnataka state

Rev Lewis Mascarenhas (beaten by Muslims, falsely accused of conducting forced conversions, hospitalized but kept in police custody)

India: Kammasahalli village, Kolar district, Karnataka state

Rev Girish (attacked along with 100 worshipers during a consecration ceremony by 50 Hindu militants who proceeded to convert the church into a Hindu temple)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka:-39-anti-Christian-attacks-in-2012-26456.html>



Russia: Moscow

Evangelical church leaders called on President Putin to comment on the illegal demolition of Trinity Evangelical church

Eduard Grabovenko (Supervisory Bishop of the Russian Church of Christians of Evangelical Faith)

Sergey Ryahovski (Senior Bishop of the Council of the Associated Russian Union of Christians of Evangelical-Pentecostal Faith)

Alexey Smirnov (head of the Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists of Russia)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18075.html>



Egypt

Shamir Morcos (presidential adviser, resigned his position after President Morsi decreed himself near-dictatorial powers)

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32729&lan=eng>

Saturday November 24, 2012



Pakistan

Romana Bashir (social activist, survivor of the [February 1997](#) attack against [Shanti Nagar village](#) that saw 13 churches ransacked and hundreds of homes destroyed by arson, **UPDATE:** has become the first Pakistani laywoman to be appointed to the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue)

Pakistan: Lahore

Khurram Shahzad Masih (arrested on blasphemy charges; granted bail and released from jail on [October 25, 2012](#); **UPDATE:** in hiding pending his upcoming court date on December 8, 2012, is afraid of being attacked in court)

Shamim Bibi aka Martha Bibi (arrested on blasphemy charges in Chak No 170 village/R Colony, Fort Abbas area, Bahawalpur district after resisting conversion to Islam by her sister-in-law; released on bail on [November 3, 2012](#), reunited with her husband and six-year old daughter; **UPDATE:** in hiding pending her upcoming court date on December 1, 2012, is afraid of being attacked in court)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3950>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3952>

Sunday November 25, 2012



Nigeria: Jaji, Kanduna state

A car bomb attack on St Andrew Protestant church in the Armed Forces Command and Staff College killed between 11 and 50 servicemen and their families and wounded at least 30 during the annual Thanksgiving service

Rev Titus Sambo (**killed** in the bombing of St Andrew Protestant church in the Armed Forces Command and Staff College)

Israel Olaleye (**killed** in the bombing of St Andrew Protestant church in the Armed Forces Command and Staff College)

Rev Ayo Oritsejafor (president of the Christian Association of Nigeria; **UPDATE**: condemned the car bombing of St Andrew Protestant church in the Armed Forces Command and Staff College)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6028:christians-killed-in-christmas-bloodshed-in-nigeria&catid=81:regions&Itemid=278

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/news/11-die-as-suicide-bombers-hit-church-in-military-base/>

http://www.ngrguardiannews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=105907:suicide-bombers-kill-11-in-military-church-&catid=1:national&Itemid=559

Monday November 26, 2012



Armenia: Yerevan

Artsrun Khachatryan (began serving a 30 month sentence for refusal of military service)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1774



Egypt: Cairo

Nagui Damian (Coptic youth leader, fears continued violence and possible civil war as groups in the country are pitted against each other)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Morsi-pitting-Egyptians-against-one-another,-says-young-Copt-26459.html>

Tuesday November 27, 2012



Thailand: Bangkok

Tu Ai-rong (fled China in 2009 after serving 3 years for helping up to 400 North Koreans escape into Thailand, has been unable to secure refugee status, China has now issued an arrest warrant which could result in him facing a 20-year prison term)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/11/chinese-christian-who-helped-hundreds.html>



Pakistan: Padri Jo Goth

Nazir Masih (aged 70+, husband of Nazir Masih, **shot dead** when he resisted the theft of his cattle)

Daulat Bibi (aged 70+, widow of Nazir Masih, has demanded arrest of the killers of her husband)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4145>



Iran

Danial Shahri (aged 19 at his arrest on [April 11, 2010](#), **UPDATE**: has published an account of his detention and his emigration from Iran)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5822:iranian-young-christian-tells-his-story-from-house-church-to-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279

Wednesday November 28, 2012



Kazakhstan: South Kazakhstan

Pastor Pavel Semlyanskikh (told that his Light of the World Pentecostal church is to be liquidated because it filed a false re-registration application to the government - the application included the name of a founder who had died after the filing)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1780

Thursday November 29, 2012



Sudan: Nubia

Bishop Macram Max Gassis (**UPDATE:** reported "The first victims of this war are civilians, especially women, children and the elderly. Just the other day the church of Heban was bombed, which thankfully has reported limited damage. In the month of November, which has not finished yet, the aviation of Khartoum launched 330 bombs, which caused 36 deaths, mostly women and children, and 22 injuries. Only in this month 30 homes were destroyed...The Church is the only presence of hope for these people, with our sisters and four doctors and surgeons (2 Americans, a German and an English). The only medical facility in the area is the hospital which I founded, that of 80 patients for whom it was built is now home to over 500...My priests walk the paths that lead from the Nuba Mountains to our structure that we created in South Sudan in Yida in Unity State, to take supplies and medicines. The journey takes 8 hours to go and 8 to return, under the threat of Sudanese bombers")

<http://www.fides.org/aree/news/newsdet.php?idnews=32764&lan=eng>



Belarus: Minsk

Sergei Lukanin (New Life Pentecostal church member and lawyer, stated that "There will be round-the-clock prayer in our building and special evening prayer meetings" due to the pending December 5, 2012 eviction of the church from its building)

Pastor Vyacheslav Goncharenko (New Life Pentecostal church)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1772



Canada: Toronto, Ontario

Suresh Dominic (described the sixth vandalizing of a creche in five years)

http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/toronto-nativity-scene-vandalized-for-fifth-time-in-six-years?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+LifesitenewscomLatestHeadlines+%28LifeSiteNews.com+Latest+Headlines%29

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China

Gao Zhisheng (Christian human rights lawyer charged with violating probation at the end of his probation, new prison sentence to begin in Shaya Prison, Xinjiang; UPDATE: still in prison)

Geng He (wife of Gao Zhisheng, granted asylum in the U.S.)

Liu Xianbin (pro-democracy and human rights activist, sentenced in February 2011 to 10 years imprisonment for subverting state power, still in prison)

Bridgette Chen (daughter of Liu Xianbin, fingerprinted by the police in school, left to study in the U.S. where she converted to Christianity)

Guo Quan (author of four books, imprisoned and tortured; UPDATE: still in prison)

Li Jing (wife of Guo Quan, granted asylum in the U.S.)

China: Zhongxinbu hamlet, Shumugou village, Horqin Right Front Banner, Ulanhot city

Chen Hong (arrested for evangelization efforts on August 1, 2012, UPDATE: still in detention)

Yinhua (arrested for evangelization efforts on August 1, 2012, UPDATE: still in detention)

Ren Zhimin (arrested for evangelization efforts on August 1, 2012, UPDATE: still in detention)

Liu Di (arrested for evangelization efforts on August 1, 2012, UPDATE: still in detention)

Pan Wenwen (arrested for evangelization efforts on August 1, 2012, UPDATE: still in detention)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/11/police-detain-nine-christians-send-one.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2012/11/worldremember-those-who-are-in-prison.html>

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Pakistan: Chak Jhumra, Punjab

Christian leaders condemned the desecration of the grotto shrine at St Pius church, called on Christians to be peaceful

Fr Abid Tanveer

Paulus Boota (catechist, reported the desecration of the grotto shrine at St Pius church to the police)

Joel Aamir Sohotra (MPA - member provincial assembly, **UPDATE**)

Prof Anjum James Paul

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3973>

November 2012, date unknown



China: Laixi, Shandong province

Li Ruizhen (wife of Pastor Zhou Dixian, mother of Zhou Jie and Zhou Mei, evicted from her home in by thugs hired by a land developer, buildings and orchards destroyed)

Pastor Zhou Dixian (husband of Li Ruizhen, father of Zhou Jie and Zhou Mei, same account)

<https://www.chinaaid.org/2019/08/prison-officials-denied-cancer.html>



India: Midiakia village, Kandhamal district, Orissa state

Rev Gaurango Nayak (discovered the desecration of the local Christian cemetery in the week prior to [November 11, 2012](#))

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa,-Christian-cemetery-desecrated-in-Kandhamal-26327.html>



Iran

Farshid Fathi (convert, imprisoned in Evin Prison for six years; **UPDATE**: wrote a letter to his father "Please accept my warmest greetings from the heart of prison in the name of Jesus...I spent 361 days in a locked cell, and I did not see the sunlight for days, but the mercies of the Lord were made new every morning...The narrow way that I am passing through I see as a cup that my Beloved has given me, and I will drink it to the end, whatever that end might be...Two of the brothers send you greetings from here. Also two sisters who are separated from us by a few high walls. I too here am continuously praying for you and your loving family. Please convey my greetings to all dear brothers and sisters who have been praying for me and my family and tell them: In our land the fig tree does not blossom, the produce of olive has failed. The flock is cut off from the fold. Yet

we rejoice in the Lord and take joy in the God of our salvation. Because neither the walls nor the barbed wires, nor the prison, nor suffering, nor loneliness, nor enemies, nor pain, nor even death separates us from the Lord and each other")

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6687:farshid-fathi-wrote-a-letter-from-evin-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



United Kingdom: Manchester

Adrian Smith (demoted from his job for writing on Facebook in defense of Christian morals;
UPDATE: has won his case against his employer at the High Court)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue18022.html>