

Today's Martyrs – October 2013

Monday October 1, 2013



Pakistan: Lahore

Bishop Naeem Samuel (**UPDATE:** led a prayer service in memory of the All Saints Church bombing victims)

<http://www.pakistanchristiantimes.net/government-must-take-quick-measures-to-increase-the-security-of-holy-places-bishop-naeem-samuel/>



Egypt: between Khawaga village and Beni Mazar, Minya

Dr Ashraf Paulis Aziz (medical doctor, abducted, ransom of one million pounds [US\$141,200] demanded)

Egypt: between Samalout and Tiba village, Minya province

Dr Barsoom Samir (pharmacist, abducted, ransom of one million pounds [US\$141,200] demanded)

Egypt: near Nazlet Asmant, Abu Qerqas, Minya province

Dr Maged Welson (medical doctor, abducted, ransom of a half million pounds [US\$72,600] demanded)

Egypt: Samalout, Minya province

Dr Nadi Aziz (medical doctor, attempted abduction foiled when a resident in his clinic defended him, stabbed and hospitalized)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2007-three-minya-copts-kidnapped-a-fourth-stabbed-in-one-day>



Turkey: Istanbul

Abbot Elpidophoros Lambriniadis (expressed disappointment that the government still will not allow the reopening of Halki Seminary)

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/hopes-on-reopening-of-halki-shattered.aspx?pageID=238&nID=55446&NewsCatID=339>

Tuesday October 2, 2013



Vietnam: Hanoi

Le Quoc Quan (aged 41 [2012], lawyer, blogger, and human rights activist, arrested in Hanoi on [December 27, 2012](#) for tax evasion; **UPDATE**: convicted on tax evasion charges, sentenced to 30 months in prison and a US\$56,000 fine, courthouse blocked by a wall of police and hired thugs, thousands of supporters waved palms)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hanoi:-30-months-in-prison-sentence-for-the-Catholic-lawyer-Le-Quoc-Quan-29173.html>



Pakistan: Green Town

Asif Pervaiz (accused of sending blasphemous text messages, arrested)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4543>



Kazakhstan: Tuymebayev

Fr Sofrony aka Pyotr Yevtikheyev (aged 44, Russian citizen, ordered deported for lack of a residency permit on [February 26, 2013](#), children from his orphanage refused from the local school on "order from on high"; **UPDATE**: appellate court issued an oral decision overturning his deportation order after his attorneys conclusively demonstrated that many of the government's documents were forgeries, however the filed written decision upholds the deportation order)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1883



Syria

Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio SJ (reportedly abducted by rebels associated with al-Qaeda on [July 30, 2013](#) in Raqqa; **UPDATE**: is still alive according to a report by Archdeacon Emanuel Youkhana)

Archdeacon Emanuel Youkhana (reported in [Brussels, Belgium](#) on the abduction of Fr Paolo Dall'Oglio SJ, stated that he is likely still alive)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2734555/>



Egypt: Zakaria, Minya province

Thabit Sadik (father of Kirolos Sabet,; **UPDATE**: told a 'reconciliation meeting' that his son was innocent of having an illicit relationship with a 22 year old Muslim woman and had only walked near her, rejected the meeting's order that the family leave the village: "We will leave only over our dead bodies")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131006190805.htm>



Nigeria: Ejigbo, Osun state

Rev Elisha Ogundiya (demanded that the state government reverse its educational policies and return the Christian schools to their original founders)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/12/school-principal-attacked-as-new-education-policy-takes-effect-in-osun-nigeria/>



Vatican City

John Allen (journalist, **UPDATE**: has published a new book *The Global War on Christians*, said in [Boulder, Colorado, United States](#) "I don't think it takes any religious convictions or confessional interests at all to see that defense of persecuted Christians deserves to be the world's number one human rights priority. You didn't have to be Jewish in the '70s to be worried about dissident Jews in the Soviet Union; you didn't have to be black in the '80s to be concerned about apartheid in South Africa; and you equally don't have to be Christian today to recognize that Christians are the most persecuted religious body on the planet")

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-analyst-christian-persecution-should-be-human-rights-priority/>



Ireland: Dublin

Fr Kevin Doran (**UPDATE**: resigned from the board of directors of Mater Misericordiae University Hospital after the hospital agreed to comply with the new abortion law)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priest-resigns-from-dublin-catholic-hospital-after-it-promises-compliance-w>

Wednesday October 3, 2013



India: Orissa state

Archbishop Emeritus Raphael Cheenath (**UPDATE**: deplored the sentencing of seven Christians to life imprisonment for the 2008 assassination of Hindu nationalist leader Laxamananda Saraswati despite a lack of evidence and Maoist claims of responsibility, the assassination led to a pogrom in which over 100 Christians were killed)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pogrom-in-Orissa:-life-imprisonment-for-seven-innocent-Christians-29181.html>



Egypt: Beba, Benni Sweif province

A family has been jailed for allegedly aiding the conversion and escape of a Muslim girl (in truth the girl eloped with a Muslim boy and together fled an abusive family situation)

Abra'am Zaky (**UPDATE**: illegally held beyond the maximum 150 days allowed without charge, subjected to torture)

Peter Bahig (**UPDATE**: illegally held beyond the maximum 150 days allowed without charge, subjected to torture)

Suad Akhnoun (mother of Abra'am Zaky; **UPDATE**: illegally held beyond the maximum 150 days allowed without charge, subjected to torture)

Dr Ehab Ramzy (attorney and former MP; **UPDATE**: demanded that prosecutors release Abra'am Zaky, Peter Bahig, and Suad Akhnoun due to lack of evidence)

Talaat Rasmi (attorney, demanded that prosecutors release Abra'am Zaky, Peter Bahig, and Suad Akhnoun due to lack of evidence)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2005-abusive-detention-of-coptic-family-accused-of-converting-muslim-woman>



Central African Republic: Bangui

Fr Aurelio Gazzera OCD (**UPDATE**: automobile shot at by a Seleka rebel, police witnessed the incident but did nothing, later the same day vehicles containing Seleka rebels attempted to cut off his automobile in an apparent abduction attempt)

Christine du Coudray (Aid to the Church in Need, described the attacks on Fr Aurelio Gazzera)

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/charity-director-laments-mounting-violence-in-central-african-republic/>

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1381447503.html>



Italy: Lampedusa

Fr Mussie Zerai (stated that 90% of the survivors of a boat sinking in which at least 232 died and hundreds are missing are Christians who were fleeing persecution in Eritrea and Ethiopia)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2742578/>

Thursday October 4, 2013



Pakistan: Peshawar

Robin Bhatti (hospitalized after the [September 22, 2013](#) double suicide bombing of All Saints Church; **UPDATE**: **died of his injuries**)

Wilson Saraj (several relatives injured in the [September 22, 2013](#) double suicide bombing of All Saints Church; **UPDATE**: thanked all who had prayed for his nephew Robin Bhatti)

Pakistan: Khokhar Town, Islamabad

Boota Masih (aged 43, approached along with his two teenaged nephews by three Muslims who demanded that they convert, beat them and threatened to shoot anyone who aided them)

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/665>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/muslims-in-pakistan-arrested-on-forcible-conversion-charges/>



Kenya: Mombasa

Church destroyed

Major Emmanuel Mutepe (Head of Majengo Salvation Army Church, described the destruction of the church after the assassination of a prominent Muslim cleric)

Rev Lawrence Dena (criticized the government and Muslim leaders for the continuing attacks on Christians in Kenya)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2745935/>



Turkey: Midyat district, Mardin province

Munir Uckardes (is working to have the government return church land that it seized in the years 1981-89)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131011004026.htm>

Friday October 5, 2013



China

Ni Yulan (aged 54, civil rights attorney, unable to walk without crutches due to police torture, disbarred, currently serving a 2.5 year sentence for "causing trouble" after her home was demolished and she forced to live in a tent, as of [July 3, 2013](#) has been denied a medical

parole to treat a thyroid tumor; **UPDATE:** released from prison, had been forced to crawl on the floor to make her way around the prison, has begun legal action to recover her damages)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Ni-Yulan,-disabled-activist-opposed-to-land-grabs-in-China,-has-been-released-29207.html>



Pakistan: Khokhar Town, Islamabad

Boota Masih (aged 43, **UPDATE:** received a cell phone call that his home had been attacked, returned to find the door damaged and bullet holes in the facade, filed a police report against the three Muslims who had assaulted him the night before, the three were arrested)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/muslims-in-pakistan-arrested-on-forcible-conversion-charges/>

Sunday October 6, 2013



Vietnam: Vinh

Two Christians have been held in an Nghe An jail since June 2013 without charge

Anthony Nguyen Van Hai (**UPDATE:** 50,000 Catholics attended a Mass where they prayed for his release and for an end to persecution)

Peter Ngo Van Khoi (**UPDATE:** 50,000 Catholics attended a Mass where they prayed for his release and for an end to persecution)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Vinh:-amid-threats-and-attacks,-50-thousand-Catholics-pray-for-release-of-the-two-parishioners-29215.html>



India: Siddapur, Karnataka state

Rev Anil Kumar (beaten by Hindu militants while being observed by police, later arrested, released on bail, soon after suffered a heart attack, hospitalized in intensive care in critical condition)

India: Kalva, Thane district, Maharashtra state

Pastor Arulraj (attacked by Hindu activists who invaded his church, beat him, and then took him to the police for arrest for "forced conversions")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34479-ASIA_INDIA_New_violence_and_arbitrary_arrests_against_Christians#.Uljd2ozD8fg



Pakistan: Lahore

Fr Nasir Gulffam (joined more than 300 Muslims in a demonstration against the [September 22, 2013](#) bombing of All Saints Church in Peshawar)

Pakistan: Youhanabad, Lahore

Fr Francis Gulzar (called the police after the St John's Church security team detained three men of Pathan or Afghan background who had entered the church and grounds in an apparent reconnaissance for a possible terror attack, police arrested the three and determined that all had false identification cards)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/peshawar-church-bombings-pakistani-christians-and-muslims-chant-one-nation-one-blood/>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4530>



Uzbekistan: Almalyk

Anatoli Fedotkin (aged 53, welder, husband of Olga Fedotkin, home raided by police without warrant)

Olga Fedotkin (wife of Anatoli Fedotkin, home raided by police without warrant)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1908



Syria

Johnny Chamoun (aged 42, aid worker in [Ajaltoun, Lebanon](#), said "The Christians [who fled Syria] are never going back")

Nadim Nassar (aid worker in [London, United Kingdom](#), said “We are not imported there. Christ was not born under Big Ben or in Paris. This is the cradle of Christianity that we are being pushed from”)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2011-christians-under-threat-in-syria-as-islamist-extremists-gain-influence>

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/from-the-arab-world/two-churches-attacked-syria-crosses-broken-and-al-qaeda-flags-raised/>



Central African Republic: Bangui

The leaders of the major Christian faiths in the country joined together to sign a declaration calling for UN intervention in the country to prevent a "genocidal interfaith civil war".

Rev Franco Mbaye-Bondoi

Rev Nicolas Geurekoyame-Gbangou

Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga

Abbot Cyriaque Gbate-Doumal

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2764414/>

Monday October 7, 2013



Azerbaijan: Barda

Rza Babayev (attacked by a small mob of 20, not seriously injured, religious literature torn, called police who then arrested him; **UPDATE:** convicted)

Ilham Hasanov (attacked by a small mob of 20, not seriously injured, religious literature torn, called police who then arrested him; **UPDATE:** convicted)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1894



Canada: Toronto, Ontario

Attack on anti-abortion protestors

Faye Arellano (aged late 40's, hit with a water bottle, slammed to the ground and beaten during a pro-life demonstration, threatened with a knife, hospitalized with a concussion and released)

Josue Gauran (aged 60, factory worker, Knight of Columbus, stabbed in the hand while trying to protect Faye Arellano from her attacker)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/60-year-old-guardian-angel-put-himself-between-knife-wielding-man-attacking>



United States

Michael Brown (writer, Christian Facebook page being "liked" by accounts with anti-Christian slurs in their names, Facebook has yet to stop the practice)

<http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/in-the-line-of-fire/41269-help-me-stop-facebook-approved-religious-harassment>

Tuesday October 8, 2013



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;

UPDATE: still under house arrest, posted his reflections on Pope Francis' encyclical The Light of Faith which were later removed, although copies exist on other web sites)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/As-Mgr-Ma-Daqin's-reflection-on-'Lumen-Fidei'-is-blocked,-a-new-priest-is-ordained-in-Shanghai-29377.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

A Muslim employee of a company owned by a Muslim and two Christians accused the brother of another employee of writing blasphemous comments in an Islamic book, one owner, the employee and his brother, their mother, uncle and aunt were all arrested.

Arfan Masih (brother of Pastor Adnan Prince, employee of Mushtaq Rehmat, also implicated in the blasphemy charges against his brother and employer, arrested)

Shehnaz Gill (aged 45, widow, mother of Adnan Prince and Arfan Masih, arrested, released 7 days later)

Sajjida Bibi (aged 40, aunt of Adnan Prince and Arfan Masih, arrested, released 7 days later)

Kamran (uncle of Adnan Prince and Arfan Masih, arrested)

Irshad (sister of Shehnaz Gill, briefly sheltered her sister and nephew Adnan Prince after blasphemy charges were brought against him)

Pastor Javed John (senior pastor of Adnan Prince, took his mother and aunt to Bishop Akram Gill for safekeeping after blasphemy charges were made against him)

Bishop Akram Gill (aged 53, sheltered Shehnaz Gill and Sajjida Bibi overnight, brought them to Bishop Jamsheed's residence where the two women were arrested due to the blasphemy charge against Pastor Adnan Prince)

Bishop Jamsheed (attempted to shelter Shehnaz Gill and Sajjida Bibi after Pastor Adnan Prince was accused of blasphemy)

Sabir (business partner of Mushtaq Rehmat, witnessed the alleged blasphemy incident)

Mushtaq Rehmat (husband of Tahira, father of Taniya, Daud, Michal, and Sitaish, business was the location of the alleged blasphemy by Pastor Adnan Prince, named in the police report, arrested)

Tahira (aged 30, wife of Mushtaq Rehmat)

Taniya (aged 14, child of Tahira and Mushtaq Rehmat)

Daud (aged 12, child of Tahira and Mushtaq Rehmat)

Michal (aged 10, child of Tahira and Mushtaq Rehmat)

Sitaish (aged 4, child of Tahira and Mushtaq Rehmat)

Ilyas Rehmat (brother of Mushtaq Rehmat, sought legal aid for his brother)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4554>



Kazakhstan: Astana

A pastor was released from jail only to be rearrested minutes later by the secret police on more serious charges.

Pastor Bakhytzhan Kashkumbayev (aged 66, convert from Islam, retired pastor of Grace Church, arrested on [May 17, 2013](#) on charges of 'harming health'; **UPDATE**: has painful varicose veins, released from prison for house arrest, rearrested minutes later by KNB secret police on extremism and terrorism charges, has been 'stripped' of his attorney who was threatened with physical harm by the police when he protested on behalf of his client, told that the police will 'appoint' his new attorney)

Alfiya Kashkumbayev (wife of Pastor Bakhytzhan Kashkumbayev, "is suffering a lot" after her husband's re-arrest according to their son Askar, had been threatened with physical harm by the police for protesting his re-arrest)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1885



United States - Washington State: Thurston county

Judge Gary Tabor (admonished by the Judicial Conduct Commission after he stated in a meeting with court employees that he was uncomfortable with officiating at same sex weddings for religious reasons, had already stated that to avoid charges of discrimination he would decline to officiate at all weddings)

United States – Georgia: Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay

Religious service denied due to government budget problems

Fr Ray Leonard (contract Navy chaplain, prohibited from saying Mass on base due to the government shutdown even as a volunteer: “My parishioners were upset. They were angry and dismayed. They couldn’t believe that in America they’d be denied access to Mass by the government”)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/washington-state-judge-faces-formal-reprimand-for-refusing-to-officiate-sam>

http://huelskamp.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&id=4508:obama-administration-denies-mass-to-catholics

Wednesday October 9, 2013



Vietnam: Kontum

Bishop Michael Hoang Duc Oanh (**UPDATE**: sent a reply to the deputy chief of Nghe An province in which he countered that he would continue to stand with Bishop Paul Nguyen Thai Hop, and called for an end to the persecution of the church)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Kontum-bishop-comes-out-against-Vietnamese-authorities,-telling-them-to-stop-attacks-against-Vinh-Diocese-29232.html>



China: Pingdingshan, Ye county, Henan province

A number of Christians were charged on **October 19, 2012 and then sentenced to prison on **April 20, 2013** for membership in “The Shouters”. which is treated by the authorities as a cult - Western Christian groups had also labeled the sect as a cult, but some have revoked this judgment. In an unusual move, an intermediate [appellate] court has agreed to retry their case.**

Cao Xia (aged @50 [2012], wife of Lu Mingchen, charged with engaging in cult activities, a charge she denies, received a 3.5 year prison sentence; **UPDATE**: an intermediate [appellate] court has agreed to retry her case)

Han Hai (aged 60 [2012], husband of Xin Jiuni, charged with engaging in cult activities, a charge he denies, received a 7.5 year prison sentence; **UPDATE**: an intermediate [appellate] court has agreed to retry his case)

Zhang Kai (civil rights lawyer; **UPDATE**: now a visiting scholar at Purdue University, said that the defense team will argue that the law should not define what is a cult and what is not, also said that a significant amount of money was seized from the defendants by the police and then disappeared - which raises questions about theft)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/10/voa-henan-court-to-re-try-pingdingshan.html>



India: Milan Patra, Koriya district, Chhattisgarh state

Drunken Hindu extremists invade prayer meeting

Shyam Sunder (aged 23, convert, Bible student, beaten unconscious by drunken Hindu extremists with a plow head after he tried to stop an attack on Pastor Arun Toppo, revived twice so that the beating could continue, the local hospital refused to admit him without police permission)

Pastor Arun Toppo (prayer meeting disrupted by drunken Hindu extremists, protected from attack by Shyam Sunder and others, called police to stop the beating of Shyam Sunder, a policeman arrived and said he was not needed because no one had been killed, threatened with arrest when he complained of inaction at the police station)

Jagdish Sahu (described the attacks on Pastor Arun Toppo and Shyam Sunder)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/police-in-india-rebuke-pastor-for-reporting-vicious-beating/>



Pakistan: Rawalpindi

Junaid Saqib (Chairman of the Pakistan Minorities Rights Commission, has received death threats)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/apcl-anxious-for-pakistan-minorities-rights-chief/>



Uzbekistan: Andijan City

Murot Turdiyev (**UPDATE**: detained and pressured to become a police informant, threatened with being charged with 'illegal storage of religious literature')

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1889



Kazakhstan: Oral

Aleksandr Surkov (bookseller, facing an administrative case after found selling icons and Bibles without a license)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1913



Nigeria: Zatsitsa-Kudeson village, Plateau state

This village was attacked by heavily armed Muslim gunmen from the Fulani tribe

Sati Yaro (aged 55, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Bitrus Sati Yaro (aged 25, injured by Muslim gunmen)

Istifanus Sunday (aged 23, injured by Muslim gunmen)

Nigeria: Abuja

Rev Dr Musa Asake (**UPDATE**: criticized the Osun state government for mandating the placement of Muslim students in Christian schools)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/officials-in-nigeria-try-to-portray-slaughter-of-christian-family-as-cattle-theft/>

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/10/09/nigerian-christians-fight-against-islamization-of-schools/>

Thursday October 10, 2013



Australia: Melbourne, Victoria

Dr Mark Hobart (aged 55, threatened with suspension of his medical license after he refused to perform an abortion because the parents did not want a child who was female)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2013/10/10/catholic-doctor-may-be-struck-off-for-refusing-sex-selective-abortion/>



North Korea

Kenneth Bae (aged 44 [2012], father of three, U.S. citizen, arrested in [Rajin](#) on [November 3, 2012](#) for preaching Christianity; sentenced to 15 years hard labor on [May 5, 2013](#) in [Pyongyang](#) for “anti-government activities”; as of [August 12, 2013](#) has been transferred to a [Pyongyang](#) hospital due to diabetes and a heart malformation; **UPDATE:** visited in the hospital by his mother)

Myunghee Bae (mother of Kenneth Bae, visited her son in the hospital)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-24486638>



Vietnam: Hanoi

Le Quoc Quan (aged 41 [2012], lawyer, blogger, and human rights activist, arrested on [December 27, 2012](#) for tax evasion, convicted on tax evasion charges on [October 2, 2013](#), sentenced to 30 months in prison and a US\$56,000 fine, **UPDATE:** allowed his first family visit since his arrest, announced his intention to appeal his conviction)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Hanoi,-Catholic-lawyer-meets-with-relatives-in-prison-and-announces-appeal-against-conviction-29236.html>



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Anatoli Fedotkin (aged 53, welder, husband of Olga Fedotkin, [Almalyk](#) home raided by police without warrant, **UPDATE**: found guilty of possession for religious literature, fined US\$3,300)

Olga Fedotkin (wife of Anatoli Fedotkin, [Almalyk](#) home raided by police without warrant, **UPDATE**: found guilty of possession for religious literature, fined US\$3,300)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1908



Nigeria: Kukyék village, Plateau state

Village attacked by heavily armed Muslim gunmen from the Fulani tribe

Daniel Yohanna Kpagyang (aged 48, son of Vou and Yohanna Kpagyang, described the attack on his family by Muslim gunmen that killed eight and wounded two)

Dorothy Luka Kpagyang (aged 10, daughter of Laraba and Luka Yohanna Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Hope Luka Kpagyang (aged 6, daughter of Laraba and Luka Yohanna Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Shadrach Daniel Kpagyang (aged 21, son of Daniel Yohanna Kpagyang, husband of Joyce Shadrach Kpagyang, father of Jaconiah Shadrach Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Joyce Shadrach Kpagyang (aged 20, wife of Shadrach Daniel Kpagyang, mother of Jaconiah Shadrach Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Yohanna Kpagyang (aged 80, husband of Vou Yohanna Kpagyang, father of Daniel Yohanna Kpagyang and Luka Yohanna Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Vou Yohanna Kpagyang (aged 70, wife of Yohanna Kpagyang, mother of Daniel Yohanna Kpagyang and Luka Yohanna Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Luka Yohanna Kpagyang (aged 35, son of Vou and Yohanna Kpagyang, husband of Laraba Luka Kpagyang, father of Dorothy Luka Kpagyang, Lovina Luka Kpagyang, and Hope Luka Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Laraba Luka Kpagyang (aged 30, wife of Yohanna Kpagyang, mother of Dorothy Luka Kpagyang, Lovina Luka Kpagyang, and Hope Luka Kpagyang, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

Lovina Luka Kpagyang (aged 8, daughter of Laraba and Luka Yohanna Kpagyang, injured in the attack on the family by Muslim gunmen, now orphaned)

Jaconiah Shadrach Kpagyang (aged 7 months', child of Joyce and Shadrach Daniel Kpagyang, injured in the attack on the family by Muslim gunmen, now orphaned)

Michael Abashi (aged 27, said “The soldiers and mobile policemen only got here around 8 in the morning when the Muslim Fulani herdsmen had retreated. Our people were helpless as the Muslims were armed with guns and heavy-duty weapons”)

Habila Chundusu (aged 60, said “We call on our Christian brethren to stand in the gap for us – we need God’s intervention in this country, particularly, in northern Nigeria, where Christians are being attacked without provocation”)

Markus Yohanna Tsok (aged 30, shot by Muslim gunmen while trying to aid other Christians, hospitalized)

Bot Ibrahim Wash (aged 25, shot by Muslim gunmen while trying to aid other Christians, hospitalized)

Gwom Luka Wash (aged 30, shot by Muslim gunmen while trying to aid other Christians, hospitalized)

Nigeria: Chehwanang village, Plateau state

Village attacked by heavily armed Muslim gunmen from the Fulani tribe

Nuhu Pam Hwiyere (aged 60, **killed** by Muslim gunmen)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/officials-in-nigeria-try-to-portray-slaughter-of-christian-family-as-cattle-theft/>



United Kingdom: Cornwall, Berkshire, London

Bed and breakfast owners appealing to the Supreme Court over judgments against them for refusing unmarried or same-sex couples accommodations

Peter Bull (bed and breakfast owner, husband of Hazelmary Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, appealing to the Supreme Court, said they will shut down their business rather than violate their religious beliefs)

Hazelmary Bull (bed and breakfast owner, wife of Peter Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, appealing to the Supreme Court, said they will shut down their business rather than violate their religious beliefs)

Susanne Wilkinson (bed and breakfast owner, sued by a same sex couple after refusing them a single room, appealing to the Supreme Court)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/christian-guesthouse-owners-challenge-discrimination-ruling-in-supreme-court>



United States - District of Columbia

Angela McCaskill (Chief Diversity Officer at Gallaudet University, demoted and verbally abused for signing a petition to put same sex marriage to a popular vote, told by a professor to stop attending her church “or suffer dramatic consequences”, has begun a civil suit for damages against the university)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/diversity-officer-sues-university-over-suspension-for-signing-gay-marriage>



Colombia: Puerto Guzmán and Puerto Leguizam, Putumayo

Bishop Luis Alberto Parra Mora (complained in a radio interview that guerrillas have expelled six priests from rural areas)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34471-AMERICA_COLOMBIA_Priests_expelled_by_the_guerrillas_the_complaint_of_the_Bishop#.UldkGYzD85s

Friday October 11, 2013



Syria: Enaz

Emil Adel Daboura (husband of Abeer Esber Karmo, father of George and Fadi, **shot dead**)

Abeer Esber Karmo (widow of Emil Adel Daboura, mother of George and Fadi, destitute)

George (aged 6, son of Abeer Esber Karmo, father shot dead, destitute)

Fadi (aged 4, son of Abeer Esber Karmo, father shot dead, destitute)

Syria: Damascus

Wasim Salloum (aged 33, delivery driver, husband of Rasha Dreizy, father of Rashel and Michael, **killed**)

Rasha Dreizy (aged 25, widow of Wasim Salloum, mother of Rashel and Michael, destitute)

Rashel (young child of Rasha Dreizy, father killed, destitute)

Michael (young child of Rasha Dreizy, father killed, destitute)

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/Latest-emergencies/Barnabas-helping-Christian-children-orphaned-by-brutal-Syrian-war.html>

Saturday October 12, 2013



Australia: Melbourne, Victoria state

Bernie Finn (Member of Parliament, hit in the head and pelted with eggs by pro-abortion counter demonstrators while participating in a pro-life demonstration, said “What we saw today was literally a public mugging on the streets of Melbourne and Victoria Police let it happen. We had people being assaulted, being kicked, being stomped on and they sat back and watched”)

Andrew Elsbury (Member of Parliament, thrown to the ground and stomped on by pro-abortion counter demonstrators while participating in a pro-life demonstration, police stood by and did not intervene)

Bryan Kemper (beaten by pro-abortion counter demonstrators while participating in a pro-life demonstration, police stood by and did not intervene)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/australian-march-for-babies-turns-violent-u.s.-pro-life-activists-mps-assau>



China: Prison No. 4, Hangzhou, Zhejiang province

Zhu Yufu (charged with subverting the state upon publication of a poem, sentenced to 7 years imprisonment; aged 60, as of [April 11, 2013](#) is still forced to do hard physical labor despite suffering from coronary heart disease, severe high blood pressure and a coronary artery tumor, prison authorities continue to deny him treatment, medicine; as of [April 14, 2013](#) has been beaten; seen during a recent family visit on or before [September 17, 2013](#), some of the festering sores on his body have started to scab over, "mental status is very bad and his mood is low", cannot walk without supporting himself on a wall; **UPDATE:** U.S. human rights activists Dr Devra Marcus and Kody Kness attempted to visit him to perform a medical exam, visit denied, both were briefly detained by the prison authorities)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/10/ap-us-doctor-advocate-denied-visit-to.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Harrison Masih (medical store employee, a Muslim cleric repeatedly came into the store and tried to convince him to convert, he refused until an argument developed, quit his job but the cleric arrived at his home with three other men and threatened him and his family, tried to file a police report but police refused, tried to get a court order to compel the police to file a report but the police told the judge that he had fabricated the story)

<http://tribune.com.pk/story/616848/death-threats-christian-man-seeks-case-against-maulvi/>



Morocco

Mohamed El Baladi (aged 34, convert, arrested in [Ain Aicha](#), Taounate region on [August 28, 2013](#) and sentenced on [September 2, 2013](#) to 2.5 years in prison and fined US\$600 for evangelism and shaking the faith of a Muslim, temporarily released from prison on [September 26, 2013](#) by the Fes Court of Appeals; **UPDATE**: appeals hearing postponed until December 31, 2013)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/appeal-hearing-postponed-for-moroccan-convert-from-islam-sentenced-for-proselytizing/>

Sunday October 13, 2013



China: Ma village, Gaoliying town, Shunyi district, Beijing

Mr He (evangelist, described the police raid on Harvest Church in which computers and all Bibles and hymnals were taken, said three other local churches were raided)

Ms Xing (described the police raid on Harvest Church in which her personal Bible and her handbag with her automobile keys were taken)

Pastor Cui Yuese (bookstore subjected to multiple inspections, is expecting the bookstore to be shut down)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/10/radio-free-asia-twenty-police-break-up.html>



Kazakhstan: Taldykorgan, Almaty region

Yuri Rudenko (led a religious service raided by police)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1915



Egypt: Mataria district, Cairo

Fr Barsoom Shaker (blamed Islamists for the felling of the Mary Tree, which tradition held sheltered Jesus, Mary, and Joseph after their arrival in Egypt)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2037-historic-heritage-disaster-cutting-of-st-mary-tree-in-cairo>

Monday October 14, 2013



Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE:** said that the church would move ahead with an appeal to the Federal Court to overturn an appellate court decision that prohibits Christians from using the word 'Allah' in prayer)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Malaysia-,-Christians-banned-from-using-Allah-.-Catholics-announce-appeal-29266.html>



Belarus: Minsk

Fr Vladislav Lazar (aged 46, arrested in Borisov on May 31, 2013, is being held in a secret KGB detention center without charge, rumored to be considered to be a spy; **UPDATE:** still held in conditions "designed to crush the spirit", denied a Bible or clergy visits including the papal nuncio, a journalist wrote that the government made a mistake and believes it will be embarrassing to release him)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1886



United States

Bryan Fischer (American Family Association radio host, said that the Christian organization's inclusion in a U.S. Army presentation as a hate group is “libelous, slanderous and blatantly false”)

Tim Wildmon (American Family Association President, said the AFA will pursue a lawsuit due to the numerous reports they have received from U.S. Army and Air Force personnel who have seen the Christian organization described as a hate group)

United States - Georgia

Fr Ray Leonard (contract Navy chaplain, prohibited from saying Mass on October 7, 2013 at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay due to the government shutdown even as a volunteer, **UPDATE**: found out that only Catholic services are prohibited at the base chapel, has brought suit against the Department of Defense in Federal Court)

Fred Naylor (parishioner at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay chapel, veteran, joined Fr Ray Leonard in his Federal suit against the Defense Department to force the chapel to reopen)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/u.s.-army-labels-influential-pro-family-christian-organization-domestic-hat>

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priest-sues-obama-admin-no-mass-allowed-on-naval-base-church-locked>

Tuesday October 15, 2013



Vietnam

Pastor Nguyen Cong Chinh (aged 44 [2013], on July 31, 2012 an appellate court in Gia Lai upheld his sentence of 11 years for "undermining unity"; **UPDATE**: showed signs of having been beaten by inmates during the latest visit in prison with his wife, said repeatedly that his life was in danger)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/10/21/protestant-pastor-endures-violent-abuse-in-vietnamese-prison/>



Myanmar aka Burma

Rev Ram Mai (described the army occupation of his village which began in [mid-September 2013](#), three men including an assistant pastor were killed, eight men including a pastor were tortured, fourteen are being denied needed medical care, no one is allowed to leave, food is becoming short, is concerned that the 53 villagers are being used as human shields)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/11/08/burmese-military-guilty-of-crimes-against-kachin-christians-2/>



Armenia: Arabkir district, Yerevan

Pastor Levon Bardakjian (threatened with death by a man with a knife, church secretary victim of an attempted abduction, an automobile owned by a charity of the church shot at while the driver was inside; **UPDATE**: stalked again by the knife carrying man, found that police never opened a case against the stalker, said "I'm 100 per cent sure no criminal case was opened simply because I'm a Protestant pastor")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1904

Wednesday October 16, 2013



Iraq: Al Mashtal, Bagdad

Youssef Udisho Dankha (**killed**)

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



Egypt: Cairo

Fr Paul Halim (said that reports of the destruction of the Mary Tree are incorrect)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/65014.htm>

Thursday October 17, 2013



Indonesia: Kalvari, Cipayung , East Jakarta

Fr Martin Hadiwijava (said that the appearance of a banner criticizing the building of a church is a provocation that could lead to extremist action)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/East-Jakarta,-extremists-threaten-Catholics.-Parish-priest-defends-religious-freedom-29296.html>



Pakistan

Family members accused of blasphemy now living in another country due to the threat of vigilantism

Farrukh Mushtaq Gill (son of Mushtaq Gill, accused of blasphemy in [April 2011](#), tortured by police, found innocent and released, now living in another country)

Mushtaq Gill (father of Farrukh Mushtaq Gill, accused of blasphemy in [April 2011](#), found innocent and released, now living in another country)

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/Latest-emergencies/Christians-targeted-and-tortured-for-faith-need-your-support.html>



Iran: Tehran

Ebrahim Firouzi (convert, aged 28, sentenced on [July 15, 2013](#) in [Robot-Karim](#) for "evangelism activities" to one year imprisonment and two years internal exile to Sarbaz; rearrested on [August 21, 2013](#) while visiting two other Christians in [Karaj](#); **UPDATE**: reportedly held in a solitary cell in Evin Prison)

Sevada Aghasar (arrested on [August 21, 2013](#) in the [Karaj](#) office of Masoud Mirzaei, charges unknown; **UPDATE**: reportedly held in a solitary cell in Evin Prison)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7630:update-on-two-iranian-christian-arrested-in-karaj&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Armenia

Christian conscientious objectors to military service were released from prison

Aharon Mushegyan (sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment in [November 2010](#) for refusal of military service, **UPDATE**: released)

Samvel Abrahamyan (sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment on [January 19, 2013](#) for refusal of military service, **UPDATE**: released while case is on appeal)

Narek Grigoryan (sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment on [February 25, 2013](#) for refusal of military service, **UPDATE**: released while case is on appeal, appeal to be heard on October 21, 2013)

Vahagn Paronikyan (sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment on [March 4, 2013](#) for refusal of military service, **UPDATE**: released while case is on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1887



Syria

Patriarch Gregorios III Laham (**UPDATE**: said that 450,000 Christians have become refugees, almost one-third of the population)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2013/10/17/one-third-of-syrias-christians-are-refugees/>



Egypt

Fr Antonius (abbot of the Red Monastery)

Fr Maximus (aged 59, conservationist)

Imad Farid (Coptic architectural expert)

Egypt: Luxor

Bishop Biemen (abbot of the Monastery of the Archangel Michael)

Egypt: Abanoub

Fr Boutros (led a Divine Liturgy in the blackened shell of John the Baptist Church)

Maher Nakhlah (aged 42, English teacher, said of the blackened shell of John the Baptist Church: "To burn a church is to burn the heart of every man who comes here to pray to God. It is difficult to understand how a place where people pray and which is void of any hatred could be attacked")

Egypt: Assiut

Fr Bishara Ayoub (led a Mass in the Church of Saint Theresa amidst significant vandalism)

Jihan Bramble (engineer, said of the vandalism of the Church of Saint Theresa "The problem is not one of material loss, it is to do with psychology. This is the price of freedom for now. But our persecution will continue indefinitely. It always has")

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2056-attacks-on-churches-leave-egypt-s-coptic-christians-feeling-more-persecuted-vulnerable>



Nigeria: Enugu

Fr Kingsley Amakor (abducted by a relative and her male friend, forcibly undressed and photographed for blackmail purposes, notified police who arrested the pair and recovered the photographs)

<http://thenationonlineng.net/new/enugu-police-arrest-two-lovers-kidnapping-priest/>



United Kingdom

John Pontifex (Aid to the Church in Need UK head of press and information, said after the release of the report *Persecuted and Forgotten?* "The principal finding of the report is that in two-thirds of the countries where persecution of Christians is most severe, the problems have become arguably even worse. In fact the Church's very survival in some parts -- notably the Middle East -- is now at stake...from all accounts, the incidents of persecution are now apparently relentless and worsening; churches being burned; Christians are under pressure to convert; there is mob violence against Christian homes, as well as abduction and rape of Christian girls; there is anti-Christian propaganda in the media and from governments, in addition to discrimination in schools and in the workplace.. *Persecuted and Forgotten?* asks hard questions about the international community's commitment to standing up for religious freedom")

Dr Michael Davidson (former homosexual, under professional investigation and suspension as of January 22, 2013 for his views on homosexuality; **UPDATE:** professional membership has been revoked, can no longer practice psychotherapy)

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/charity-reports-christians-global-situation-is-deteriorating>
<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/ex-gay-christian-counsellor-hounded-out-by-psychotherapist-associatio>



United States – Texas: Fort Hood

Michael Berry (attorney for the Liberty Institute, reported that soldiers were told by U.S. military intelligence that evangelical Christians are "domestic enemies" and that soldiers who join or financially contribute to some Christian organizations may be prosecuted, the Army denies the accounts)

Ron Crews (Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty executive director, said of the U.S. military intelligence briefing that identified evangelical Christians are "domestic enemies": "Far from mere 'isolated incidents,' as the Army has dismissed previous occurrences, this latest incident demonstrates a pattern and practice of Army briefings identifying mainstream religions, such as Evangelical Christianity, Judaism, and Catholicism, as examples of 'religious extremism' similar to Al Qaeda, Hamas and the Ku Klux Klan")

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2013/10/23/does-army-consider-christians-tea-party-terror-threat/>

Friday October 18, 2013



Philippines: Lantawan, Basilan province

Cherben Masong (aged 25, church literacy worker, abducted on [September 4, 2013](#) by gunmen believed to be from the al-Qaeda affiliate Abu Sayyaf; **UPDATE**: released)

Frederick Banot (aged 24, church literacy worker, abducted on [September 4, 2013](#) by gunmen believed to be from the al-Qaeda affiliate Abu Sayyaf; **UPDATE**: beaten, refused to convert to Islam, released)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/kidnapped-philippine-teachers-recount-their-ordeal/69646>



Pakistan: Bhatta Chowk

Pastor Samuel John (received death threats against himself and his family)

<http://www.pakistanchristiantimes.net/pastor-samuel-john-receives-life-threats-by-unknown-extremists/>



Syria: Yabroud

Patriarch Gregorios III Laham (aged 79, **UPDATE**: described the finding of two remote controlled bombs in the Cathedral of Constantine and Helen, one was in a confessional booth)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131018121751.htm>



United States – Minnesota: St Paul

Ann (verbally assaulted by a male client of an abortion clinic)

Brian Gibson (physically assaulted by a male client of an abortion clinic after he asked the man to stop verbally assaulting Ann, called police, perpetrator charged)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pro-life-leader-assaulted-outside-planned-parenthood-clinic-man-charged>



Mexico: Mexicali

Bishop Jose Isidro Guerrero Macías (police officer killed by gunfire in front of the bishop's residence)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34520-AMERICA_MEXICO_More_violence_in_Baja_California_an_officer_killed_in_front_of_the_Bishop_s_house#.UmSY4MKA0fQ

Sunday October 20, 2013



Nepal: Phattepur or Balarda village, Saptari District

Debalal Sardar (aged 36, husband and father, **died in a knife attack** by a man who had asked for healing prayers)

K.P. Yohannan (spoke on the martyrdom of Debalal)

Pastor Tuhinsurra (led the funeral of Debalal)

Rev Krishna Shrestha (described the murder of Debalal Sardar)

Bishop Narayan Sharma (said that the murder of Debalal Sardar "was a purely anti-Christian act, since there was no personal enmity. The attacker told his wife that he was going to kill more Christians")

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/41506-after-requesting-healing-prayer-man-murders-evangelist>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/killing-of-christian-leader-in-nepal-appears-religiously-motivated/>



India: Belgaum, Karnataka state

Pastor K.J. Cherian (aged 60, attempted to rent a hall for a congregation of 200, made first payment and was told to use the hall even though the contract was not signed, first Sunday service was invaded by Hindu nationalists who demanded the service stop until he proved he had a legal right to use the hall and who refused to accept the payment receipt as proof)

<http://in.christiantoday.com/articles/sunday-worshippers-in-belgaum-intimidated-by-rama-sene-activists/7885.htm>



Pakistan: Peshawar

Kashmala Munawar (first year high school student, legs injured in the **September 22, 2013** bombing of All Saints Church, **UPDATE**: right leg became infected and was amputated, told that she needs treatment in a Western hospital)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/there-are-many-christian-malala-one-of-them-is-kashmala-munawar/>



Iran: Rasht

Four men are sentenced to 80 lashes for drinking communion wine and are allowed 10 days to appeal

Behzad Taalipasand (convert)

Mehdi Reza Omid Youhan (convert)

Mehdi Dadkhah Danial (convert)

Amir Hatemi Youhanna (convert)

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/human-rights/15022-iran-four-christians-sentenced-to-80-lashes-for-drinking-communion-wine>



Somalia: Kharkinley district, Mogadishu

Abdikhani Hassan (pharmacist, husband and father of six, **shot dead** after accused of 'spreading the wrong religion')

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/christian-shot-dead-in-mogadishu-somalia/>



Kenya: Mombassa

Pastor Charles Matole (husband of Claris Matole, **shot dead** from behind while sitting with a Bible in his lap)

Claris Matole (widow of Pastor Charles Matole, said her husband had received multiple death threats which police discounted)

Morris Ali (choir member, with others found the body of Pastor Charles Matole)

Kenya: Kilifi

Pastor Ebrahim Kidata (aged mid-50s, **found dead** in brush, likely strangled)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/murdered-christian-pastor-in-kenya-found-with-bible-on-lap-preparing-sunday-service-107142/>



Egypt: Warraq, Giza, outside Cairo

A wedding party waiting to enter the Church of the Virgin Mary was attacked by men with automatic weapons on a motorcycle, 5 were killed including a 17-year old Muslim boy and 17 wounded

Samir Fahmy Azer (aged 46, **shot dead** outside the Virgin Mary Church before a wedding)

Kamilia Helmy (aged 62, **shot dead** outside the Virgin Mary Church before a wedding)

Mary Ashraf Siha (aged 8, **shot dead** outside the Virgin Mary Church before a wedding)

Mary Nabil Fahmy Azer (aged 12, **shot dead** outside the Virgin Mary Church before a wedding)

Mariam Kokab (aged 10, sister of Ireni Adel Kokab, wounded in the attack on a wedding party at Virgin Mary Church, taken to a hospital, disappeared either from the hospital or in transit to the hospital)

Ireni Adel Kokab (aged 6, sister of Mariam Kokab, wounded in the attack on a wedding party at Virgin Mary Church, hospitalized, disappeared either from the hospital or in transit to the hospital)

Malkyan (wife of Ashraf Masiha, mother of Mary Ashraf Siha, in critical condition with a bullet wound to the head)

Philopateer Ashraf (aged 7, brother of Mary Ashraf Siha, hospitalized in critical condition with a stomach wound after the Church of the Virgin Mary wedding attack; **UPDATE**: now in serious condition)

Howida Refaat Azer (aged 30, wife of Nabil Fahmy Azer, mother of Mary Nabil Fahmy Azer, wounded in the leg during the October 20, 2013 shooting of the wedding party at the Church of the Virgin Mary)

Nabil Fahmy Azer (aged 40, brother of Samir Fahmy Azer, husband of Howida Refaat Azer, father of Mary Nabil Fahmy Azer, still hospitalized with wounds from the October 20, 2013 shooting of the wedding party at the Church of the Virgin Mary, has not been told of his daughter's death)

Ashraf Ayad Attyia (aged 33, shot in the neck during the October 20, 2013 shooting of the wedding party at the Church of the Virgin Mary, recovering, thanks God for sparing him)

Awad Botros Khalil (aged 40, self-professed "nominal Christian", hospitalized with a wounded right leg after the Church of the Virgin Mary wedding attack, said: "When I was shot, almost dying and seeing the love of God and people around me, I know now I need to get close to God")

Marina Maged George (aged 13, hospitalized with a wounded arm after the Church of the Virgin Mary wedding attack)

Donya Amir Eissa (bride at the wedding that was attacked with gunfire, survived unhurt, married later that evening with three witnesses while dressed in black)

Mena Nashaat (son of Kamilia Helmy, groom at the wedding that was attacked with gunfire, survived unhurt, married later that evening with three witnesses while dressed in black)

Ashraf Masiha (husband of Malkyan, father of Mary Ashraf Siha, said “I heard the gunfire and found my wife and daughter on the ground mired in blood. I used to take her to school every day. Her smile will never leave me, throughout my life”)

Magda Girgis (daughter of Kamilia Helmy, said “I was just getting ready to come to the church when my nephew called me to say they were shooting. He said his grandmother, my mother, had been killed”)

Fahmy Azer Abboud (aged 75, son, sister-in-law, and two granddaughters killed by bearded gunmen on motorcycles at a family wedding at Virgin Mary Church: “They were pure angels. They had the world’s kindness inside them. They helped me and shared with me everything they had”)

Maurice Helmy (relative of the victims of the Virgin Mary Church shooting, appealed to the military to take action: "We have reached the limit. Beware of the patient when he becomes angry”)

Ameer Shafiq (aged 18, computer science student, helped take the victims of the Virgin Mary Church shooting to the hospital, said that no ambulance showed up until an hour after the shooting and the police came even later: “Mariam [Mary Ashraf Siha] still had a pulse when I carried her to hospital. She could have lived”)

Mukhliss Riyadh (carried Mary Nabil Fahmy Azer to the hospital before she died)

Khalil George (son of Kamilia Helmy, described how no one helped his family after the gunfire attack on their wedding party at the Church of the Virgin Mary)

Boushra Fahmi (brother of Samir Fahmy Azer, said “What is to be said when Copts continue to be murdered, only for the government to condemn such actions, while the perpetrators remain unknown. We witnessed the same level of carelessness at the hospital, where we begged doctors to check on my sister-in-law, only to be completely ignored”)

Saber Nawar (relative of one of the victims of the attack on the wedding at the Church of the Virgin Mary)

Layla Ezzat (guest at the wedding)

Moawad Wagih (aged 40, survived the attack on the wedding guests at Virgin Mary Church)

Fady Magdy (aged 18, said that a mosque near the Virgin Mary Church had blocked the road but the motorcycle attackers were able to get through that barricade)

Ayman Moussa (said that the Virgin Mary Church at which four Copts were killed arriving at a wedding had had no security for four months prior to the attack)

Fr Elijah Labib (was to have conducted the wedding that was attacked at Virgin Mary Church)

Fr Sawiris Boshra (described the killing of four Copts at a wedding: "We heard gunfire and ran outside to find people and children lying on the ground swimming in their blood";

UPDATE: said after the Church of the Virgin Mary wedding attack: “Christianity is based on persecution. Christ said there would come a time when people will kill Christians and think they are doing God’s will. That is happening now.”)

Fr Bishoy Lutfy (priest at Virgin Mary Church, said of the attack on the wedding at the church: “We who have lived here with the Muslim Brotherhood for a long time know them well. We know they lie all the time”)

Rev Justus (reported on an attack by gunmen with automatic weapons on a wedding at Virgin Church, one man, one woman, and an 8 year old girl were killed and 18 wounded)

Fr Thomas Daoud Ibrahim (rushed outside Virgin Mary Church after hearing gunfire and saw two dead adults, two girls aged 8 and 12 also died)

Essam Iskander (Virgin Mary Church library supervisor, said of the attack in which four were killed: "Those who carried out the attack were not only tackling Christians, but both Christians and Muslims, to spread terrorism and make the new state fail. Some of the injured people were Muslims. And many Muslims who sit in a nearby cafe protect the church")

Ishaq Ibrahim (Coptic activist, said that the attack on the wedding at Virgin Mary Church could be “a change and possible expansion of the attacks targeting Christians in Egypt, and it could leave more victims”)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131020182916.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2066-gunmen-kill-three-outside-church-in-cairo-suburb>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/gunmen-open-fire-on-coptic-church-wedding-in-cairo-egypt/>

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/news/bodies-three-victims-church-attack-autopsied>

<http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/667>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2069-grief-anger-mix-as-copts-mourn-shooting-at-a-cairo-church-killing-4>

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/islam/murdered-christian-children-the-price-of-obamas-pro-brotherhood-jihad/>

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/10/coptic-church-wedding-shooting-kills-four-members-of-same-family/>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2070-coptic-christians-fear-chaos-after-wedding-bloodshed>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131021203848.htm>

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2078-pain-and-suffering-of-warraq-victims-families>

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/traumatized-survivors-of-wedding-attack-in-egypt-look-to-god/>



Nigeria: Mbangwen village, Guma, Benue state

Aondongu John (aged 11, escaped from a Muslim attack)

Gabriel Bazo (aged 45, escaped from a Muslim attack)

Nigeria: Mbalagh village, Guma, Benue state

Mwuese Tyosue (aged 45, mother of five, husband killed in a Muslim attack)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/12/islamic-terrorist-groups-influence-on-herdsmen-seen-as-12-more-christians-die-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>



United Kingdom: Grangemouth, Scotland

Rev Aftab Gohar (mother, two uncles, nephew, niece, and other relatives and friends killed in the September 22, 2013 bombing of All Saints Church in Peshawar, Pakistan, told his congregation that he forgave their murderers)

<http://www.bosnewslife.com/30958-scotland-pastor-forgives-his-mothers-killers-in-pakistan-blasts>



United States – Ohio: North Hampton

Rev Norman Hayes (beaten by the boyfriend of a parishioner, nose broken, face bruised and lacerated, attacker is a self-described "militant atheist")

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/41531-when-a-militant-atheist-assaults-a-christian-pastor>

Monday October 21, 2013



Kazakhstan: Taldykorgan, Almaty region

Yuri Rudenko (led a religious service raided by police, **UPDATE**: charged with leading an unregistered religious service)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1915



Iran: Tehran

Pastor Eddie Romero (U.S. citizen, stood outside Evin prison and protested the "illegal" imprisonment of Alireza Seyyedian, Farshid Fathi, Mohammad Ali Dadkhah, Mostafa Bordbar, and Saeed Abedini, arrested)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/10/former-chinaaid-volunteer-taken-into.html>



Syria: Sadad village, Qalamoon region

Archbishop Selwanos Boutros Alnemeh (officiated at the funeral of thirty Christians - including women and children - found in two mass graves, killed after their village was overrun by anti-government militants, 45 were killed in total , 30 wounded, and 10 are still missing)

Matanios El Sheikh (aged 85, husband of Habsah, father of Njala, grandfather of Ranim and Fadi, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Habsah (aged 75, wife of Matanios El Sheikh, mother of Njala, grandmother of Ranim and Fadi, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Njala (aged 45, daughter of Matanios El Sheikh and Habsah, daughter-in-law of Mariam, mother of Ranim and Fadi, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Ranim (aged 18, first-year university student, son of Njala, brother of Fadi, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Fadi (aged 16, class XI student, son of Njala, brother of Ramin, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Mariam (aged 90, mother-in-law of Njala, grandmother of Ranim and Fadi, **died after being thrown down a well** by anti government rebels)

Patriarch Gregorios III Laham (aged 79 [2013]; **UPDATE**: said of the murder of the Matanios El Sheikh family: "How can somebody do such inhumane and bestial things to an elderly couple and their family? I do not understand why the world does not raise its voice against such acts of brutality")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34601-ASIA SYRIA Mass graves in Sadad 45 Christian civilians killed by Islamist militias#.UnMRWsKA2po](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34601-ASIA_SYRIA_Mass_graves_in_Sadad_45_Christian_civilians_killed_by_Islamist_militias#.UnMRWsKA2po)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34602-ASIA SYRIA Syriac Orthodox Archbishop Alnemeh In Sadad the largest massacre of Christians in Syria#.UnMTDsKA2po](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34602-ASIA_SYRIA_Syriac_Orthodox_Archbishop_Alnemeh_In_Sadad_the_largest_massacre_of_Christians_in_Syria#.UnMTDsKA2po)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/10/devastating-images-report-from-the-christian-town-of-sadad-in-syria-exclusive/>

<http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1383696023.html>



Egypt: Warraq, Giza, outside Cairo

The Church of the Virgin Mary held a funeral service for the 4 who were killed the previous evening at a wedding

Ghaida Hafeez (aged 63, attended the funeral of the four Copts killed while arriving at a wedding at Virgin Mary Church)

Eid Fayez (aged 42, attended the funeral of the four Copts killed while arriving at a wedding at Virgin Mary Church)

Layla Ezzat (attended the funeral of the four Copts killed while arriving at a wedding at Virgin Mary Church, had been a guest at the wedding)

Ayman Moussa (said that the Virgin Mary Church at which four Copts were killed arriving at a wedding had had no security for four months prior to the attack)

Iman Girguis (aged 40, attended the funeral of the four Copts killed while arriving at a wedding at Virgin Mary Church)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2070-coptic-christians-fear-chaos-after-wedding-bloodshed>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131021203848.htm>



Democratic Republic of the Congo

Fr Anselme Wasikundi AA (abducted on [October 19, 2012](#) in [Mbau](#), still no news regarding his fate)

Fr Edmond Bamutute AA (abducted on [October 19, 2012](#) in [Mbau](#), still no news regarding his fate)

Fr Jean-Pierre Ndulani AA (abducted on [October 19, 2012](#) in [Mbau](#) still no news regarding his fate)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34527->

[AFRICA CONGO DR There is still no news of the 3 Assumptionists kidnapped a year ago In the area there are 800 abducted persons#.UmXa3MKA05s](#)

Tuesday October 22, 2013



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Olga Fedotkin (wife of Anatoli Fedotkin, home raided by police without warrant, found guilty of possession for religious literature, fined US\$3,300, **UPDATE**: fine reduced to US\$2,063 on appeal)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1908



Iran: Tehran

Pastor Eddie Romero (**UPDATE**: called home from the Swiss embassy to say that he will be expelled from the country)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/10/ap-calif-pastor-to-be-sent-home-after.html>



Tanzania: Pasiansi area, Ilemela district, Mwanza province

Elias Lunyamila Meshack (aged 35, church youth leader, **killed in a machete attack**)

Marry Meshack (wife of Elias Lunyamila Meshack)

Prosper (aged 9, child of Marry and Elias Lunyamila Meshack)

Prisca (aged 9 months, child of Marry and Elias Lunyamila Meshack)

Elias Msakuzi (wounded in the head in a machete attack, released from the hospital)

Tumsifu Pungu (wounded in a machete attack, in the hospital in critical condition)

Bishop Eliabu Sentozi (said that the machete attack on Elias Lunyamila Meshack, Elias Msakuzi, and Tumsifu Pungu was not motivated by robbery)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2800805/>

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/41663-christian-youth-leader-murdered-by-machete-in-tanzania>

<http://barnabasfund.org/US/News/News-analysis/Youth-leader-hacked-to-death-in-Tanzania-as-Christians-face-mounting-threat.html>

Wednesday October 23, 2013



Sri Lanka: Jaffa

Fr S.V.B. Mangalarajah (president of a diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, which issued a report citing the killing of thousands of Tamil civilians in 2009, land confiscation, coercive birth control, thousands of political prisoners in prison for over 15 years and denied visits by clergy, and military sexual abuse of young girls in occupied areas, among others)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34549->

[ASIA_SRI_LANKA_The_Commission_Justice_and_Peace_in_Jaffna_denounces_the_genocide_of_Tamils#.UmiE28KA05s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34549-ASIA_SRI_LANKA_The_Commission_Justice_and_Peace_in_Jaffna_denounces_the_genocide_of_Tamils#.UmiE28KA05s)



Syria: Damascus

Dawoud (alias, forced from his home due to mortar attacks, refuses to leave the country while "my people" are suffering)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/10/23/syrian-crisis-christians-targeted-in-the-chaos/>



United Kingdom: London

Celestina Mba (has filed an appeal with the Court of Appeal to overturn a decision by the Employment Appeals Tribunal in January 2013 that her London employer may require her to work on Sundays since not all Christians observe Sunday as free from work and therefore Sunday worship is not a 'core' belief of Christianity)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/christian-to-ask-court-of-appeal-to-overturn-employment-appeal-tribun>

Thursday October 24, 2013



Malaysia

Fr Lawrence Andrew (**UPDATE**: described how 2,000 copies of a church newsletter were seized without any justification)

Rev Hermen Shastri (said that the seizure of 2,000 copies of a church newsletter will be protested)

<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/malaysia/article/christian-body-decries-herald-seizure-as-rights-violation>



China: Shanghai

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; **UPDATE**: spoke at the memorial service for Shen Baoyi, his predecessor as editor-in-chief of Guangqi Press)

Shen Baoyi (aged 90, **died of natural causes**, was the first editor-in-chief of Guangqi Press, the first Catholic publishing house to reopen in the 1970s)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/shanghais-bishop-ma-makes-rare-public-appearance/69607>



Pakistan: Faisalabad

Prof Anjum James Paul (Minorities Teachers Association, **UPDATE**: in a letter to the Prime Minister wrote that the association was planning a boycott of the country's ethics textbooks because they allow only Muslim views)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13100112.htm>



Iran: Shiraz, Fars province

Fariba Nazemian (convert, wife of Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh, arrested during a home church meeting in Shiraz, Fars province on [February 8, 2012](#); sentenced to two years in prison on [June 16, 2013](#), sentence suspended; **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh (convert, husband of Fariba Nazemian, arrested during a home church meeting in Shiraz, Fars province on [February 8, 2012](#); sentenced to a total

of four years and two months in prison on [June 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

Mohamad-Reza Partoei Kourosh (convert, arrested in Shiraz, Fars province on February 8, 2012; sentenced to three years and eight months in prison on [June 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

Mojtaba Seyyed-Alaedin Hosseini (convert, arrested at a house church in Shiraz, Fars province along with up to nine others on [February 8, 2012](#); sentenced to a total of four years and two months in prison on [June 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

Nima Shokoohi (son of Homayoon Shokoohi-Gholamzadeh and Fariba Nazemian, arrested with his parents on [February 8, 2012](#) but released after 36 days after posting bail of @ \$80,000; sentenced to two years in prison on [June 16, 2013](#), sentence suspended; **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

Vahid Hakkani (convert, arrested during a home church meeting in Shiraz, Fars province on [February 8, 2012](#), sentenced to three years and eight months in prison on [June 16, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: sentence upheld on appeal)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7641:appeals-court-upholds-christian-prisoners-prison-sentence&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Syria

Jalal Gazouha (aged 29, brother killed by an al-Qaeda sniper, has seen a total of 20 family members killed, fled the country when he saw his name on a hit list on an a-Qaeda web site)

Khaled (alias, prays for a peaceful solution to the war)

Syria: Damascus

Metropolitan Jean Kawak (**UPDATE**: fears that Christians may not be able to return to the country after the war ends)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131023205232.htm>



Egypt: Warraq, Cairo

Fr Boules Eweida (blamed the recent attacks on Copts, including the shooting of a wedding party on [October 20, 2013](#), on the Muslim Brotherhood, and said their attack was against all of Egypt)

Gamal Assaad Abdel Malak (**UPDATE:** said that the [October 20, 2013](#) attack on a wedding party was similar to attacks from the 1980's)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131023205345.htm>

Friday October 25, 2013



Vietnam: Vinh, Nghe An province

Ngo Van Khoi (aged 53, arrested for "disturbing the public order" on [May 22, 2013](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to seven months imprisonment)

Nguyen Van Hai (aged 43, arrested for "disturbing the public order" on [May 22, 2013](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to seven months imprisonment)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Vinh,-7-months-jail-for-two-Catholics-who-fought-for-religious-freedom-29370.html>



Pakistan: Islamabad

Bishop Rufin Anthony (**UPDATE:** said of the security for churches a month after the bombing of All Saints Church: "security measures are not yet satisfactory...there is no visible trace of any improvement! We ask the competent authorities to take the necessary measures to ensure that such incidents do not happen again")

Pakistan: Peshawar

Fr John Gill (present at the [September 22, 2013](#) bombing of All Saints Church, said: "I heard a huge explosion and ran immediately to help the victims. Since that day we have repeatedly asked for help and protection to the churches, but so far we have not seen any tangible result")

John Naveed (parishioner at All Saints Church, said "there are only two or three police on guard [at Sunday Mass]. I'm not afraid of dying in the church, I am not worried about me [but for the health and the future] of my children")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christians-still-insecure-and-isolated-a-month-after-Peshawar-massacre-29372.html>



Russia: Krasnoyarsk

Sergei Zapletin (participated in four court trials of religious literature, two were declared extremist and two were overturned on appeal, four additional cases were dropped by the government despite large similarities)

Sergei Tolstonozhenko (commented on how different government representatives rule differently on similar cases, said that law enforcement agents are "fulfilling orders. They generally behave reasonably")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1890



Cuba: Camaguey

Rev Yiorvis Bravo Denis (nephew of Pastor Omar Gude Perez and Kenia Denis, government has attempted to seize his home, mobs sent to surround and intimidate him, leaders of other churches have move into the property)

Pastor Omar Gude Perez (**UPDATE**: signed his home over to his nephew Rev Yiorvis Bravo Denis before he left the country)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=news&id=1888&search=>

Saturday October 26, 2013



Pakistan: Karachi

Yousuf Iqbal aka Joja (activist, **killed** when gunmen invaded the sanitary workers residential compound and fired indiscriminately, Younis Inayat and three children also killed)

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<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/christian-sanitary-workers-forcefully-expelled-from-their-homes-in-karachi/>



Iran: Karaj

Hossein Saketi Aramsari aka Stephen (convert, arrested, put into solitary confinement,
UPDATE: transferred to central detention)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7799:iran-christian-converts-fate-unknown-in-karaj-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Sudan: Kober Prison, Khartoum

Zawengel Abraham Mikael (aged 41, deacon, husband and father, told in May 2013 that President Omar el-Bashir had revoked his citizenship and ordered him to leave the country, has applied to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for refugee status, was awaiting an answer from the UNHCR when NISS agents arrested him without charge)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/12/sudan-revokes-citizenship-of-christian-jails-him-for-failing-to-leave-country/>

Sunday October 27, 2013



India: Kalva, Thane district, Maharashtra state

Pastor Ajay Kasbe (punched and kicked along with other Christians by Hindu extremists during a worship service in the same church in which Pastor Arulraj was attacked on **October 6, 2013**, dragged to the police station for arrest on a charge of "forced conversions", police instead arrested the Hindu extremists)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/pastor-and-church-workers-attacked-in-mumbai-prayer-hall/69573>



Pakistan: Mayo Garden, Lahore

Zaini Azam (aged 3, daughter of Sumbal and Azam Masih, co-worker of her mother attempted to rape her, hospital examination showed "physical violation" on her body and marks of nails and bites were visible on her face and neck)

Raina (aged 18 months, daughter of Sumbal and Azam Masih, co-worker of her mother bound and gagged her, hospital examination showed "physical violation" on her body and marks of nails and bites were visible on her face and neck)

Sumbal Bibi (aged 20, maid, wife of Azam Masih, mother of Zaini and Raina, subjected to multiple incidents of sexual harassment and solicitation of prostitution by a co-worker, employers refused to believe her, on a day when she had to bring her children with her the co-worker ordered her to work outside, she returned to find the co-worker attempting to rape the older daughter, rescued her children and filed a police report, fired by her employers, police are pressuring her and her husband to drop charges in return for a cash settlement)

Azam Masih (aged 22, cobbler, husband of Sumbal, father of Zaini and Raina)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4570>

Monday October 28, 2013



North Korea

Myung-Hee Bae (mother of Kenneth Bae, visited her son in the hospital in [Pyongyang](#) on [October 10, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: released a statement in which she pleaded that the North Korean government release him because his health will not allow for forced labor)

<http://www.csw.org.hk/?p=1868&lang=en>



China: Yixian, Hebei province

Bishop Peter Liu Guandong (aged 94, **died of natural causes**, had been in hiding since 1997 after being rescued from house arrest, buried in secret)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/former-underground-bishops-head-dies/69631>



Kazakhstan: Ayagoz

Pavel Leonov (fined 100 MFIs [1 MFI can equal several months' minimum wage income] on [March 4, 2013](#), fine upheld on appeal on [April 1, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: has refused to pay the fine, police have now opened a criminal case against him, could be sentenced to up to one year imprisonment)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1891



Russia: Taganrog

Vladimir Chesnokov (husband of Svetlana Chesnokov, charged with "organizing the activity of an extremist organization")

Svetlana Chesnokov (wife of Vladimir Chesnokov, charged with "organizing the activity of an extremist organization")

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1902

Tuesday October 29, 2013



Pakistan: Chamanzar Colony, Faisalabad

Asia Masih (aged 50, burnt trash from her newly rented house, paper with Arabic writing was found in the trash, accused of blasphemy, fled and went into hiding, a Christian activist and a Muslim religious leader together determined the writing was not from the Quran or any religious text)

Pakistan

Elishba (aged 19, college student, on [October 29, 2013](#) recounted her surviving an attack by three gunmen on her church in Bahawalpur, Punjab state in which 16 died: "I have one brother and three sisters. I was 6 years old when incident of St. Dominic Church happened on October 28, 2001. I saw blood everywhere in Church. I was told later that I was found beneath 12 dead bodies when attackers left Church and rescuers approached. My father was also victim of firing of Islamists who's right arm received bullet injury...I am grateful to Lord Jesus Christ that he saved us and many other worshipers to glorify his name in front of others...I am fearful to tell all about that horrifying situation in Church because till this day I am scared of being killed if I speak")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Faisalabad:-Muslims-and-Christians-together-to-exonerate-a-woman-accused-of-blasphemy-29455.html>

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/vieweditorial.php?editorialid=118>



Kazakhstan: Balkhash, Karaganda region

Nikolai Popov (aged 52, husband, father of five, fined US\$1,122 for religious activities)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2130



Kenya: Mombassa

Bishop Kepha Omae (disagreed with one of his pastors who, during the funeral of a murdered pastor, called for the government to supply AK-47 rifles to churches amid cheers from other pastors)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-news-from-elsewhere-24726269>



Egypt: Ismailiya

Christine Abdel Sayed Labib Girgis (first year secondary school student, abducted [January 26, 2012](#), police reports repeatedly cancelled, arrest warrant finally issued but not served for 45 days, after the warrant was served her parents threatened with the abduction of their second daughter, police have now said that the case will be closed and that her birth certificate will be reissued showing her change of religion to Islam)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2089-mother-of-kidnapped-coptic-girl-says-police-complicit-in-the-crime>



Mexico: Aguascalientes

Bishop José María de la Torre Martín (said that three priests had been threatened with the abduction of relatives as a means of extortion)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34583->

[AMERICA MEXICO The Church also involved in the wave of violence other priests threatened#.UnB8R8KA0fg](#)

Wednesday October 30, 2013



North Korea

Rev Eric Foley (CEO of Seoul USA, said that North Korean Christians often pray for Americans, quoted one North Korean as saying “American and South Korean Christians have a strong sense that most problems can eventually be fixed with a combination of money, freedom, and effort. They have a hard time accepting that many situations can only be solved by God’s direct intervention. And God often waits to intervene until we run out of money, freedom, and effort and turn at last to Him, because only then can we really see what it means that He is God”)

<http://www.mnnonline.org/article/19154>



Myanmar aka Burma: Mai Khaung village, Kachin state

Rev Sai Naw (said "Peace negotiations are taking place at high level but exchange of fire are still taking place at the foot soldiers' level and I wonder why this is happening" after new fighting erupted)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/11/09/burmese-military-guilty-of-crimes-against-kachin-christians/>



Pakistan: Thatha Faqeer Ullah [a Christian ghetto], Wazirabad city, Gujranwala district

Tariq Yousaf (aged 24-25, fireworks maker, charged in the previous week with blasphemy for allegedly using paper with Arabic writing for his fireworks, fled and in hiding)

Arif Yousaf (aged 27, brother of Tariq Yousaf, arrested after Tariq was charged with blasphemy)

Waris Yousaf (aged 22, brother of Tariq Yousaf, arrested after Tariq was charged with blasphemy)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4571>



Kazakhstan: Sergeevka

Denis Yenko (aged 31, married and father of three, home raided during a religious service, ; **UPDATE:** fined US\$475)

Sergei Lantsov (present in the home of Denis Yenko when it was raided during a religious service, ; **UPDATE:** fined US\$475)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1950



Iran

Behzad Taalipasand (convert, sentenced to 80 lashes for drinking communion wine on October 20, 2013 in Rasht, allowed 10 days to appeal; **UPDATE:** sentence executed, has been flogged)

Mehdi Dadkhah Danial (convert, sentenced to 80 lashes for drinking communion wine on October 20, 2013 in Rasht, allowed 10 days to appeal; **UPDATE:** sentence executed, has been flogged)

Iran: Tehran

Mohammed-Hadi Mostafa Bordbar (aged 26, convert, arrested in Tehran while celebrating Christmas in 2012; sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on June 9, 2013; **UPDATE:** appellate court overturned his conviction)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/iran-flogs-christians-for-taking-communion-wine/>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34608->

[ASIA IRAN Christians whipped judgment accomplished for Eucharistic wine drinkers#.UnhvXMKA0fg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34608-ASIA_IRAN_Christians_whipped_judgment_accomplished_for_Eucharistic_wine_drinkers#.UnhvXMKA0fg)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7707:christian-convert-mostafa-bordbar-released-from-evin-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Panama: Davis area, Colon

Fr Anibal Gomez (aged 67, **beaten and stabbed to death** in an apparent robbery at the entrance to a bishop's residence)

Bishop Emeritus Carlos María Ariz Bolea CMF (residence the location of the murder of Fr Anibal Gomez)

Archbishop Jose Domingo Ulloa Mendieta OSA (said of the murder of Fr Anibal Gomez "It happened in broad daylight, we all have to reflect and we must all work together to stop the violence and murders that are taking place")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34598->

[AMERICA PANAMA Priest killed in broad daylight in front of the Bishop s house#.UnMTncKA2po](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34598-AMERICA_PANAMA_Priest_killed_in_broad_daylight_in_front_of_the_Bishop_s_house#.UnMTncKA2po)

Thursday October 31, 2013



Eritrea

Gabriella (arrested at an underground church service, jailed 'several years', beaten and tortured to force her to renounce Christ and to implicate other Christians, recently released)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/honeymoon-with-jesus-eritrean-christian-woman-describes-torture-in-prison-107862/>



United Kingdom: London

Peter D Williams (presentation at University College London cancelled when the Student Union claimed that the Catholic Society had not submitted the proper form, an officer of the Student Union had previously called on students to disrupt the presentation)

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2013/10/31/student-union-stops-catholic-society-talk/>

October 2013, date unknown



China: Qinyuan, near Baoding, Hebei

Fr Tian Dalong (aged 40+, arrested with another priest in [early October 2013](#) for organizing adult catechism classes in the underground church, four laypersons fined US\$656)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Two-priests-from-underground-Church-in-prison.-Doubts-about-Xi-Jinping's-unprecedented-reforms-29585.html>



Pakistan: Liaquatabad, Karachi

Boota Masih (aged 50, scrap collector, father of George Masih, **throat slit** on [September 14, 2013](#), killer shouted "God is greater. I have killed an infidel blasphemer"; **UPDATE:** unnamed family members victims of a home invasion, tortured, converted to Islam at gunpoint)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4549>



Sudan: Khartoum

Pastor Dawood Fadul (arrested by police after they invaded church property for the purpose of turning it over to a Muslim investor, released)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/10/sudan-accused-of-helping-muslim-seize-property-from-church/>



Egypt: Minya province

Nabil Fayek Boshra (sales manager, abducted and released after family paid an 80,000 pound [US\$11,600] ransom)

Dr Hany Sedhom (pharmacist, abducted and released after family paid a 300,000 pound [US\$43,500] ransom)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2007-three-minya-copts-kidnapped-a-fourth-stabbed-in-one-day>



United Kingdom: London

Bishop Emeritus Michael Nazir Ali (**UPDATE**: said that Britain is in danger of becoming not just 'unchristian' but actively 'anti-Christian', said that persecution "always begins with marginalization and discrimination in the workplace and in public life")

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue21319.html>