

Today's Martyrs – November 2013

Friday November 1, 2013



Uzbekistan: Tashkent

Rovza Sultanova (sister of Marina Sultanova, home raided by police while teaching "religion" to children, fined US\$3,250; **UPDATE**: fine upheld on appeal)

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

Saturday November 2, 2013



Pakistan: Pattoki Tehsil, Kasur district, Punjab province

Sardar Mushtaq Gill (attorney, **UPDATE**: shots fired outside his home, is living in a secure location)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4594>



Iran

Mehdi Reza Omid Youhan (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)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34608-ASIA_IRAN_Christians_whipped_judgment_accomplished_for_Eucharistic_wine_drinkers#.UnhvXMKA0fg



Nigeria: Gyel village, Plateau state

Pastor Davou Pam (described an attack by Islamic insurgents that was turned back by Christian vigilantes without loss of life)

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ec6d7eb2533a90581f839110&id=cf409252d2&e=4dd4dd3cf1>

Sunday November 3, 2013



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; appellate court overturned his conviction; **UPDATE:** released from prison)

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



South Africa: Lynwood, Pretoria

Fr Craigh Laubscher (struck down by a man with a hand drill in front of his rectory, strangled, in critical condition)

Fr Chris Townsend (is praying for Fr Craigh Laubscher's recovery)

Archbishop William Matthew Slattery (expressed shock over the attack on Fr Craigh Laubscher)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34620-AFRICA_SOUTH_AFRICA_Parish_priest_brutally_assaulted_in_Pretoria#.UnnKRMKA2po



Nigeria: Ngoshe village, Gwoza area, Borno state

Baba Ayuba (**killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Baba Bitrus (**killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Baba Isa Biyabra (security guard, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/islamic-extremists-kill-at-least-71-christians-in-nigeria/>

Monday November 4, 2013



North Korea

Kenneth Bae (**UPDATE**: now detained more than one year, is now the longest held U.S. citizen in the country since the end of the Korean War)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/11/04/christian-missionary-kenneth-bae-becomes-longest-serving-american-prisoner-in-north-korea-since-korean-war/>



Pakistan: Karachi

Bernard Peter (former councilor, brother of "R", threatened with death during another armed attack on the sanitary workers residential compound)

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



Iran: Karaj

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit; convicted on [January 27, 2013](#) of undermining the government by spreading Christianity and sentenced to eight years in prison; **UPDATE**: has been transferred to Rajai Shahr Prison [the most dangerous in the country], denied family visitations)

<http://aclj.org/iran/american-pastor-saeed-transferred-brutal-iranian-prison-life-in-danger-president-obama-must-step-in>



Nigeria: Rantis village, Plateau state

Joel Pam (aged 50, husband of Jemimah Pam, father of Alfa, Susannah, Jephtah and Joseph, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Jemimah Pam (aged 40, wife of Joel Pam, mother of Alfa, Susannah, Jephtah and Joseph, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Jephtah Pam (aged 2, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Joseph Pam (aged 4, **killed** by Islamic insurgents)

Alfa Pam (aged 15, wounded by Islamic insurgents, now orphaned)

Susannah Pam (aged 10, wounded by Islamic insurgents, now orphaned)

Rev Dacholom Datiri (reported on the murder of the Pam family)

<http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ec6d7eb2533a90581f839110&id=cf409252d2&e=4dd4dd3cf1>



United Kingdom: London Borough of Wandsworth

Dominic Muir (prosecuted after [August 11, 2013](#) for preaching Christianity and passing out tracts on a public street; **UPDATE**: charges dropped)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/victory-as-council-drops-charges-against-street-preacher>



Mexico: San Juan Ozolotepec, Miahuatlan district, Oaxaca state

Alfredo Alonso (brother of Aquiles and Raymundo Alonso, father of Leopoldo Alonso, escaped a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president)

Raymundo Alonso (brother of Alfredo and Aquiles Alonso, escaped a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president)

Aquiles Alonso (brother of Alfredo and Raymundo Alonso, escaped a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president)

Pastor Leopoldo Alonso (beaten by a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president, jailed, released)

Manuel Martínez Silva (beaten by a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president, jailed, released)

Miguel Silva Reyes (beaten by a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president, jailed, released)

Placido Aragón (beaten by a mob of 'Traditionalist Catholics [who blend Catholic and native rituals]' sent by the city president, jailed, released)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/head-of-town-in-mexico-sends-mob-to-beat-abduct-christians/>

Tuesday November 5, 2013



Syria: Raqqa and Tabqa

Archimandrite Naaman Rawik (forced to become a refugee in Lebanon, his two parishes have been destroyed)

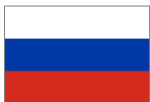
Syria: Damascus

Fr Giorgio (described the mortar attack on the Vatican Nunciature [aka Embassy], no one was hurt but the salvo shows evidence that the building was deliberately targeted, said "Papal legations are never closed. We shall only take a few precautions")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34614->

[ASIA_SYRIA_The_Greek_Catholic_parish_priest_of_Raqqa_to_Islamists_You_are_betraying_the_true_Islam#.UnnJnsKA2po](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34614-ASIA_SYRIA_The_Greek_Catholic_parish_priest_of_Raqqa_to_Islamists_You_are_betraying_the_true_Islam#.UnnJnsKA2po)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mortar-fire-hits-Nunciature-in-Damascus,-no-casualties-29456.html>



Russia: Moscow

Olga Ledyayeva (deported to Latvia without explanation)

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



Belgium

Luca Volonte (chairman Dignitatis Humanae Institute, said in [Rome, Italy](#) of the government's attempt to extend euthanasia to children: "The developments in Belgium starkly demonstrate the mission creep that is inevitably pursued once euthanasia is legalized; a relentless march towards a culture of death with less and less justification being needed as ending the lives of the vulnerable becomes evermore socially acceptable. Last year saw a 25% increase in euthanasia with Belgium doctors justifying the killing of patients for suffering blindness, anorexia and depression. Now the target is children. Children who are not deemed legally responsible to smoke, buy alcohol or get married yet will supposedly be able to rationally decide whether their young lives are worth living. That a government would actually deem this feasible and acceptable is both sickening and deplorable...Once a society accepts the principle of death as an acceptable course of treatment, it is only a matter of time before any restrictions placed upon that principle are diminished and removed. Euthanising children is the latest, tragic development of this flawed, nihilistic logic")

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue21569.html>

Wednesday November 6, 2013



Sri Lanka

Sadia Khan (aged 29, convert, sister of Amala Khan, Pakistani refugee, fled to Sri Lanka due to fear for her life, has requested that the UN grant her refugee status)

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<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pakistani-christian-family-in-hiding-pleads-for-un-help-fears-for-lives-108210/>



Pakistan: Lahore

Pastor Adnan Prince (aged 25, accused of blasphemy on [October 7, 2013](#) by Muslim clerics who are members of Jamait-ul Dawa (JUD) - an affiliate of al-Qaida - by writing derogatory

comments in an Islamic book written by a JUD member; **UPDATE:** has surrendered to police due to fears of assassination)

Aneeqa Maria (attorney, **UPDATE:** is representing Adnan Prince)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/fearing-assassination-christian-accused-of-blasphemy-in-pakistan-turns-himself-in/>



Qatar

Matthew Huang (husband of Grace Huang, jailed in January 2013 on murder charges after their 8-year old daughter Gloria died from anorexia, authorities accused him of adopting Gloria for organ harvesting since she was not "good looking", **UPDATE:** released from jail, under house arrest)

Grace Huang (wife of Matthew Huang, jailed in January 2013 on murder charges after their 8-year old daughter Gloria died from anorexia, authorities accused her of adopting Gloria for organ harvesting since she was not "good looking", **UPDATE:** released from jail, under house arrest)

http://www.worldmag.com/2013/11/christian_couple_accused_of_murder_released_from_qatari_jail



Nigeria

Rev Samuel Dante Dali (said "They [Boko Haram] attacked Christians from house to house and burned almost every church in the Gwoza and Gavva areas. Most of the EYN church is in these areas are close to Cameroon. About 2,000 of our church members have fled to Cameroon as refugees")

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/boko-haram-violence-cripples-christianity-in-areas-of-nigerias-borno-state/>

Nigeria: Barawa, Gwoza district, Borno state

Rev Daniel Yumuna (described a Boko Haram attack: "One church member was killed, three EYN churches were burned, and 19 houses were destroyed, including the house of our pastor. The Boko Haram gunmen forced about 8,000 people out of Barawa area and set fire on nine churches, while 400 houses were destroyed.")

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/boko-haram-violence-cripples-christianity-in-areas-of-nigerias-borno-state/>



United Kingdom

Rev Mike Smith (objected to the banning of Gideon Bibles from Huddersfield University's dormitories)

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/social/gideon-bibles-banned-from-student-rooms>

Thursday November 7, 2013



China: Dujiangyan, Sichuan

Cao Shuliang (husband of Zeng Xiangbi, demanded that police return their property confiscated during three raids on their home)

Zeng Xiangbi (wife of Cao Shuliang, demanded that police return their property confiscated during three raids on their home)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/11/house-church-couple-demands-belongings.html>



Pakistan: Lahore

Arfan Masih (aged 26, brother of Pastor Adnan Masih, employee of Mushtaq Masih, also implicated in the blasphemy charges against his brother and employer, arrested on [October 8, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: released after Adnan surrendered to police)

Kamran (uncle of Adnan and Arfan Masih, arrested on [October 8, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: released after Adnan surrendered to police)

Mushtaq Rehmat (husband of Tahira, father of Taniya, Daud, Michal, and Sitaish, business was the location of the alleged [October 7, 2013](#) blasphemy by Pastor Adnan Masih, named in the police report, arrested on [October 8, 2013](#); **UPDATE**: released after Adnan surrendered to police)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4587>



Iran: Karaj

Pastor Saeed Abedini (aged 32 years old, convert, US citizen, father of 2, arrested during a family visit, convicted on [January 27, 2013](#) of undermining the government by spreading Christianity and sentenced to eight years in prison; as of [November 4, 2013](#) has been transferred to Rajai Shahr Prison [the most dangerous in the country], denied family visitations; **UPDATE:** has been placed on death row, is likely in a hundred square foot cell with up to 5 convicted murderers)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-saeed-abedini-placed-in-cell-with-death-row-inmates-sent-to-disappear-108276/>



Azerbaijan: Gyanja

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

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

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



Egypt: Cairo

Pope Tawadros II (**UPDATE:** has cancelled all celebrations scheduled for the first anniversary of his inauguration as Patriarch, said he will pray for peace and prosperity for the Egyptian people)

Rev Dr Safwat al Bayadi (Evangelical church leader; **UPDATE:** one of three Christian church representatives on the new constitutional committee, all three are threatening to quit the committee over disputes involving Islamic law)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2115-christians-threaten-to-quit-egypt-charter-panel>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34642->

[AFRICA EGYPT Hard Times Pope Tawadros renounces to celebrate the anniversary of his inauguration#.UnxvZsKA0fg](#)

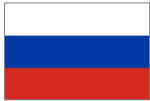
Friday November 8, 2013



Syria: Aleppo

Bishop Antoine Audo SJ (**UPDATE**: said that the center of the city has had no electricity for three days and that there has been fighting around the power plant and the international airport: "...now we do not understand who is fighting whom. There is the government army, and then there are the Kurdish brigades, Islamists, gangs of outlaws, those who call themselves 'Free Syrian Army', all factions fighting each other. In the city we hear the sounds of fighting and explosions, but we do not know what is really happening...")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34652-ASIA_SYRIA_Bishop_Audo_clashes_at_the_power_plant_Aleppo_at_risk_of_environmental_catastrophe#.Un2_W8KA0fg



Russia: Buzuluk district, Orenburg oblast

Aleksandr Bannykh (fined 20,000 roubles - US\$600 - for conducting a public event without permission after passing out religious literature and preaching, said he will appeal, wrote "As I am a sincere Christian...the Holy Bible is the principal guide in my life")

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



United Kingdom

Bishop Emeritus Michael Nazir-Ali (**UPDATE**: called for greater public discussion on the government's plan to issue Sharia [Islamic law] compliant bonds, said that such a move will make the government itself subject to Sharia and so will have "unforeseen consequences")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/islam/bishop-michael-nazir-ali-warns-against-plans-for-islamic-bonds-in-britain>

Sunday November 10, 2013



Kazakhstan: Oral

Aleksandr Nelepin (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Anatoli Lazarenko (aged 79, arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Andrei Labinsky (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Ivan Isayev (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Kenzhetai Baytinov (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service, severed from his position as a school custodian)

Nikolai Novikov (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Sergei Krasnov (**UPDATE**: arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Serakli Kumargaliyev (**UPDATE**: arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Vladimir Nelepin (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

Vladimir Trifonov (arrested at an unregistered Sunday religious service)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1898



Syria: al-Qassaa district, Damascus

Sami Amir (aged 55, merchant, Christian residential neighborhood has been repeatedly shelled by rebel forces in the past two weeks, killing 32 and injuring dozens, shelling increases on Sundays)

<http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2013/11/beleagured-syrian-christians-fear-fall-of-assad/>

Monday November 11, 2013



North Korea: Pyongyang

Kim Jeong-wook (entered the country from [Dandong](#), China to determine the fate of North Koreans forcibly returned by the Chinese government, arrested as a spy)

Ju Dong-Shik (fellow missionary of Kim Jeong-Wook in [Dandong, China](#), had failed to persuade Kim to not enter the country to learn the fate of North Koreans sent back by Chinese authorities)

<http://english.donga.com/srv/service.php3?bicode=050000&biid=2013112029568>

<http://www.themalaymailonline.com/world/article/south-korean-spy-detained-in-north-korea-is-missionary-says-colleague>



Uzbekistan: Komilyulchi village, Fergana region

Three women fined US\$85 each for 'Teaching religious beliefs without specialized religious education and without permission' for talking among themselves about the faith they already shared

Oliyahon Haydarova (fined)

Mavzhudahon Azamova (fined)

Latifahon Zhurayeva (fined)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1922



Kazakhstan: Zyryanovsk, East Kazakhstan region

Yegor Prokopenko (aged 87, led a religious service of 70 people that was raided by police)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1937



Syria: Damascus

Majd Shahadeh (aged 6, **killed** in a shelling of his school)

Vaniciya Mekho (aged 9, **killed** in the shelling of her school)

Samira Abu Sukkeh (mother of a school bus driver killed in shelling)

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/syrian-activists-say-government-troops-battling-rebels-on-southern-outskirts-of-damascus/2013/11/12/a3428590-4b88-11e3-bf60-c1ca136ae14a_story.html



Turkey: Samsun province

Pastor Orhan Picaklar (convert, as of [April 12, 2012](#) has lived with a police guard for the last four years due to assassination plots, stated "believers are afraid to enter the church due to the threat to their lives"; **UPDATE**: has been arrested on prostitution and human trafficking of refugees, released two days later, arrest was a major media sensation but the 'witnesses' against him have all been deported, must visit the police station every Monday until an indictment is served or the charges are dismissed)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/10/2819150/>



Central African Republic: Bouar

Fr Beniamino Gusmeroli (stated "The Christians of Bouar who had taken refuge in the cathedral during the clashes in late October have left the place of worship, but a part of them, instead of returning home, preferred to hide in the countryside. We are trying to help them by bringing a bit of food, but the real solution is to allow these people to find serenity in order to return to their homes")

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34666->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Calm returns in Bouar Caritas in aid of the displaced#.UoGuoMKA0fg](#)



Nigeria: Dille and Lassa villages, among others

Rev Titus Dama Pona (**UPDATE**: said "For three days...they attacked the Christian villages.

They came in two Hilux vehicles, three buses and about 30 motorcycles armed with AK-47 rifles, going from house to house, killing, looting, and burning houses")

Nigeria: Bdagu, Izge, Hartsa, and Yazza villages, Borno state

Paul Gadzama (said that more than 26 Christians were killed and hundreds driven from four villages, more than 40 homes were burned)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/islamic-extremists-kill-at-least-71-christians-in-nigeria/>



United States – California: San Diego

Maj Steven Firtko, U.S. Army Ret (has filed a religious discrimination suit against the Department of Veterans Affairs after being harassed and belittled over his Christian beliefs during a chaplain training course)

Lt Cmdr Dan Klender, U.S. Navy (has filed a religious discrimination suit against the Department of Veterans Affairs after being harassed and belittled over his Christian beliefs during a chaplain training course)

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/41713-christian-military-chaplains-sue-veterans-affairs-for-alleged-mocking>

Tuesday November 12, 2013



Turkmenistan: Dashogu

Ilkham Saidov (questioned by MSS secret police about religious activities dating back 15 years, home searched without warrant, 500 books seized, threatened with arrest and deportation despite being a citizen)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1911



Kazakhstan: Petropavl

Inna Semyonova (detained)

Pavel Tokarev (detained)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921



Iran: Rajai Shahr prison, Karaj

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family visitations, has been placed on death row, is likely in a hundred square foot cell with up to 5 convicted murderers; **UPDATE:** father attempted to deliver medications and blankets, was told that he would not be allowed personal possessions, family is concerned that his health will decline again)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-saeed- Abedini-denied-medication-and-blankets-deadly-prison-severely-overcrowded-108633/>



Syria: Damascus

Fr Gabriel Dawood (following artillery strikes that killed eight - including a Christian man and his four children - and injured five students in a school bus wrote "in our churches we continue to hope and to light candles, praying for all the faithful killed, and for those at risk, especially for the Christian villages threatened by armed gangs")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34677-ASIA_SYRIA_Mortar_shells_on_the_center_of_Damascus_children_civilians_and_churches_affected#.UoLxCcKA0fg

Wednesday November 13, 2013



Sri Lanka

Yamini Ravindran (National Christian Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka, said there have been 65 attacks on Christians to date in 2013: "Pastors have been threatened, subjected to duress and forced closure of churches, various forms of discriminations... And even some Christian believers have been forced to recant their faith")

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-24753921>



India: Thodupuzha, Kerala state

TJ Joseph (university professor, acquitted in a trial on a charge of insulting Islam, a Muslim mob had previously cut off his right hand)

<http://www.ucanews.com/news/catholic-professor-wins-blasphemy-case-after-three-year-fight/69700>



Kazakhstan: Aral

Orynkul Tleuzhanova (fined 100 MFIs)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1921



Syria: Damascus

Hanna (wife and mother, wrote about the Islamic rebels: "In fact attacks on churches happen a lot now. They are also targeting Christians. Many of them are killed or kidnapped. When they are kidnapped they ask their families for ransom or they force them to convert to Islam. Women are often raped. The people that return from such events are traumatized. One of the men I know that came back from a kidnapping didn't speak a word since he came back. He is crying a lot. Nobody knows what happened to him...in our house you see the traces of the war: we already noticed a bullet hole in our guest room, but recently I also discovered one in the room of my girls")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131113171806.htm>



Cameroon: Ashigashia

David Dina Mataware (missionary, Nigerian citizen, **murdered** by suspected Boko Haram militants)

Cameroon: Nguetchewe

Fr Georges Vandenbeusch (aged 42, French citizen, abducted by suspected Boko Haram gunmen from Nigeria, had spent much of his time helping Nigerian refugees)

Mgr Henri Djonyang (reported on the abduction of Fr Georges Vandenbeusch)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/11/2858300/>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34699->

[AFRICA_CAMEROON_Fidei_Donum_priest_kidnapped#.UoWb1sKA05s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34699-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Fidei_Donum_priest_kidnapped#.UoWb1sKA05s)



Norway: Oslo

Siv Kristin Saellmann (television news anchor, suspended from her job for wearing a cross, viewers protested "a necklace with a Cross insults Islam" and "this symbol does not guarantee impartiality of the TV channel")

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/65832.htm>

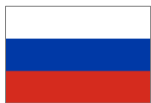
Thursday November 14, 2013



Egypt: Minya

Bishop Makarios (**UPDATE:** defended the intervention of the church into politics due to a spike of abductions in the province - over one hundred Christians have been abducted but police have rescued only two or three)

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2139-egypt-s-christians-demand-action-as-kidnappings-spike>



Russia: St Petersburg

Pastor Igor Sokolov (Harvest Pentecostal Church liquidated by the local government)

Yekaterina Lipovskaya (children's pastor at Harvest Pentecostal Church, ran after school enrichment classes that were cited by the government as cause for the church liquidation)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1943

Friday November 15, 2013



India

Mario Joseph (convert from Islam, after his conversion was imprisoned by his father who then attempted to kill him but failed, escaped)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/65866.htm>

Saturday November 16, 2013



China: Nanle County, Henan

Pastor Zhang Xiaojie (met with police at his registered church, tied up without a warrant, church and family members gathered to protest his illegal detention but were beaten, parents hospitalized with hypertension, two sisters detained, funds frozen)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/11/three-self-sanctioned-church-pastor-and.html>



Iran: Adel-Abad prison, Shiraz, Fars province

Vahid Hakkani (convert, arrested during a home church meeting in Shiraz, Fars province on February 8, 2012, charged with “acts harmful to the Islamic Regime”; sentenced to three years and eight months in prison on June 16, 2013; **UPDATE**: has been transferred to a hospital for surgery, his intestinal bleeding has worsened, he has lost a 'significant' amount of weight, and he can barely walk)

http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7771:christian-converts-health-condition-critical-in-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279



Egypt: Mar Girgis Monastery and other locations

Maher Shoukri (activist, said that "The Copts have paid a high price since Jan. 25 [the ouster of Mubarak]")

Ebram Louis (**UPDATE**: commented on the military's quick repairs of a Cairo mosque where it killed hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood supporters in mid-August 2013, but that the military's promise of repairs to the dozens of churches damaged or destroyed in the following violence has not been fulfilled)

Nirvana Mamdouh (activist, said "Christians are deluding themselves into believing that their safety lies with the military")

Rev Dr Safwat al Bayadi (**UPDATE:** said "The only gains we are looking for is equality in the rights and duties for all. We do not accept the division of rights according to religious affiliation even if that works for our benefit")

Fr Arsenious (aged 64, said he would like to return to the 1970s before the rise of Islamic militancy: "It is unrealistic to expect that people, like in the West, would never ask about one's religion. But I want to at least comfortably spend a whole day with a Muslim friend without fear that he could turn against me at any moment")

<http://www.copts.com/english/?p=3827>

Sunday November 17, 2013



China: Nanle County, Henan

Zhang Huixin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Xiaojie, received more than ten phone calls threatening to "wipe out her family" if she continued to send reports to the international media concerning the persecution of her father's church, fled with her husband and 10-month old daughter)

Zhao Zhijuan (husband of Qin Mijuan, Sunday school leader at the registered church led by Pastor Zhang Xiaojie, detained along with the pastor and 21 other Christians)

Qin Mijuan (wife of Zhao Zhijuan)

Ruizhen (detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians, handicapped and ill)

Zhang Cuixia (detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians, diabetic and hypertensive)

Guishan (detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians, son has a congenital heart ailment)

Muxiang (mother of two young children, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Lixiang (mother of two young children, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Guoli (orphanage employee, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Yan Beibei (husband married two months, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Zhixuan (husband and father of two, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Jinxue (elderly, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians, hypertensive)

Junling (husband and father of three daughters, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Zhijun (husband and father of two, detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

Fan Ruiling (detained with Pastor Zhang Xiaojie and 20 other Christians)

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/11/update-three-self-sanctioned-church.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/11/update-lawyers-for-nanle-county.html>

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2013/12/nanle-county-christian-church-spends.html>



India

Anmol (aged 7, disappeared on the way to Sunday School, body found in a pond, **died by drowning**, body showed signs of extensive torture)

Harish (convert, father of Anmol, family persecuted since 2003)

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/41924-7-year-old-boy-in-india-tortured-murdered-for-christian-faith>



Nigeria

Hajja (aged 19, reported to have been abducted by Boko Haram gunmen and forced to convert to Islam, forced to lure others into a trap and then to watch their execution, escaped)

<http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/11/17/nigeria-security-islamists-idINL5N0IS51W20131117>

Monday November 18, 2013



Turkmenistan

Suhrab Rahmanberdiyev (aged 18, tried, convicted, and sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for refusal of military service, beaten in custody after he refused to declare he was a Muslim)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1910



Kazakhstan: Aktobe

Robert Panczykowski (cardiologist, Polish citizen, charged with acting as an unregistered missionary; **UPDATE:** fined US\$1,100 and ordered deported, appeal underway)

Kazakhstan: Astana

Shamurat Toktoraliyev (Kyrgyz citizen. charged with acting as an unregistered missionary; **UPDATE:** fined US\$1,100 and ordered deported, left the country with his family without paying the fine)

Talgat Bilbayev (charged with acting as an unregistered missionary; **UPDATE:** fined US\$1,100)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1919



Central African Republic: Bangui

Fr Aurelio Gazzera OCD (**UPDATE:** commented on increasing 'nervousness' by Seleka rebels due to a pending UN security Council resolution for military intervention in the country: "The consequence of these factors is the fact that many rebels appear busy to steal as much as possible, and leave at the right moment. There is also fear - and it is more than possible - of a bloodbath, with the elimination of any witnesses, who in one way or another have reacted or denounced the crimes of these eight months")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/34714-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_In_Central_Africa_we_risk_a_new_bloodbath_says_a_missionary#.Uorn7cKA05s](http://www.fides.org/en/news/34714-<u>AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_In_Central_Africa_we_risk_a_new_bloodbath_says_a_missionary#.Uorn7cKA05s</u>)

Tuesday November 19, 2013



Pakistan: Peshawar

Pastor A R Hashmat (described an attack on his church in which a Muslim policeman was killed - it was the second attack in 2013)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4603>



Syria: Jazira province

Snjer Dasho (aged 55, member of the Assyrian Democratic Organization, arrested by government agents after they complained of a lack of Christian representation in the new ad interim government)

George Odisho (aged 28, member of the Assyrian Democratic Organization, arrested by government agents after they complained of a lack of Christian representation in the new ad interim government)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34732-ASIA_SYRIA_The_army_arrest_two_Christian_activists_of_the_Assyrian_Democratic_Organization#.Uo2VpMKA05s

Wednesday November 20, 2013



Sudan

Nahmia Ibrahim Omer Shaloka (attorney, arrested after he gave workshops on freedom of religion, threatened with death if he did not report daily to the police; **UPDATE**: has fled the country)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/2253/>



Iraq

Awshalim Benjamin (aged 74, caregiver to a 33 year old daughter, is waiting to join the rest of his family in the United States, said "Three days ago, they exploded a car on the street. Such things are making us leave this place")

Archdeacon Temathius Esha (aged 54, described how his church has been reduced by emigration to 150 attendees on Christmas or Easter)

Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda (**UPDATE**: described how large numbers of Christians have left Bagdad and relocated to Iraqi Kurdistan "I would say 99 percent of those families [who moved to Ainkawa] would not think to go back again")

Patriarch Louis Sako (**UPDATE**: again called on Christians to not leave the country)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131120164454.htm>



Turkey

Rahel (aged 45, Syrian refugee, school administrator in al-Yakubiye, Idlib province, described killings of Christians for their property, has fled to Turkey with her husband, said "It is not possible for Christians to live there anymore")

Heyfa (aged 50, Syrian refugee, mother of Dima and Marie and two others in Germany with her husband, fled to Turkey from Al-Qamishli, unable to work due to illness, said "We left because I was afraid for the girls--I didn't want any bad things to happen to them. I was worried the girls would be raped. I kept them inside")

Dima (aged 22, Syrian refugee, daughter of Heyfa, fled to Turkey from Al-Qamishli after a friend was gang raped and murdered, said "It is hard. I am the one who works and the money I receive isn't enough. I get 400 Turkish lira (\$198) a month and 300 of that goes on rent. We can't afford to use the heat. Many times we don't have things to eat")

Oarda Saliba (aged 40, Syrian refugee, fled to Turkey with her five daughters, said "For Christians it is very difficult to stay in Syria and there are many bad things happening to women. For jihadists Christian women are seen as their right. I didn't want to take the risk with my daughters. In the streets they would touch and harass them. I don't know if they were al-Nusra or not, although some were Libyans and Tunisian. But either way, they were terrorists")

<http://www.aina.org/news/20131119194447.htm>



Israel: Beer Sheva

Barry Barnett (UK citizen, staff member for Jews for Jesus [a legal Israeli charity], detained without charge, Israeli members with him were not detained)

<http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2013/s13110090.htm>



Nigeria

Habila Adamu (shot in the head by Boko Haram militants after he refused to deny Jesus, survived)

<http://www.persecution.org/2013/11/20/shot-in-the-head-by-islamists-for-refusing-to-deny-christ/>

Thursday November 21, 2013



Pakistan: Busan

Bishop Samuel Azariah (**UPDATE**: said that recent church attacks would not cause the faith of Christians to falter, in fact church attendance has grown after the bombing of All Saint's Church)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/attacks-on-christians-will-not-dent-believers-faith-in-christ-says-bishop-azariah/>



Turkmenistan: Dashogu

Mahmud Ovezov (home invaded by police during choir practice, told "Singing about God here is banned", taken into custody and released)

Pastor Yuri Rozmetov (present when police raided the home of Mahud Ovezov during choir practice, taken into custody, told "the Christian religion is wrong", "it is not a religion but a myth", "for centuries the fact that Christ had a wife Mary has been suppressed", and "you should believe correctly and go to the mosque", released)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1911



Russia: Neklinovsky district, Rostov oblast

Yevgeni Lozin (defendant in a civil suit, government claims his church conducted an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program in violation of fire and sanitation codes, trial suspended when the church closed the program)

Mikhail Potapov (defendant in a civil suit, government claims his church conducted an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program in violation of fire and sanitation codes, trial suspended when the church closed the program)

Aleksei Ryabov (defendant in a civil suit, government claims his church conducted an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program in violation of fire and sanitation codes, trial suspended when the church closed the program)

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



Central African Republic: Bossangoa

Bishop Nestor-Desire Nongo Aziagbia (is sheltering 35,000 persons - mostly women and children - from Seleka rebels in the 40 acre diocesan compound, food is running low, women risk rape when going to their farms to gather food)

Central African Republic: Bangui

Fr Aurelio Gazzera OCD (**UPDATE**: spoke of the possibility of a genocide in the country: "The term is probably exaggerated, but it is true that tension is so high that no one knows how the situation will evolve")

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2013/11/21/thousands-in-central-african-republic-turn-to-bishop-for-protection/>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/34748->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Genocide is probably exaggerated but anything could happen says a missionary#.UpBABsKA05s](#)



Belarus: Smolyany, Orsha district, Vitebsk region

Fr Alexander Morozov (**killed in a knife attack** by two homeless men whom he had temporarily taken into his home)

<http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/66091.htm>



United States – Kansas: Wichita

Mark Gietzen (pro-life demonstrator, attacked by a male abortion clinic client and threatened with being shot, attacker was subdued by a clinic security guard)

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/man-attacks-threatens-to-shoot-pro-life-activist-outside-tillers-former-abo>

Friday November 22, 2013



Iran: Tehran

Armin Davoodi (convert, arrested and tortured, released and in hiding)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/convert-from-islam-flees-iranian-authorities-torture-threats/>



Syria

Archbishop Samir Nassar (said in [Konigstein, Germany](#) "since all the cemeteries are already full, our only project for 2014 is to build a bigger cemetery")

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/11/syria-continues-to-suffer.html>



United Kingdom: London

Andrea Minichiello Williams (Christian Legal Centre, **UPDATE**: responded to a Court of Appeals decision to prohibit a Christian radio station from advertising a poll to determine anti-Christian discrimination in employment: "The court's decision is chilling, as well as bewildering. We have seen Christian adverts being banned in other areas whilst those of other special interest groups have been allowed. We've seen TV adverts for abortion clinics, bus ads by humanists claiming there is probably no God and bus ads by a gay campaign group telling us to 'get over it'. Christian adverts in response to the 'get over it' posters were not allowed. There now appears to be a clear asymmetry in how Christian messages are being treated by [government] advertising standards bodies")

<http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/religious-freedom/court-bans-christian-radio-advertisement>



United States – Kansas: Louisburg

Mary Anne Sause (retired nurse, ordered by police to cease silent prayer during a search of her home during investigation of a noise complaint)

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/police-tell-woman-she-cant-pray-inside-home-constitution-is-just-a-piece-of-paper-170400/>

Saturday November 23, 2013



India

K.P. Yohannan (**UPDATE**: described the forced closure of a Christian center for childhood education and health care by anti-Christian extremists, staff was threatened with death if they did not close the center)

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/41876-anti-christian-death-threats-force-closure-of-children-s-center>



Iraq: Mosul

Alaa Ador Botros (**killed**)

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



Kenya: Meru

Justus Kamai (abducted while tilling his field, forcibly initiated into a tribal group)

Bishop Daniel Laichena (hit in the head with a club when he demanded the release of Justus Kamai, other members of his church also attacked, fought back and called the police)

Rev Moses Mati (said that Justus Kamai was abducted due to his father's membership in the tribal group, agreed with him that a Christian could not join)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/11/2843261/>

Sunday November 24, 2013



China: Beijing

He (**UPDATE**: described a police raid on the Harvest Church, sermon interrupted, computers and books seized)

Ms Xi (Bible taken from her hands by police)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Beijing,-more-raids-against-Protestant-Christian-communities-29650.html>



Sri Lanka: near Trincomalee

Fr SS Johnpillai (threatened with death by two men claiming to be Special Forces)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Sri-Lanka-Catholic-priest-gets-death-threats-from-fake-intelligence-officers-29694.html>



Israel

Barry Barnett (UK citizen, staff member for Jews for Jesus [a legal Israeli charity], detained without charge; **UPDATE**: ordered to be deported by December 3, 2013)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/israel-orders-deportation-of-member-of-jews-for-jesus/>

Monday November 25, 2013



Iran

Naghmeh Shariat Panahi Abedini (wife of Saeed Abedini, **UPDATE**: said that the conclusion of Western nuclear talks with Iran was "devastating" because the freedom of Christian prisoners such as her husband was not included in the talks)

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pastor-saeed-abedinis-family-devastated-over-us-deal-with-iran-christmas-without-him-will-be-unbearable-109517/>



Syria: Deir Atieh

Fr George Louis (**UPDATE**: has abandoned his Qara parish with all of his parishioners, new refuge has been overrun by Islamist fighters who are taking Christians as hostages and human shields)

Fr F H (described the overrunning of his village by Islamist fighters who are taking Christians as hostages and human shields)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34764-ASIA_SYRIA_The_village_of_Deir_Atieh_invaded_by_Islamists_Christians_identified_and_detained#.UpQsz8KA0fQ



Egypt

Mina Thabet (**UPDATE**: described continuing attacks on Christians that are seen by Islamic militants "as a religious duty")

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/christians-again-terrorized-in-delga-other-parts-of-egypt/>



Nigeria: Ejigbo, Osun state

Layi Oguntola (Christian school principal, beaten unconscious by a mob after sending a Muslim student home for violating the school ban on the hijab, hospitalized)

Rev Bayo Ademuyiwa (objected to the state government's merger of Christian and Islamic schools, saying that the new schools will be lose their Christian heritage)

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

Tuesday November 26, 2013



Uzbekistan

Sardorbek Nurmetov (illegally detained on [June 14, 2013](#) in [Urgench, Khorezm region](#), beaten, denied medical treatment, water, or sanitary facilities for hours, memory stick seized, home searched and laptop and Christian books and DVD seized; fined US\$450 on [July 23, 2013](#), **UPDATE**: notified of his fine 4 months later)

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



Azerbaijan: Aliabad

Aziz Aliyev (husband of Havva Aliyeva, father of Jeyhun Aliyev, home raided by police during a worship service on [September 21, 2013](#) while he was away; **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,900)

Havva Aliyeva (wife of Aziz Aliyev, mother of Jeyhun Aliyev, home raided by police during a worship service on [September 21, 2013](#), arm twisted when police took her house key, religious literature seized, suffered an epileptic seizure while on the way to police detention, hospitalized; **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,900)

Jeyhun Aliyev (son of Aziz Aliyev and Havva Aliyeva, home raided by police during a worship service on [September 21, 2013](#), detained several hours by police, threatened by police with sexual assault; **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,900)

Vaguf Aliyev (husband of Gamar Aliyev, present during the [September 21, 2013](#) police raid at the home of Havva Aliyeva, detained several hours by police; **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,900)

Gamar Aliyeva (wife of Vaguf Aliyev, present during the [September 21, 2013](#) police raid at the home of Havva Aliyeva, detained several hours by police, threatened by police with the loss of her teaching position; **UPDATE**: fined US\$1,900)

http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=1906



Nigeria: Katu Kapang, Daron, Tul and Rawuru villages

Rev Soja Bewarang (**UPDATE:** presided over the mass burial of 15 Christians killed the night before by Islamic insurgents, said “It is inhuman to kill innocent pregnant women and children while they were sleeping. Even in time of war, this category of people was not killed. This is a religious war against Christians. All the victims are Christians and belong to either the Church of Christ in Nigeria [COCIN] or the Evangelical Church Winning All [ECWA]”)

<http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2013/11/2848882/>



United Kingdom

Wilson Chowdhry (said of the British government's response to persecuted Pakistani Christian asylum seekers "We find they [the UK government] significantly underestimate the amount of persecution Christians suffer and claim that 'ordinary Christians' are free to live and practice their faith if they 'keep their heads down'")

<http://britishpakistanichristian.blogspot.com/2013/11/shockingly-few-pakistani-christians.html>



Argentina: San Juan

Bishop Alfonso Delgado (led over 700 in prayer at the cathedral while it was attacked by pro-abortion feminists, who physically and sexually attacked men who were locked in a human barrier to protect the cathedral)

Roberto Gomez (physically and sexually attacked by pro-abortion feminists while locked in a human barrier to protect the cathedral, said “I was always praying for the conversion of the souls of the people I had in front of me...“We asked them [the police] to please defend us but they told us that they had orders not to act”)

Oscar Campillay (physically and sexually attacked by pro-abortion feminists while locked in a human barrier to protect the cathedral, said “[There] was something twisted and inhuman there, almost diabolic, that made one shudder. The attack on our bodies was the least of things. One can only remain in astounded horror seeing what a creature, a child of God, a woman destined to wonderful things, can become when choosing personal degradation, egoism and death against her own nature...It is of public knowledge that sponsoring and logistics [of the feminist event] are provided by the national government through its social ministries...In a certain way, being attacked and persecuted will become an inseparable part of our Christian identity”)

<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue21881.html>

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/exclusive-diabolic-men-attacked-by-feminist-mob-while-defending-cathedral-s>

Wednesday November 27, 2013



Central African Republic: Bossangoa

Bishop Nestor-Desire Nongo Aziagbia (**UPDATE**: spoke of his fear that a genocide is about to happen: "The rebels fight the non-Muslim local population, and then the [anti-balaka] militias fight back the rebels and the Muslim community. We are at this divide, this sharp divide, between the Christian and the Muslim community...What I want to prevent is a war against brother and sisters who have been living side by side for many years...But unfortunately this government is not assuming its responsibilities")

Prophete Ngay-Bola (has taken refuge in Bishop Aziagbia's compound after a Seleka attack on his village)

Central African Republic: Bodili

Lucie Blanche Feiganzani (village razed by Seleka fighters, husband murdered along with five neighbors, **UPDATE**: has taken refuge in Bishop Aziagbia's compound in Bossangoa)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201311281409.html?viewall=1>



United Kingdom

Hazemary Bull (bed and breakfast owner in Cornwall, wife of Peter Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, **UPDATE**: appeal dismissed by the Supreme Court)

Peter Bull (bed and breakfast owner in Cornwall, husband of Hazemary Bull, ordered to pay £3,500 to a same sex couple despite their policy of accepting only married couples, **UPDATE**: appeal dismissed by the Supreme Court)

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/christian.bb.couple.lose.appeal.against.discrimination.ruling/34838.htm>



Cuba: Havana

Rev Bernardo de Quesada Salomon (prevented from leaving the country to attend a religious meeting in the Dominican Republic, no reason given)

<http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=news&id=1931&search=>

Thursday November 28, 2013



Pakistan

Younis Masih (aged 35 [2013], father of four, arrested in 2005 and sentenced to death in 2007 for blasphemy, appeal of his 2007 conviction on blasphemy accepted on [April 3, 2013](#), death sentence overturned; **UPDATE**: released from prison, in hiding with his family due to death threats)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34805-ASIA_PAKISTAN_The_Christian_Younis_Masih_sentenced_to_death_for_blasphemy_has_been_released#.Uplu9sKA0fg



Kazakhstan: Oral

Anatoli Lazarenko (aged 79, arrested on [November 10, 2013](#) at an unregistered Sunday religious service; **UPDATE**: fined 50 MFIs or 86,550 Tenge)

Kazakhstan: Sergeyevka

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

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

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

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



Syria

Fr George Louis (**UPDATE:** described how he and his parishioners became the objects of a manhunt by foreign Islamic fighters after they had reached refuge in Der Atieh: "We hid in the basement for 4 days and 4 nights, without food, water, electricity. After a night of prayer, we decided to escape. We reached Sadad, another martyred city. Archbishop Selwanos Boutros Alnemeah and the faithful who returned to the city welcomed us with love and kindness")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/34798-ASIA_SYRIA_A_parish_priest_The_exodus_of_civil_Christians_from_Qara_invaded_by_foreign_jihadists#.Upl3ScKA0fg



Vatican City

Pope Francis aka Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ (**UPDATE:** during Mass said "We can not talk about religion, it's a private thing, no? Do not speak of this publicly. Religious signs are removed. We must obey the orders of worldly powers. We can do many things, beautiful things, but not worship God. Prohibition of worship. This is the center of the end. And when we arrive at the fullness - the 'kairos' of this attitude, when this pagan time has come - then yes, it will be Him: 'And they shall see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory'. Christians who suffer persecution, prohibition of worship are a prophecy of what will happen to us all...We should not be afraid, He only asks us for faithfulness and patience. Faithful like Daniel, who was faithful to his God and worshiped God until the end. Patience, so that the hair of our head will not fall off. Thus the Lord has promised . This week we would do well to think of this general apostasy, which is called the prohibition of worship and ask: 'Do I adore the Lord? Do I adore Jesus Christ, the Lord, or only a little, 'half and half, I play the game of the prince of this world?'" Worshiping until the end, with the trust and faithfulness: this is the grace that we ask this week")

[http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pope:-the-persecution-of-Christians-tells-us-that-Christ's-victory-is-near"-29664.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pope:-the-persecution-of-Christians-tells-us-that-Christ's-victory-is-near)

Friday November 29, 2013



India: Gamidi village, Dungepur district, Rajasthan state

Harish Gemethi (**UPDATE**: said that the police are not investigating the murder of his son Anugrag Gemethi aka Anmol, and that they took over two hours to arrive at the murder scene although they were 20 minutes away)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/police-in-india-slow-to-investigate-torture-killing-of-christian-boy/>



Russia: Pestrechinsky, Tatarstan

Fr Dmitri Sizov (described the events around the burning of seven churches so far in 2013: "fundamentalist agitators roam [in Christian villages], inviting the faithful to convert to Islam...The priests remain silent because they are afraid of being accused of incitement to religious hatred")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Russia:-seven-churches-burned-in-one-year-in-Tatarstan-29713.html>



Tanzania: Korogwe and Kalalani villages, Tanga district

Bishop Dr Jothan Mwakimage (said that leaders of several churches will withdraw from the government sponsored peace talks because while the talks proceed churches are still burning)

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201312020019.html>



Egypt: Badraman village, Minya province

Ayman Nabil (father arrested on murder charges despite the facts that his father's defense against a mob killed no one and the alleged murder victim was killed in another city, uncle Louis also arrested)

Eid Louis (said of the mob attack in his village "We had hoped that police would intervene, as it knows of the existence of the MB [Muslim Brotherhood] in the village and their daily marches against Christians. We are barely able to leave our own houses, and yet police was lax in protecting us on Friday when attacks against us were repeated. The perpetrators continued to set fire to other houses under police's nose, and all Copts locked themselves in, screaming and praying to God to save them. If their quarrel really is with a specific party, then why are they attacking the entire village?")

Yvonne Boushra (young girl thrown from a second story window by a mob, both arms broken)

Tahani (robbed of all possessions by a mob)

Marie Sadek (victim of a land dispute)

Ezzat Ibrahim (human rights activist; **UPDATE**: eyewitness to the mob attack on Copts, said "...security forces still adopt the same methods used, arresting innocent Copts to force them to attend 'customary reconciliation meetings' ...Marie Sadek owns a piece of land, which a Muslim wanted to takeover by force, and he refused to build a house for him on it. Later, clashes erupted between both parties, leading to the death of two Muslims and a Copt. Security forces then allowed Muslims to murder a poor farmer on his way to work, to even out the number of casualties")

<http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/2193-complicit-police-arrest-coptic-victims-of-attacks-mena-villagers-complain>

Saturday November 30, 2013



Pakistan: Multan jail

Asia Bibi (mother of five still incarcerated on blasphemy charges after death sentence, reportedly has been informed that her appeal will not be heard until 2015; **UPDATE**: is now the subject of the book *Blasphemy, A Memoir: Sentenced to Death over a Cup of Water* by Anne Isabelle Tollet)

<http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/blasphemy-a-memoir-sentenced-to-death-over-a-cup-of-water/>



Kazakhstan: Oral

Aleksandr Surkov (bookseller, facing an administrative case after found selling icons and Bibles without a license, **UPDATE**: case sent back to the prosecutor due to the lack of specific law cited in the case)

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

November 2013, date unknown



Iran: Karaj

Hossein Saketi Aramsari aka Stephen (convert, arrested, put into solitary confinement for over two months, transferred to central detention, **UPDATE**: charged with evangelism in [mid-November 2013](#))

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



Uganda: Kangado village, Butebo sub-county

Patrick Opadi (aged 19, convert from Islam, fellow Muslim students attempted to kill him after he received an outstanding Christian 'school pastor' award)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2015/06/widow-of-slain-christian-in-uganda-fears-for-her-life/>



Nigeria: Rawuru, Tasu, Foron, and Gurabok villages

Rev Pam Jang Pam (**UPDATE**: said "I received distress calls at about 1 a.m. from the members of our church...informing me that they were being attacked and that they need help")

Nigeria: near Jos

Rev Daniel Gula (retired minister, injured while running from Islamic insurgents, wife is staying in the UK since her English ancestry puts her at high risk of abduction)

<http://morningstarnews.org/2013/11/islamic-extremists-kill-at-least-71-christians-in-nigeria/>