

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – November 2020

**Monday November 2, 2020**



**Cuba: Abel Santa Maria area, outside Santiago de Cuba**

**Authorities detained two church leaders and pressured them to sign a statement accepting their church demolition as legal**

Pastor Palomo Cabrera

Jose Martinez

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/church-building-in-cuba-demolished-re-openings-blocked/>

**Thursday November 5, 2020**



**Cameroon: on the Bamenda-Kumo road**

Cardinal Christian Wiyghan Tumi (aged 90, abducted along with 12 others by separatists)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-AFRICA\\_CAMEROON\\_Cardinal\\_Tumi\\_released\\_shortly\\_after\\_his\\_abduction](http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Cardinal_Tumi_released_shortly_after_his_abduction)

**Friday November 6, 2020**



**Cameroon**

Cardinal Christian Wiyghan Tumi (aged 90, abducted along with 12 others by separatists on November 5, 2020, on the Bamenda-Kumo road; **UPDATE**: released)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-AFRICA CAMEROON Cardinal Tumi released shortly after his abduction](http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Cardinal_Tumi_released_shortly_after_his_abduction)

**Sunday November 8, 2020**



**Egypt: Bir Al-Abd, Sinai**

Nabil Habashy Salama (aged 62, father of three including Marina and Peter, businessman, philanthropist, abducted in front of his home by ISIL)

<https://www.copticsolidarity.org/2021/04/19/coptic-man-executed-by-daesh-in-north-sinai/>

**Tuesday November 10, 2020**



**Haiti: Delmas**

Fr Sylvain Ronald CICM (missionary, abducted by armed men)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-AMERICA HAITI Kidnapped Scheut missionary released](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-AMERICA_HAITI_Kidnapped_Scheut_missionary_released)

**Friday November 13, 2020**



**Haiti: Port-au-Prince**

Fr Sylvain Ronald CICM (missionary, abducted by armed men in Delmas on November 10, 2020; **UPDATE**: released, no ransom paid)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-AMERICA\\_HAITI\\_Kidnapped\\_Scheut\\_missionary\\_released](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-AMERICA_HAITI_Kidnapped_Scheut_missionary_released)

**Tuesday November 17, 2020**



**Nigeria: Gidan Zaki village, Zangon Kataf county, Kaduna state**

Haruna Kuye (father of Destiny Kuye, **killed** by Fulani Muslims while sleeping in his home, wife wounded with a machete, daughter shot in the hand)

Destiny Kuye (teenaged son of Haruna Kuye, **killed**)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/christians-killed-in-central-and-southwestern-nigeria/>

**Wednesday November 18, 2020**



**United States**

Dr Albert Mohler (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; **UPDATE**: denounced a proposal that the Biden administration end religious freedom initiatives at the State and Education Departments: "The Human Rights Campaign demands the Biden administration to ensure that 'non-discrimination policies and science-based curriculum are not undermined by religious exemption to accreditation standards'...The Human Rights Campaign is not known for any particular agenda on the creation-evolution front, nor is the group preoccupied with particle physics. The Human Rights Campaign is targeting issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, cloaking them in the language of 'science.' This is an undisguised effort to require Christian schools and colleges to abandon biblical authority or lose accreditation...That is sinister. I've not seen any document like this before — the Human Rights Campaign is effectively calling for religious colleges and schools to be coerced into the sexual revolution or stripped of accreditation...In clear text, for all the world to see, the Human Rights Campaign summons the Biden administration to deny accreditation — or, at the very least, to facilitate the denial of accreditation — to Christian institutions, Christian colleges and universities, and, for that matter, any other religious institution or school that does not meet the demands of the LGBTQ orthodoxy. ...It would mean that Christian schools are no longer Christian...")

<https://albertmohler.com/2020/11/18/a-direct-threat-to-christian-education-the-human-rights-campaign-demands-that-the-biden-administration-deny-accreditation-to-christian-colleges-and-schools>



**Mexico: Cotzilnam, Aldama, Chiapas**

Sr Maria Isabel Hernandez Rea (wounded in a paramilitary attack that killed several employees of the Caritas of San Cristobal de las Casas and the Fund for the Health of Indigenous Children of Mexico)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69072-AMERICA\\_MEXICO\\_Religious\\_woman\\_injured\\_in\\_attack\\_on\\_humanitarian\\_workers\\_We\\_do\\_not\\_want\\_any\\_more\\_suffering](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69072-AMERICA_MEXICO_Religious_woman_injured_in_attack_on_humanitarian_workers_We_do_not_want_any_more_suffering)

**Thursday November 19, 2020**



**Myanmar**

Bishop Francis Daw Tang (**UPDATE**: resigned)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69057-ASIA\\_MYANMAR\\_Resignation\\_of\\_bishop\\_of\\_Myitkyina\\_Myanmar](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69057-ASIA_MYANMAR_Resignation_of_bishop_of_Myitkyina_Myanmar)



**India**

Archbishop Thumma Bala (**UPDATE**: resigned)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69068-ASIA\\_INDIA\\_Resignations\\_and\\_appointment\\_of\\_metropolitan\\_archbishop\\_of\\_Hyderabad\\_India](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69068-ASIA_INDIA_Resignations_and_appointment_of_metropolitan_archbishop_of_Hyderabad_India)



## **Pakistan: Karachi**

Cardinal Joseph Coutts (**UPDATE:** said "We are citizens of Pakistan and the law is the same for every citizen of Pakistan; it is the State's responsibility to ensure justice for its citizens. The issue of kidnapping, forced conversions and forced marriages should be dealt with on the basis of fundamental human rights, rather than making it a religious issue", thanked officials for the prosecution of persons involved in the abduction of Arzoo Raja)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/69070->

[ASIA\\_PAKISTAN\\_Cardinal\\_Coutts\\_We\\_ask\\_for\\_respect\\_for\\_our\\_rights\\_as\\_citizens\\_of\\_Pakistan](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69070-)

**Friday November 20, 2020**



## **Brunei**

Bishop Cornelius Sim (aged 69, expressed concern on [January 31, 2014](#) over the upcoming imposition of Sharia [Islamic] law; on [March 6, 2014](#) said that the pending imposition of Islamic law will make it illegal to teach Christianity in Christian schools if a Muslim student is present; **UPDATE:** elevated to the cardinalate)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Card-Cornelius-Sim-of-Brunei-has-died-53277.html>

**Saturday November 21, 2020**



## **Uganda: near Kisoro**

Pastor Wilson Niwamanya (husband, father of Simon Peter Bizimaana, orphanage operator, beaten by radical Muslims, hospitalized)

Simon Peter Bizimaana (aged 12, son of Pastor Wilson Niwamanya, **stabbed to death** by radical Muslims)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/pastor-two-christian-boys-killed-in-islamist-attacks-in-uganda/>

**Monday November 23, 2020**



**Uganda: Kameme village, Buseta sub-county, Kibuku district**

Emmanuel Hamuzah (aged 38, convert, husband, father of four aged 10, 8, 6 [Ibrahim Mohammad] and 4, beaten by Muslim relatives who demanded he renounce his faith)

Ibrahim Mohammad (aged 6, son of Emmanuel Hamuzah, **killed** by Muslim relatives after his father refused to renounce his faith)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/pastor-two-christian-boys-killed-in-islamist-attacks-in-uganda/>

**Tuesday November 24, 2020**



**Uganda: Kisoro**

Pastor Wilson Niwamanya (husband, father of Simon Peter Bizimaana, beaten by radical Muslims on **November 21, 2020**, hospitalized; **UPDATE: died**)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/pastor-two-christian-boys-killed-in-islamist-attacks-in-uganda/>

**Wednesday November 25, 2020**



**Vietnam**

**Church leaders announced the 'postponement' of their General Assembly after the government denied permission, the denial was due to their refusal to give the government a list of prospective leaders**

Thai Phuoc Truong (church president)

Phan Quang Thieu (church general secretary)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/12/vietnam-denies-permission-for-ecvns-to-hold-clergy-assembly/>



**India: Chingrwaram village, Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state**

**Twenty-one Christians were hospitalized after a Hindu mob attack following a child's dedication ceremony, police refused to stop the attack but insisted that the injured not be sent to a private hospital, government hospital staff refused to take x-rays**

Pastor Musaki Kosa (fled the attack)

Madvi Muka (aged 50, father of Laxman Mandavi, shot with several arrows)

Laxman Mandavi (aged 21, son of Madvi Muka, beaten, said “They beat up the children as well as the women who were cooking food outside. While the children were beaten up with hands and feet, the others were shot at with arrows and beaten up with iron rods...They planned to attack us, and nearly two months ago had even threatened that they will beat us. We know and recognize everyone who attacked us. Our relationship with them has been cordial historically, but we suspect that outsiders have provoked them against us”)

Madkam Sanni (stabbed in the hand with a sickle)

Laxshu Madkam (aged 24, said “It was complete mayhem, and people were running to save their lives. I received two cuts on my back. My motorbike was broken. The attackers also broke 10 more motorbikes. They pulled the petrol pipes out of 20 more bikes and let the fuel flow...The attackers surrounded an unmarried sister and tore her clothes attempting to rape her. When she started screaming loudly, they dragged her outside and beat her black and blue. She sustained severe internal injuries”)

Madvi Madka (ribs and hand fractured)

Madi Chuki (hip injured)

Muchaki Ungi (ribs and hands injured)

Rev Vijayesh Lal (**UPDATE:** said that in the previous two years Chhattisgarh was not in the top five states where Christians were targeted, "However, this year, 2020, things have changed. In our half-yearly report highlighting atrocities on Christians, Chhattisgarh was at No. 2, following Uttar Pradesh, with 24 incidents. Attacks on Christians in the state especially in the Bastar area have been increasing”)

Arun Pannalal (**UPDATE:** “This trend is worrying, and if the government does not step in and protect religious minorities, uphold the law, and punish the offenders, it would be too late to prevent a large-scale attack against Christians in the state, particularly in the Bastar area. Hindu, right-wing, fundamentalist organizations are behind this”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/12/christians-in-hiding-after-brutal-mob-attack-in-central-india/>

**Friday November 27, 2020**



**Indonesia: Lemban Tongoa village, Sigi district, central Sulawesi**

Yasa aka Yata (**beheaded**)

Pinu (**beheaded**)

Naka (**beheaded**)

Pedi (**beheaded**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Central-Sulawesi:-The-killers-of-four-Christians-are-East-Indonesia-Mujahidin-terrorists-51726.html>



**Nigeria: on the road to Ikere-Ekiti**

Rev Johnson Oladimeji (**killed** while driving home by Fulani Muslims)

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**Sunday November 29, 2020**



**Nigeria: Ungwar Bido village, Kaduna state**

Silas Maman (**killed** by Fulani Muslims)

Malaki Tabat (**killed**)

Geofree Andrew (**killed**)

Anna Ahmadu (**killed**)

Sunday Tagwai (**killed**)

Fidelis Musa (**killed**)

Rebecca Andrew (child, abducted)



Clement Andrew (child, abducted)

Adamu Mangai (wounded, home burned)

Matta Silas (wounded)

Yaro Musa (wounded)

Yaro Andrew (wounded)

Gideon Nuhu (home burned)

Andrew Adamu (home burned)

Alphonsus Michael (home burned)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/christians-killed-in-central-and-southwestern-nigeria/>

**November 2020, date unknown**

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