

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – February 2021

Tuesday February 2, 2021



Nigeria: Dudu village, Miango area, Bassa county, Plateau state

Raphael Bawa (aged 39, **shot dead** by Fulani Muslims)

Aga Mabo (shot, hospitalized, **died**)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/muslim-fulani-kill-11-christians-wound-two-in-nigeria/>

Sunday February 7, 2021



Nigeria: Kishosho and Zirshe villages, Kauru county, Kaduna state

Danlami Sunday (aged 40, church elder, **killed along with four other Christians** by Fulani Muslims)

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Tuesday February 9, 2021



United States – Texas: El Paso

Bishop Mark J. Seitz (wrote on Facebook following the destruction of three angel statues “We are saddened at the damage that was done at St. Pius X...At the same time, we recognize

that these are things that can be repaired and replaced. We are grateful to God that no one was physically hurt in this violent outburst, because human beings are the most beautiful and irreplaceable images of God")

<https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/crime/2021/02/10/st-pius-x-catholic-church-angel-statues-vandalized-el-paso/6712611002/>

Thursday February 11, 2021



China: No. 1 Prison for Women of Yunnan Province, Kunyang Town, Jinning District, Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China 650600

Ju Dianhong (reported on [January 16, 2018](#) to have been sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment in [Lincang, Yunnan province](#) for alleged involvement in the Three Grades of Servants cult, had said to the court during the trial "I am a Protestant Christian believer, and I believe in Jesus. None of my evangelism has contravened any of the principles in the Bible, and my beliefs do not constitute an evil cult. I never preached about the Day of Judgement, and all of my books are available in the Three Self Patriotic Association [government-backed church bookstore]. All I ever wanted to do was resolve conflict and do good deeds"; reported on [July 25, 2018](#) that her appeal had been denied; **UPDATE:** still imprisoned)

Liang Qin (same account, but sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE:** still imprisoned)

<https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/chinaaid-urges-supporters-and-pray-ers.html>



Palestine: Bethlehem

Dr Salameh Qumsiyeh (aged 53, gynecologist, pulled from his automobile in [Bethlehem](#) by four masked men and beaten with clubs and sharp tools on [February 18, 2020](#), hospitalized in serious condition; **UPDATE:** attacked on the street, the attacker hit him in the head and neck and attempted to cut off his hands, hospitalized, tendons and veins in his hands repaired in 10 hours of surgery but will not be able to resume his medical practice)

Johnny Jildeh (activist, Israeli citizen, wrote on Facebook: "What happened today in Bethlehem to Dr Qumsiyeh is the outcome of clear corruption inside the Palestinian security apparatuses. We, the Christians, are not safe in light of the presence of this corrupt authority which also practices cronyism. We all are violated, without exception, and the reason is the silence of the church and the clerics in regard to what is happening to us. We ask the clergy: if you are unable to protect your people, close the churches and help us emigrate")

<https://www.facebook.com/johnny.jildeh/posts/717464729139624> - with translation
<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2021/02/palestinian-authority-muslim-with-long-record-of-terrorizing-christians-tried-to-kill-noted-christian-physician>

Friday February 12, 2021



China: Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Jia Xuewei (utilities to his apartment turned off on [October 27, 2020](#), used candles for light, ate unheated meals, and took cold showers, fellow parishioners took him in when winter set in; **UPDATE**: door lock vandalized with several toothpicks)

<https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/jia-xuewei-finds-toothpicks-jammed-into.html>

Saturday February 13, 2021



Pakistan: Lahore

Two Christians were arrested for conducting a Bible study in a public park

Haroon Ayub Masih (aged 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in public, at their insistence gave them a Christian book, went home, later charged with blasphemy, posted bail, in hiding with his family)

Salamat Mansha Masih (aged about 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in public, physically assaulted, arrested for blasphemy)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/two-christians-studying-bible-in-park-charged-with-blasphemy/>

Sunday February 14, 2021



Nigeria: near Ri-Bakwa village and Zirshe village, Kwall district, Bassa county, Plateau state

Ezekiel Maja (aged 29, **killed** by Fulani Muslims)

Emmanuel Agaba (aged 39, **killed**)

Moses Daburu (aged 26, **killed**)

Kefas Bulus David (aged 31, **killed**)

Bitrus Ezra (aged 42, shot, hospitalized)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/muslim-fulani-kill-11-christians-wound-two-in-nigeria/>

Monday February 15, 2021



China: Kunming Prison, Yunnan province

Rev John Cao San Qiang (husband of Jamie Powell, father of Amos and Ben, U.S. resident, minister to Myanmar Christians, arrested [at the Myanmar border with China on March 5, 2017](#) and charged with illegal border crossing; sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment in [Pu'er, Yunnan province on March 23, 2018](#), fined US\$3,168; sentence upheld on appeal on [July 25, 2019](#); **UPDATE**: still imprisoned, has been collecting his prison poetry into a book for publication)

<https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/in-prison-pastor-john-cao-recounts-one.html>

Tuesday February 16, 2021



Palestine: Bethlehem

Dr Salameh Qumsiyeh (aged 53, gynecologist; **UPDATE**: reported to have been released from the hospital, received death threats)

Palestine: Ramallah

Johnny Jildeh (activist, Israeli citizen; **UPDATE**: reported to have been illegally detained for eight hours by Palestinian police in retaliation for his previous Facebook post, released after signing a pledge to not make any further posts critical of the police)

<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2021/02/palestinian-authority-muslim-who-attempted-to-murder-christian-doctor-goes-unpunished-victim-gets-death-threats>

Wednesday February 17, 2021



Nigeria: Kagara town, Rafi county, Niger state

Fulani Muslims attacked a secondary school, killing a student and abducting 42 Christians and Muslims

Benjamin Habila (student, **shot dead**)

Philip Dodo (husband of Hannatu Philip Dodo, abducted)

Hannatu Philip Dodo (wife of Philip Dodo, abducted)

Christiana Adama (abducted)

Faith Adama (abducted)

Shem Joshua (abducted)

Ezekeil Danladi (abducted)

Habakuk Augustine (abducted)

Polonius Vincent (abducted)

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