

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – April 2021

**Thursday April 1, 2021**



### Sri Lanka

Bishop Rayappu Joseph (aged 80, defended a priest and a church worker after their [March 16, 2014](#) arrests for trying to legally aid an arrested Christian; **UPDATE: died of natural causes**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Mgr-Rayappu-Joseph,-advocate-for-peace-and-defender-of-Tamils,-has-died-52782.html>

**Saturday April 3, 2021**



### Egypt: Minya province

Mary Sa'd (mother of two including Karas, **killed with a machete** by a Muslim in a random street attack, four year old daughter escaped)

Karas (aged 6, son of Mary Sa'd, **killed**)

<https://www.copticsolidarity.org/2021/04/07/muslim-man-butchers-coptic-christian-mother-and-child/>

**Sunday April 4, 2021**

**Easter [Pascha] – Western Calendar**



**India: Mandsaur district, Madhya Pradesh state**

Rajendra Dwivedi (Archdiocesan Education Commission coordinator, arrested for a blog post comparing the salvation of Jesus to Hindu scriptures)

Fr Maria Stephen (**UPDATE:** said “This is a new sign of religious intolerance, contrary to the values of the constitution such as freedom of expression and the right to bear witness to one's religion...More and more arrests of this kind are taking place after the latest laws, and fundamentalists are taking full advantage of them”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Protestant-pastor-arrested-at-Easter-under-Madhya-Pradeshs-anti-conversion-law--52806.html>



**Uganda: Bukoba B village, Mayuge district**

Salimati Naibira (aged 37, convert from Islam, church attacked by her husband and his relatives, abducted and driven to a forest, beaten, stabbed, and left for dead, found hours later and hospitalized)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/mother-of-seven-wounded-loses-family-for-becoming-christian/>

**Monday April 5, 2021**



**India: Halaga village, Belgaum district, Karnataka state**

Pastor Sanjay Bhandari (husband, attacked and beaten by a Hindu mob while visiting his in-laws, hospitalized, said “While we were still having tea, a few men barged inside the house and, grabbing me by my shirt collar, they dragged me outside, accusing me of carrying out conversions. I tried very hard to explain that it was my relatives’ house, and that we were only paying them a casual visit, but the men refused to listen...They continued to hit me as they dragged me. They abused me and Jesus Christ in filthy language and pressured me to hail, ‘Jai Sri Ram [Hail lord Ram],’ as they beat me...They hit me on my private parts, my face, chest and all over my body, accusing me of trying to convert my sister-in-law. I tried telling them that the home belongs to my sister-in-law, and that they

are already Christians and members of my church...They warned that they would chop me to pieces if I conduct church again. Saying that, they dispersed and disappeared”)

Santosh Satpute (convert, beaten, said “When we tried to rescue Pastor Sanjay, the mob assaulted me along with Pastor Sanjay, his wife, and his brother Bhimshen. I was hurt on my chest and my ear...They tortured Pastor Sanjay physically and mentally. He was forced to perform Hindu rituals against his free will. The harassment and torture he went through is beyond description”)

Bhimshen Bhandari (aged 42, beaten)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/christian-pastor-paraded-injured-forced-into-hindu-ritual/>



**Uganda: Raraka village, Oloki sub-county, Pallisa district**

Pastor Yolonim Oduchu (**murdered with poison** after he refused to sell land intended for a church to Muslims who wanted to build a mosque)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/muslims-allegedly-poison-pastor-over-plans-for-church-building/>

**Wednesday April 7, 2021**



**Pakistan: Karachi**

Huma Younus (aged 15, daughter of Nagina and Younus Masih, abducted in [Zia Colony \[Ghetto\], Karachi](#) and forced into an Islamic marriage on [October 10, 2019](#); **UPDATE**: still missing)

Nagina (wife of Younus Masih, mother of Huma Younus; **UPDATE**: said "If it had happened to her daughter would [Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony] Shunila Ruth have said equally that she feels more protected, safe and at peace in Pakistan than in any other country in the world? What do these politicians answer about conversions and forced marriages in this country? I pray that what happened to me will not happen to anyone else in Pakistan”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Huma's-mother-takes-Punjab-governor-to-task-over-forced-marriages-52804.html>



### **Turkey: Mardin**

Fr Aho Bilecen (Dayro d' Mor Yakoub d' Qarnao Monastery, arrested on [January 9, 2020](#), reason unknown; released on [January 15, 2020](#), reason determined to be that he had given bread to a suspected Kurdish separatist; **UPDATE**: convicted in a closed trial of participation in a terrorist group, sentenced to 25 months' imprisonment)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Assyrian-monk-gets-two-years-in-a-Turkish-prison-for-giving-a-piece-of-bread-52809.html>

**Friday April 9, 2021**



### **Pakistan: Faisalabad**

**Two Christian hospital nurses were accused of blasphemy after they were ordered to clean a cabinet and they removed a sticker that read "peace be upon him")**

Mariam Lal (accused of blasphemy, stabbed in the arm by a co-worker)

Nehwish Urooj (accused of blasphemy)

[http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Faisalabad,-two-Christian-nurses-accused-of-blasphemy.-One-is-injured-\(VIDEO\)-52836.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Faisalabad,-two-Christian-nurses-accused-of-blasphemy.-One-is-injured-(VIDEO)-52836.html)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/69915->

[ASIA\\_PAKISTAN\\_Two\\_Christian\\_nurses\\_accused\\_of\\_blasphemy](#)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/christian-nurses-arrested-under-blasphemy-law-in-pakistan/>



### **Nigeria: Shawalan mining site, Kuru village, Jos South county, Plateau state**

Emmanuel Jang (reported via texting of the suspected religious murder of eight Christian miners)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/herdsmen-kill-christians-in-nigerias-nasarawa-plateau-states/>

**Sunday April 11, 2021**



**Nigeria: on the road between Enugu and Owerri, Imo state**

Fr Marcel Izu Onyeocha CMF (abducted, then released)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69923-AFRICA\\_NIGERIA\\_Another\\_priest\\_kidnapped](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69923-AFRICA_NIGERIA_Another_priest_kidnapped)



**Haiti: near Port-au-Price**

**Five priests, two nuns, and three others were abducted, one was released, ransom demanded**

Fr Jean Anel Joseph

Fr Michel Briand (aged 67, missionary, French national)

Sr Agnes Bordeau (missionary, French national)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/69960-AMERICA\\_HAITI\\_The\\_press\\_announces\\_the\\_release\\_of\\_one\\_of\\_the\\_kidnapped\\_on\\_Sunday\\_April\\_11](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69960-AMERICA_HAITI_The_press_announces_the_release_of_one_of_the_kidnapped_on_Sunday_April_11)

**Tuesday April 13, 2021**



**Canada: Vancouver, British Columbia**

Robert Hoogland (arrested and jailed on [March 19, 2021](#) on a charge of family violence after he refused to refer to his 14 year old daughter with male pronouns and for defying a court ban on publicly describing her gender transition; **UPDATE:** pled guilty to contempt of court charges in a plea bargain, judge accepted the plea but rejected the plea bargain, the Crown prosecutor apparently had prior knowledge of this maneuver and began to present evidence in favor of a harsher sentence than that agreed upon in the plea bargain)

[no mainstream media coverage available](#)

**Wednesday April 14, 2021**



**Pakistan: Gujjar Khan, Punjab province**

Adnan Bashir (aged 40, husband, father of two, brother of Fayyaz Bashir, mentally challenged, tricked into converting to Islam)

Fayyaz Bashir (brother of Adnan Bashir, said “One Mumtaz Ahmed and some others forced him to publicly recite the Kalima and converted him to Islam”, added that the conversion has brought harassment upon the family: “The callers congratulated us over Adnan’s conversion and asked when the rest of us would also embrace Islam. Some others are threatening us with serious consequences in case we ‘force’ Adnan to revert, warning that apostasy is punishable with death in Islam...Our lives have become miserable due to the threats and surveillance by TLP [Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan Islamist] activists. Our children keep asking what will happen to them, as their Muslim friends keep raising this issue. We can neither seek help from the police or any other government or religious leader, because everyone is fearful of the TLP, and also because this matter can easily be turned into a religious issue”)

Safdar Chaudhry (Raah-e-Nijaat Ministry chief executive, said “When Adnan’s family contacted me for support, I brought him to Rawalpindi and admitted him to a hospital for treatment. When I asked Adnan about his conversion to Islam, he outright denied it, saying he’s a Christian. It’s obvious that Mumtaz Ahmed exploited Adnan’s mental condition for ulterior motives, but this has put the entire family and community members at serious risk”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/islamists-forcibly-convert-catholic-threaten-family/>

**Thursday April 15, 2021**



**Nigeria: Wereng village, Riyom county, Plateau state**

Chuwang Williams (aged 29, **killed**)

Bulus Danbom (aged 41, **killed**)

Peter Williams (aged 39, **killed**)

Dung Gyang (aged 60, **killed**)

Dachung Gara (aged 44, **killed**)

Davou Dachung (aged 45, **killed**)

Davou Jatau (injured)

Gyang Jatau (injured)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/herdsmen-attacks-kill-37-christians-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>



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[no mainstream media coverage available](#)

**Friday April 16, 2021**



### **Pakistan: Lahore**

Salamat Mansha Masih (aged about 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in a public park on [February 13, 2021](#), physically assaulted, arrested for blasphemy; **UPDATE:** presented in court, two months later than required by law)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/police-in-pakistan-torture-christian-into-false-confession/>



### **Colombia: Bogota**

Pamela Delgado (Moms 40 Coalition for Life Foundation director, pregnancy help center vandalized by abortion supporters)

Leidy Parra (aged 27, mother of Violeta, pregnancy help center client, said “When I saw the graffiti I was outraged and felt helpless because that’s not the way it is. We then went to erase that lie. By what [they] wrote they’re telling us they believe that when faced with a crisis pregnancy, the only thing to do is to have an abortion. They believe we’re incapable of turning unwanted motherhood into something happy and desired, [also] several people could have seen the graffiti and doubted that we’re being helped there. So I thought of raising my voice and showing the kind of help we’re getting from the foundation”)

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247362/young-mothers-respond-after-pro-life-pregnancy-center-tagged-in-colombia>

**Sunday April 18, 2021**



**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 in [Bir Al-Abd, Sinai](#) on [November 8, 2020](#) by ISIL; **UPDATE**: reported to have been **shot dead** most likely in March 2021 for having financed a church construction)

Peter (son of Nabil Habashy Salama, said the video of his father's murder showed signs of torture)

Marina (daughter of Nabil Habashy Salama, said she was proud of her father: “He lived and died a great man. He is now in a better place, with Jesus whom he loved and served”)

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

**Tuesday April 20, 2021**



**Nigeria: Daffo village, Bokkos county, Plateau state**

Iliya Mutong (**stabbed to death with machetes**)

Kyanan Mizhim (texted “Iliya Mutong was cut with machetes until he died at about 8 p.m. He was sitting in front of his house when a group of Fulani herdsmen attacked him”)



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**Wednesday April 21, 2021**



**Nigeria: Idon, Kajuru county, Kaduna state**

**Two Christian nurses were abducted from their hospital by Fulani Muslims**

Afiniki Bako (nurse, abducted)

Grace Nkut (nurse, abducted)

Rifkatu Alfred (nurse, evaded abduction, said “When they left, they called to say they were the kidnappers who abducted the two nurses, and if they are not given money [US\$522,876], they will kill them”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/kidnappings-terrorize-christians-in-kaduna-state-nigeria/>

**Thursday April 22, 2021**



**China: Hong Kong**

Rev Lo Hing-choi (aged about 70, Baptist Convention president, reported to have announced his resignation and move to Great Britain in protest of government repression)

Pastor Wong Siu-yung (reported to have previously left the country after accusations of subversion were levelled)

Pastor Yeung Kin-keung (reported to have previously left the country after accusations of subversion were levelled)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Baptist-pastor-leaves-Hong-Kong:-'Freedom-is-shrinking-52934.html>

**Friday April 23, 2021**



### **Pakistan: Lahore**

Salamat Mansha Masih (aged about 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in a public park on [February 13, 2021](#), physically assaulted, arrested for blasphemy; presented in court on [April 16, 2021](#), two months later than required by law; **UPDATE**: allowed to meet with his attorney, alleged he had been tortured into confessing and implicating fellow Bible study members)

Aneeqa Maria Akhtar (attorney, **UPDATE**: said of Salamat Mansha Masih: “During this period [of illegal confinement], he was kept in at least three different police stations and illegal torture cells, where he was mentally and physically tortured to confess to the baseless accusation...he told us that he had suffered immense torture and verbal abuse during his illegal confinement. The police investigators forced him to admit to blasphemy. They also tortured him into naming other members of the Bible study circle”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/police-in-pakistan-torture-christian-into-false-confession/>

**Saturday April 24, 2021**



### **Pakistan: Sarakdanga village, near Naogaon**

Salina Baska (aged 38, home destroyed by her Muslim neighbors in an attempt to seize her ancestral farmland, said “Muslims destroyed our mud house. They stole our tin roof, took the rice, food, everything of value. They also beat me and my husband with a stick, even my children...Being Christian and a minority is a problem. If Muslims want to, they can take over our land, occupy it quickly and easily. But let us not lose hope. We shall fight to keep our land”)

Fr Belisario Ciro Montoya PIME (Colombian citizen, said “There are only two Christian families in that village. They have valid property documents, but those Muslims want to seize their land illegally. It's an injustice. I asked local authorities that they be guaranteed safety and that their home be repaired and that they be given compensation for damages”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Some-Muslims-want-the-land-of-a-Christian-family,-so-they-attack,-loot-property-and-destroy-53025.html>



**Nigeria: Ajikama village, Doma county, Nasarawa state**

Terlumun Tsekaa (widower, wife - who was seven months pregnant - and 3-year-old child killed by Fulani Muslims, said "There were more than 30 of these herdsmen who attacked us, and they were shouting 'Allah akbar [God is greater]' as they shot at us and burned our houses. They set fire on all houses in the village. They also killed a whole family of five members")

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/herdsmen-kill-christians-in-nigerias-nasarawa-plateau-states/>



**Peru: Nuevo Chimbote**

Nadia de Munari (aged 50, missionary, Italian national, **attacked with a machete as she slept, hospitalized, died**)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70002-AMERICA\\_PERU\\_A\\_life\\_at\\_the\\_service\\_of\\_the\\_least\\_of\\_society\\_the\\_lay\\_volunteer\\_Nadia\\_de\\_Munari\\_killed\\_in\\_Nuevo\\_Chimbote](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70002-AMERICA_PERU_A_life_at_the_service_of_the_least_of_society_the_lay_volunteer_Nadia_de_Munari_killed_in_Nuevo_Chimbote)

**Sunday April 25, 2021**



**Nigeria: Baten village, Riyom county, Plateau state**

Pam Choji (reported "We had received information that Fulani militias would be coming to invade our village, Baten. That made us intensify vigilance and, graciously, no one was hurt when the armed Muslim Fulani herdsmen attacked us")

**Nigeria: Jwanshak village, Bokkos county, Plateau state**

Yakubu Dadel (father of Ayuba Dadel, **shot dead**)

Ayuba Dadel (son of Yakubu Dadel, texted "We were holding a funeral service when the Fulani gunmen came shooting sporadically, and everyone scampered for safety. My father was in his house and only ran out to lock his gate. When they sighted him, they chased after him with serious gunfire. They first injured him on the hand, and when he ran to his

bedroom, they followed him, dragged him to the ground from his bed and shot him point blank”)

**Nigeria: Miango, Bassa county, Plateau state**

Danlami Musa (aged 21, brother of Friday Musa, **killed**)

Friday Musa (aged 19, brother of Danlami Musa, injured)

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**Monday April 26, 2021**



**South Sudan: Rumbek**

Fr Cristian Carlassare MCCI (aged 43, bishop elect, missionary, Italian national, reported to have been beaten, shot four times in the legs in an apparent attempt to dissuade him from becoming bishop, later said "I know that people are suffering more than me right now for what happened. Rumbek deserves a lot better than this. So I forgive with all my heart whoever did this to me")

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70001-AFRICA\\_SOUTH\\_SUDAN\\_Fr\\_Carlassare\\_new\\_bishop\\_of\\_the\\_diocese\\_of\\_Rumbek\\_wounded\\_by\\_gunshots](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70001-AFRICA_SOUTH_SUDAN_Fr_Carlassare_new_bishop_of_the_diocese_of_Rumbek_wounded_by_gunshots)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70009-AFRICA\\_SOUTH\\_SUDAN\\_Bishop\\_Carlassare\\_in\\_hospital\\_I\\_forgive\\_my\\_attackers\\_the\\_first\\_arrests\\_take\\_place](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70009-AFRICA_SOUTH_SUDAN_Bishop_Carlassare_in_hospital_I_forgive_my_attackers_the_first_arrests_take_place)

**Tuesday April 27, 2021**



**Turkey**

Garo Paylan (aged 49, Member of Parliament; **UPDATE**: threatened with death after he tweeted "106 years later, we are walking the streets named after Talat Pasha, the architect of the [Armenian] genocide. We teach our children in schools called Talat Pasha...what kind of

a Germany it would be if there were streets named after Hitler in Germany today and if children there studied at schools named after Hitler. That's the Turkey we are living in today", the threat from Member of Parliament Umit Ozdag stated "...you too will and must have a Talat Pasha experience" and received more than 12,000 likes, later said "Ozdag takes this courage from the climate of hate. I am not afraid of it...My father was subjected to the same hate speech. And I am subjected to hate speech as a member of the third generation...We have been living the Talat Pasha experience for 106 years")

<https://www.jihadwatch.org/2021/05/turkish-mp-threatens-armenian-mp-with-murder>

**Wednesday April 28, 2021**



### **Nepal**

Rev Mukunda Sharma (Nepal Christian Society executive secretary; **UPDATE:** reported to have decried a false document that proposed dividing Hindus in an upcoming census to enable Christian conversions and which has been cited by Hindu leaders as reason to revoke church licenses: "The police officials orally concluded that the Hindu nationalist political party leaders have forged the document, but they have refused to file cases and initiate action against them. Hence, both the organizations decided to publish a press release refuting the claims")

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/04/campaign-launched-to-discredit-christian-groups-in-nepal/>

**Thursday April 29, 2021**



### **Pakistan: Lahore**

Sakina Mehtab (nurse, accused of blasphemy after sharing a video of a Pakistani Muslim who supported a European Union parliament resolution that was opposed by other Pakistanis, said "There was no religious element in it, but a group of nurses spread lies that the video was anti-Islamic and accused me of blasphemy. My life has been put at serious risk with this false allegation, and I don't know how I'll be able to resume work at the hospital with the fear that someone might attack me from nowhere. My fear is not unfounded", in hiding)

Jessica Khurram (accused of blasphemy)

Treeza Eric (accused of blasphemy)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/another-christian-nurse-falsely-accused-of-blasphemy/>  
<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-false-blasphemy-charges-against-Christian-nurses-multiply-53079.html>



### **Finland: Helsinki**

Dr Paivi Maria Rasanen (aged 61, Member of Parliament, former Interior Minister and chair of the Christian Democratic party, reported on [August 24, 2019](#) to be the subject of a police investigation after she criticized her church in a June 17, 2019 tweet for supporting Pride events, prosecution is unlikely due to the legal requirements necessary to strip her of her parliamentary immunity; **UPDATE:** reported on [April 29, 2021](#) to have been notified by prosecutors that she would be charged with three counts of 'incitement against a group of people' for her 2019 tweet, for disputing on television that homosexuality has a genetic basis, and for authoring a 2004 pamphlet defending traditional marriage, replied "The decision of the Prosecutor General is surprising, even shocking. I do not think I have committed threatening, defaming or insulting a minority group. In all these three cases, the question is about the Bible's teaching about marriage and sexuality. Ultimately, the three charges brought against me have to do with whether it is allowed in Finland to express your conviction that is based on the traditional teaching of the Bible and Christian churches. I do not see I would have in any way defamed homosexuals whose human dignity and human rights I have constantly said to respect and defend. The Bible's teaching is, however, very clear in the teaching that marriage is a union between man and wife and that practicing homosexuality is against God's will...This sort of judgement would open up an avenue leading to further publication bans for similar texts and modern book burnings...The police stated in their decision [to drop the original investigation]: 'if some of the views in the Bible were to be regarded as per se fulfilling the criteria of an agitation offense, the dissemination of or making the Bible available would in principle be punishable as an offense of agitation'...I will go to the court with a peaceful and brave mind, trusting that Finland is a constitutional state where the freedoms of speech and religion, which both are guaranteed in international agreements and in our constitution, are respected. A conviction based on the Christian faith is more than [a superficial] opinion. The early Christians did not renounce their faith in lions' caves, why should I then renounce my faith in a court room. I will not step back from my conviction nor from my writings. I do not apologize for the writings of the Apostle Paul either")

Rev Dr Juhana Pohjola (Dean of Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland, reported on [April 29, 2021](#) to have been notified by prosecutors that he would be charged with 'incitement against a group of people' for his publication of Dr Paivi Maria Rasanen's 2004 pamphlet defending traditional marriage, said "As a Christian, I do not want to and cannot discriminate against or despise anyone created by God. Every human being, created by God and redeemed by Christ, is equally precious...this does not remove the fact that, according to the Bible and the Christian conception of man, homosexual

relations are against the will of God, and marriage is intended only between a man and a woman. This is what the Christian church has always taught and will always teach”)

<https://syyttajalaitos.fi/-/paivi-rasaselle-ja-luther-saation-juhana-pohjolalle-syytteen-kiihottamisesta-kansanryhmaa-vastaan> - with translations

<https://ilc-online.org/2021/04/30/finnish-bishop-elect-charged-over-historic-christian-teachings-on-human-sexuality/>

**Friday April 30, 2021**



**Nigeria: Kudenda, Chikun county, Kaduna state**

Pastor Ozigi Hassan (husband of Fulaki Ozigi, father of four, abducted by Fulani Muslims, recovered by police along with his children)

Fulaki Ozigi (wife of Pastor Ozigi Hassan, abducted)

**Nigeria: Ta-Hoss village, Riyom county, Plateau state**

Emmanuel Joshua (aged 32, **killed**)

Irmiya James (said “On getting to the scene, we found Mr Emmanuel Joshua in a pool of blood, and his motorcycle was taken away by the Fulani assailants”)

**Nigeria: Sopp village, Riyom county, Plateau state**

**Fulani Muslims attacked a village and a nine year old refugee camp**

Joshua Choji (injured, hospitalized, said “All I can remember is that four of the herdsmen attacked me, while others also attacked other members of our community. We cried out for help, but none came for our rescue. I was battered on my head and also sustained a fracture on my left hand”)

John Makama (injured)

Danladi Dazam (injured)

Chuwang Kara (injured)

Alpha Yakubu (injured)

Daniel Danbwarang (injured)

Ibrahim Jatau (injured)

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**Nigeria: Dooshima, Antsa, Dooka, Angwan Yara, Ikyayior, Targema, Tse Tor, Chia, Umurayi, Dooga, Gindan Rail and Ankoma villages, Doma county, and Ategher, Aviewua, Ugbele Aondokaa, Ikper, Gborgyo and Uluwa Kwananke villages, Keana County, Nasarawa state**

Barnabas Zayol (stated regarding Fulani Muslim attacks on [April 24-29, 2021](#) “They burned down houses and killed indiscriminately anyone they sighted. Those killed during the attacks include children and pregnant women”)

Tsekaa Chiatyo (killed)

Kwaghdo Tsekaa (killed)

Sewuese Tsekaa (killed)

Bobo Chiatyo (killed)

Aondosee Fidelis (killed)

Aboy (killed)

Igba Aduku (killed)

Iwueseter (killed)

Aseer (killed)

Kasehumba (killed)

William Katu (killed)

Aondowase Agb (killed)

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