

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – May 2021

Sunday May 2, 2021



Uganda: Kaliro, Bulamogi county, Kaliro district

Kanifa Namulondo (convert from Islam, widow of Siriman Kintu, mother of five, home destroyed by arson by a Muslim mob, said “At around 4 o’clock [in the morning] I heard people talking near the door. One of them said, ‘The husband betrayed our religion. We should do away with the entire family’”, escaped with her children)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/muslims-burn-down-christian-widows-reconstructed-house/>

Monday May 3, 2021



Pakistan: 33/16.L village, near Mian Chunu, Khanewal district, Punjab province

Victor Masih (aged 65, husband of Suryia, father, disabled former welder, land seized by a Muslim tenant, said “My father, Boota Masih, rented out this land [six and a half acres] in 2012 until April 2021. We were in Karachi. I ran a small business while my wife worked in the hospital as a nurse. I asked my father to come to Karachi, but he wasn't ready to move from the village. So my wife and I decided to come to the village for my father's sake. My father died in 2016...I went to the Muslim tenant to inform him that the lease was about to expire and that he had to leave my land by the end of the month. At his request, I handed him the rental documents. He became enraged and tore them up. He claimed to have bought the land from my father. then showed me copies of the fake papers showing that my father had sold him the land. He warned me that he would kill me if I set foot on my land which he claimed was his...My wife and I were hoping to take back our land this year and start growing, but now we are desperate and upset. I sold a quarter of my house to cover the expense of my wife's operation last year. I cannot afford a long court case. I know I'm a Christian and I should persevere like others. We ask the

government to help us so that we can get back our land and start farming for our survival”)

Suryia (aged 66, wife of Victor Masih, former nurse, same account)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-rich-landowner-grabs-land-from-a-Christian-farmer-in-Punjab-53050.html>



Uganda: Komolo village, Pallisa town

Pastor Thomas Chikooma (husband of Jessica Naikomba, father, **beheaded** after accepting an invitation to a religious debate with local Muslims)

Jessica Naikomba (widow of Pastor Thomas Chikooma, mother, found her husband's body)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/pastor-slain-after-leading-muslims-to-christ-at-religious-debate/>



United States – Massachusetts: Waltham

Fr Michael Nolan (statue of Jesus beheaded, said “It's possible that it's an attack on the faith, a more direct attack on the faith, and a more serious act of sacrilege as opposed to...vandalism”)

Mary Darcy (aged 75, parishioner, said “It’s very upsetting to think that somebody would desecrate a statue”)

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247582/christ-statue-at-massachusetts-church-vandalized>

Tuesday May 4, 2021



Haiti

UPDATE: Five priests, two nuns, and two others who had been abducted near Port-au-Prince on April 11, 2021 were reported to have been released

Fr Jean Anel Joseph

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

Sr Agnes Bordeau (missionary, French national)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/70042-AMERICA_HAITI_Kidnappers_in_Haiti_release_hostages

Wednesday May 5, 2021



Central African Republic: near Zakau

An unidentified missionary was killed by a land mine

Fr Arialdo Urbani (seriously injured, hospitalized)

Bishop Miroslaw Gucwa (ordained as a bishop on [February 11, 2018](#); **UPDATE**: said "Fr Arialdo Urbani and one of his members of the Mission were on the way to the village of Kolo to attend a school run by the Mission. When preparing to return to Niem, another collaborator of the Mission, the young man in charge of the village dispensary, had asked to be taken to visit his sister, who is admitted to the Mission hospital. Despite Fr Arialdo's warnings about the risk of mines on the road, he insisted on asking for a ride. Unfortunately 10 km from Niem, near the village of Zakau, the mission car drove on the mine, and this young man died. The other collaborator of the mission suffered minor injuries, while Fr Arialdo, who was driving, sustained serious but not life-threatening injuries. He is in the mission hospital and it is being considered whether he should be brought to Bouar in a helicopter of the UN mission in the Central African Republic [MINUSCA]. Fortunately, the bomb that hit the missionaries car was relatively low-explosive. If it had been an anti-tank mine, we would now mourn three victims")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/70064-AFRICA_CENTRAL_AFRICA_A_young_missionary_collaborator_dies_in_the_car_explosion_in_the_Niem_Mission

Thursday May 6, 2021



India: Indore

Bishop Basil Bhuriya SVD (aged 65, condemned a [February 3, 2019](#) arson attack on a shrine with a statue of Mary the mother of Jesus in [Ishgar village, Uttar Pradesh state](#), said "[I]

visited the Grotto [shrine] around 9.30 pm, the same day, it was very sad to witness the scene, police were guarding the place, I said prayers at the Grotto and consoled our people who were present. There are nearly 4,000 Catholics in this Parish"; **UPDATE:** **died of a Sars-Cov-2 infection**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Jhabua-mourns-the-death-of-its-young-Bishop-Basil-Bhuriya-from-COVID-19-53078.html>

Friday May 7, 2021



Uganda: Kagumu village, Kibuku district

Fred Isiko (van driver, recorded a threat by his employer with termination if he did not convert to Islam, replied "I am not going to leave Jesus Christ, better to resign than leave Christianity")

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/06/employer-allegedly-sends-hit-men-to-kill-christian/>



Canada

Robert Hoogland (postal worker, arrested and jailed in [Vancouver, British Columbia](#) 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, including the identity of her doctors [which were publicly acknowledged in earlier court documents] and the fact that one doctor had advised his patients to claim suicidal feelings to secure medical and legal institutional support for their transitions; pled guilty to contempt of court charges in a plea bargain on [April 13, 2021](#), 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; sentenced to 6 month's imprisonment and fined CAN\$30,000 [US\$23,912] on [April 15, 2021](#); **UPDATE:** sentence reported to have been overturned on appeal, released from prison, contempt conviction still in effect)

<https://www.massresistance.org/docs/gen4/21b/Rob-Hoogland-freed-from-prison/index.html>

Sunday May 9, 2021



Nigeria: Kaduna state

Rev Solomon Tafida (stated “Most of the Christian victims who escaped from the camps of the herdsmen say there are over 4,000 Christians being held in captive camps in forests along the Kaduna-Abuja highway, near Rijana village”)

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

Monday May 10, 2021



United Kingdom: Trent College

Rev Dr Bernard Randall (aged 48, school chaplain, discovered on [July 1, 2019](#) that his school had reported him to the police as a possible terrorism risk after he gave a homily telling students that they were free to respectfully disagree on Christian principles with the school's new LGBT curricula; told on [August 30, 2019](#) that he would be dismissed, but the dismissal was later overruled by the school governors; dismissed on [December 31, 2020](#) under the pretext of Covid-19 restrictions; **UPDATE:** reported to have brought suit against the school for discrimination, harassment, victimization and unfair dismissal, stated “I was terrified. I did not sleep. What was I supposed to tell my family? Being reported as a potential terrorist, extremist and a danger to children are arguably the worst crimes you could be accused of...When I found out that they had reported me without telling me, my mind was blown trying to comprehend it. I had gone to such lengths in the sermon to stress that we must respect one another no matter what, even people we disagree with...Yet I ended up being told that I had to support everybody else’s beliefs, no matter what, while my Christian beliefs, the Church of England’s beliefs, were blatantly censored...During the disciplinary hearing, I was never asked what I thought, they just assumed that I had extreme religious views. I don’t think the Church of England is an extremist organization...I was doing the job I was employed to do. I wasn’t saying anything that I should not have been able to say in any liberal secular institution. Everyone should be free to accept or reject an ideology. Isn’t that what liberal democracy means?...My story sends a message to other Christians that you are not free to talk about your faith. It seems it is no longer enough to just ‘tolerate’ LGBT ideology. You must accept it without question and no debate is allowed without serious consequences...I 100% see what has happened to me in Orwellian terms. Truth matters, but increasingly powerful groups in our society do not care about the truth”)

Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chief Executive of Christian Concerns, stated “For many years Bernard Randall has worked in education motivated by his love for God and others...When someone like him is pursued and punished it’s an attack on us all. It’s time to stand up and speak up for these freedoms...Is this the kind of behavior we expect from those with the care and protection of our children?...Now is the time for ordinary people to wake up and contend for vital freedoms...All those that said it couldn’t happen – punishing and criminalizing a Christian minister for preaching from the Bible – need to take a long, hard look at the story of Bernard Randall...Who are the extremists in this story? The moderate school chaplain with an intelligent, mild mannered and thoughtful sermon or Educate and Celebrate encouraging staff to smash heteronormativity?”)

<https://christianconcern.com/news/school-chaplain-reported-to-terrorist-watchdog-for-sermon-on-identity-politics/>

Tuesday May 11, 2021



Indonesia: Poso area, central Sulawesi

Marten Solo (son of Simson Susah, **beheaded**)

Simson Susah (mother of Marten Solo, **beheaded**)

Paulus Papa (**killed**)

Lukas Lese (**killed**)

Rev Jetrosen Rense (Protestant Synod in Central Sulawesi, said “The authorities must arrest the culprits and bring them to justice”)

Rev Jacky Manuputty (Protestant Synod in Indonesia, said he was surprised the security forces had not yet managed to defeat the Mujahidin Indonesia Timur)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Terrorists-linked-to-the-Islamic-State-kill-four-Toraja-Christians-in-Poso-53124.html>



India: Mohana village, Gajapati district, Odisha state

Manjula Beero (aged 63, mother of Rajanikanth, **died of a Sars-Cov-2 infection**, Hindu neighbors refused to allow her body to be taken to a cemetery, buried in her yard)

Rajanikanth (son of Manjula Beero)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/COVID-19-victim-denied-burial-in-Odisha-cemetery-53142.html>

Thursday May 13, 2021



Niger: Fangio village

Joseph (killed by jihadists along with 4 others, church desecrated)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70114-AFRICA NIGER Assault on the village where the first local Catholic communities were born at least 5 dead and the desecration of the church](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70114-<u>AFRICA NIGER Assault on the village where the first local Catholic communities were born at least 5 dead and the desecration of the church</u>)

Friday May 14, 2021



Myanmar

Fr Colombano Labang Lar Di (aged 38, arrested by the military while travelling to Myitkyina)

[http://www.fides.org/en/news/70125-ASIA MYANMAR A priest from the diocese of Banmaw arrested by the army](http://www.fides.org/en/news/70125-<u>ASIA MYANMAR A priest from the diocese of Banmaw arrested by the army</u>)



Pakistan: Chak n. 5, Okara, Punjab province

Three young Christians were beaten after a Muslim claimed to have had his clothes soiled by their cleaning of their church

Asad Imran (finger broken, left hand injured)

Emmanuel (back, knee, and right shoulder injured)

Shahzad Masih (head and back injured)

[http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslim-mob-attacks-a-Christian-village.-Houses-looted,-men-and-women-beaten-and-injured-\(VIDEO\)-53169.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslim-mob-attacks-a-Christian-village.-Houses-looted,-men-and-women-beaten-and-injured-(VIDEO)-53169.html)



Canada: Calgary

Pastor Artur Pawlowski (garage damaged in an arson attack, has had stones, feces, and nails thrown at his home)

https://www.rebelnews.com/arsonists_attack_pastor_arturs_home_in_calgary

Saturday May 15, 2021



Pakistan: Chak n. 5, Okara, Punjab province

UPDATE: Eighty homes of Christians were attacked in retribution for the Muslim who claimed to have had his clothes soiled

Mangta Masih (home attacked)

Fr Khalid Mukhtar (complained that the attackers had been identified but not arrested: "While the victims go to a doctor or hospital to receive treatment, the guilty are on the loose")

Aslam Pervaiz Sohotra (Masiha Milat Party president, condemned the attack, stated "the police have not yet arrested the perpetrators after so long...There are some who say that Christians are protected and safe and that they enjoy equal rights. I ask them: how many guilty have been punished for these incidents? On the contrary, instead of punishing them, these culprits are considered heroes")

[http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslim-mob-attacks-a-Christian-village.-Houses-looted,-men-and-women-beaten-and-injured-\(VIDEO\)-53169.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslim-mob-attacks-a-Christian-village.-Houses-looted,-men-and-women-beaten-and-injured-(VIDEO)-53169.html)

Sunday May 16, 2021



India: Bodoguda village, Koraput district, Orissa state

A church construction site was attacked and demolished

Fr Purushottam Nayak (reported “about 150 armed people demolished a church under construction. In the village 12 Christian tribal families who live with 60 Hindu families are victims of anger, jealousy and revenge only for their faith”)

Debo Bhoi

Pastor Ayub Khora,

Pastor Jitendra Khosla

Pastor Sudhakar Khosla

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Orissa,-Hindu-fundamentalists-destroy-church-under-construction--53261.html>

Tuesday May 18, 2021



Myanmar

Fr Colombano Labang Lar Di (aged 38, arrested by the military while travelling to [Myitkyina](#) on May 14, 2021; **UPDATE**: released)

http://www.fides.org/en/news/70141-ASIA_MYANMAR_Catholic_priest_arrested_by_the_military_has_been_released



Niger: Dolbel

Fr Mauro Armanino SMA (**UPDATE**: said "The number of Catholics who have fled the Dolbel area, the heart of the Catholic Church in Niger, are about a hundred. The number is expected to increase in these days due to the massacre of some people and threats from armed terrorist groups")

http://www.fides.org/en/news/70138-AFRICA_NIGER_A_missionary_denounces_The_Catholic_heart_of_Niger_is_on_the_run

Wednesday May 19, 2021



India: Mumbai

Fr Stan Lourduwamy SJ (aged 84, home raided by anti-terrorism police from Maharashtra state without a court order on [August 28, 2018](#), electronics and books seized, questioned and released; home raided again by Maharashtra state police on [June 12, 2019](#), hard drive and wi-fi router seized, forced to give the passwords to his email and Facebook accounts which were then changed and blocked by the police; arrested on [October 8, 2020](#) on sedition charges; denied bail on [March 22, 2021](#) by the National Investigation Agency [NIA] Special Court, suffers from Parkinson's; **UPDATE**: hospitalized with Sars-Cov-2 symptoms)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Fr.-Stan's-life-is-at-risk-as-he-is-transferred-from-prison-to-hospital--53186.html>

Thursday May 20, 2021



Pakistan: Chak 370 village, Tariqabad, Gojra, Punjab province

Rehana Bibi (aged 18, daughter of Saleem Masih, sister of Arif Masih, harassed by two Muslims, home invaded, beaten, abducted, stripped naked in public)

Arif Masih (aged 32, son of Saleem Masih, brother of Rehana Bibi, beaten when he tried to prevent his sister's abduction, filed a police report)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Gojra,-Muslims-kill-Christian-who-was-trying-to-protect-sister-53235.html>



Nigeria: Jebbu Miango village, Miango district, Bassa county, Plateau state

Ladi Jeffrey (aged 21, wife of Jeffrey Moses, mother of a 16 month old baby, **shot dead** by Fulani Muslims)

Shadrach Zwewhie (aged 19, nephew of Jeffrey Moses, **shot dead**)

Jeffrey Moses (aged 26, widower of Ladi Jeffrey, father, said "The herdsmen shot their guns three times before forcing their way into our house...The sad thing is that there are soldiers stationed close to our village, but they did nothing to stop the herdsmen. The

government has not been able to address this issue, and each time we try defending ourselves, soldiers will stop us”)

Nigeria: Malunfashi, Katsina state

Fr Alphonsus Bello (aged 30, **killed**)

Fr Joe Keke (aged about 70, abducted)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/young-mother-19-year-old-christian-killed-in-central-nigeria/>

http://www.fides.org/en/news/70162-AFRICA_NIGERIA_A_priest_killed_and_another_kidnapped_in_northern_Nigeria

Friday May 21, 2021



China: Hebei province

Bishop Joseph Zhang Weizhu (aged 63, arrested, seven priests and ten seminarians were arrested the day before at an underground seminary in Shaheqiao, three seminarians escaped, private homes are being searched for religious items)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/-Xinxiang,-the-bishop,-seven-priests-and-10-seminarians-arrested-53217.html>



Nigeria: Kamberi village, Niger state

Pastor Leviticus Makpa (aged 39, husband, father of Godsend Makpa and a daughter, missionary, former industrial chemist, **shot dead**)

Godsend Makpa (aged 3, son of Pastor Leviticus Makpa, **shot dead**)

Folashade Obidiya Obadan (ministry associate, had received a text message from Pastor Leviticus Makpa while his home was under attack, said “Pastor Leviticus Makpa advised that I should not phone, as the herdsmen have surrounded his house and are attacking his mission base. I quickly sent airtime to him to enable him keep communicating with me. While I was waiting to hear from him, we began to pray for their protection...Soldier of Christ, Leviticus Makpa, one of my greatest 2021 blessings is to have met you. Thank you for giving me the privilege to serve in my little way. What a life you lived, sir!”)

Samuel Solomon (ministry associate, said “Fulani bandits came against them [once before], they hid in the cave to save their lives, and after they left, he went back to the field with his family, how many of us can do this? He eventually lost his life and that of his son, the wife and daughter escaped. He knew his life was at stake, but burden for souls won’t let him run away from the field...He established the only Christian school in the village and raised many souls. He came and attended the last Christian conference with us, and we had planned on how to adopt him as our missionary, but painfully he has joined the league of martyrs in Heaven. His blood will testify over the land and also against the insecurity of a corrupt Islamist government in Nigeria...Pastor Makpa had no money, in fact, the community he is serving has no basic social services provided by the government. So, what were the herdsmen looking for? Definitely it couldn’t have been money, their mission was to obliterate the church”)

Yural Molkalang Mai (ministry associate, said “Pastor Leviticus Makpa, you denied yourself, you took up your cross, you fought a good fight, you finished your course, you kept the faith, you were a true soldier of the Lord, you died at your post, rest on brother! I weep no more, for verily I know, precious in the eye of the Lord is the death of His saint”)

Benjamin Yeagar (ministry associate, said “The church advances through the blood of the saints. The courage and life of Pastor Leviticus Makpa has really inspired me. The church in Nigeria needs prayers, especially those in high-risk areas such as the Middle Belt and the northern part of the country”)

Nigeria: Kpachudu village, Miango district, Bassa county, Plateau state

Ahmadu Jacob (aged 26, husband of Martha Ahmadu, father of a 1 year old daughter, cousin of Yakubu Joseph, farmer, **shot dead**)

Martha Ahmadu (widow of Ahmadu Jacob, mother of a 1 year old daughter)

Monday Yakubu (aged 44, husband of Joyce Monday, father of children aged 16 and 3, **killed**)

Joyce Monday (widow of Monday Yakubu, mother of children aged 16 and 3)

Yakubu Joseph (farmer, cousin of Ahmadu Jacob, said “The attack on us took place while we were keeping watch over our village in view of incessant Fulani herdsmen attacks in this area. We heard gunshots, and my cousin was seated right at the spot where you’re seated now under this tree. I was a few meters from the spot where my cousin was seated. He was killed instantly”)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/two-more-christians-killed-in-miang-priest-slain-in-nw-nigeria/>

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/05/fulani-herdsmen-kill-pastor-3-year-old-son-in-nigeria/>

Saturday May 22, 2021



Uganda: Kagumu village, Kibuku district

Fred Isiko (van driver, on [May 7, 2021](#) recorded a threat by his employer with termination if he did not convert to Islam, replied “I am not going to leave Jesus Christ, better to resign than leave Christianity”; **UPDATE**: **stabbed to death** by three men hired by his employer, the next day a mob primarily of Christians killed the employer)

Francis Maka (witnessed the killing of Fred Isiko)

Uganda: Nansyono village, Kibuku district

Home of a family of recent converts from Islam was destroyed by arson

Louis Levi Baula (aged 46, husband of Sifah Ainekisha, father of three aged 10, 6, and 3)

Sifah Ainekisha (wife of Louis Levi Baula, mother of three aged 10, 6, and 3)

<https://morningstarnews.org/2021/06/employer-allegedly-sends-hit-men-to-kill-christian/>

Sunday May 23, 2021



Myanmar: Kayanthayar village, near Loikaw, Kayah state, eastern Myanmar

Cardinal Charles Maung Bo SDB (aged 72, **UPDATE**: condemned the military attack of a church in which four parishioners were killed and eight injured, and which resulted in hundreds fleeing into the jungle)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Card.-Bo:-'An-earnest-appeal'-against-attack-on-Kayanthayar-church-and-refugees--53243.html>

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/70187->

[ASIA MYANMAR Cardinal Bo appeals after church bombs it is a humanitarian tragedy stop the attacks](#)



Pakistan: Chak 370 village, Tariqabad, Gojra, Punjab province

Arif Masih (aged 32, son of Saleem Masih, brother of Rehana Bibi, beaten on [May 20, 2021](#) when he tried to prevent his sister's abduction, filed a police report; **UPDATE**: beaten, abducted, **poisoned**, left in the street, hospitalized, **died**)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Gojra,-Muslims-kill-Christian-who-was-trying-to-protect-sister-53235.html>



Nigeria: Dong village, Jos North county, Plateau state

Asabe Samuel (aged 60, said “I was by the central area of the village, which has shops and serves as a market, when I heard Fulani gunmen shooting around my house. This forced us to run to hide...I still rushed to my house, and just as I was getting closer to my house, I found that one Istifanus Shehu, 40, a member of COCIN [Church of Christ in Nations] who has had mental health challenges, was shot dead, and his corpse was lying beside my house. We heard the attackers retreating and shouting ‘Allahu Akbar [Allah is greater].’”)

Istifanus Shehu (aged 40, brother of Jummai Shehu, **shot dead**)

Jummai Shehu (sister of Istifanus Shehu, said “The armed Fulani herdsmen spotted him and shot him dead. I feel very sad about the way my brother was killed in cold blood. Why must we live in fear every day, not knowing the evil that awaits us as Christians in this country?”)

Ruth Adamu (aged 40, mother of Naomi Adamu, **killed**)

Naomi Adamu (aged 20, daughter of Ruth Adamu, **killed**)

Friday Danladi Riya (aged 22, **killed**)

Awuki Matthew (aged 28, wife [husband blind], mother of Gospel Matthew and PraiseGod Matthew, **killed**)

Gospel Matthew (aged 4, daughter of Awuki Matthew, sister of PraiseGod Matthew, **killed**)

PraiseGod Matthew (aged 2, daughter of Awuki Matthew, sister of Gospel Matthew, **killed**)

Chinyere (**killed**)

Monday Auta (shot in his shoulder, hospitalized)

Pastor Jonathan Kyoomnom Bala (said “Some government officials came also this morning only at 10 a.m. [14 hours after the attack] These herdsmen carried out the attack on us for about 40 minutes and left without intervention from soldiers or the police...While the attack was going on, I phoned one of the security agents, and he told me they were doing something about it, but they did nothing. It’s traumatic to witness such deadly incidents of this nature...Last week the herdsmen were here in the community roaming around without restraint by security agents stationed around the community, and yet, even in the presence of soldiers and police personnel, the attackers invaded the community and embarked on a killing spree. And some of the attackers are known to be terrorists who have been brought in from other countries to collaborate with the herdsmen to attack Christians...Throughout last night I couldn’t sleep because members I minister to were killed in gruesome manner, and for not committing any crimes except being Christians. Has it now become a crime to profess Jesus Christ?...What the Nigerian government should note is that when the people have lost faith in security agencies and are forced to resort to self-help to defend themselves, there’ll be anarchy in the land”)

Nigeria: Kwi village, Riyom County, near Jos, Plateau state

Solomon Mandiks (**UPDATE**: reported via texting “Fourteen Christians were butchered to death, including children. Eight members of one family have all been killed. This is beside an additional six other Christians killed by the herdsmen in the village”)

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

Monday May 24, 2021



China: Hebei province

Bishop Joseph Zhang Weizhu (aged 63, **UPDATE**: reported to be held in a hotel with ten priests, all undergoing 're-education', all seminarians [including the three who had initially escaped] released to their families and forbidden to study theology)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Xinxiang:-Arrested-bishop-and-priests-subjected-to-political-sessions.-Seminary-dissolved-53224.html>



India: Bajna, Ratlam district, Madhya Pradesh state

Sajan K George (Global Council of Indian Christians president, **UPDATE**: reported on false conversion accusations against a Christian nurse, who was detained and questioned: “The nurse was on official duty, going house to house in the tribal-dominated development block...which has a surge of corona cases and a high number of deaths due to Covid. The nurse was handing over diet plans in this area. The bigoted right wing forces, use provisions of the Madhya Pradesh freedom of religion Act 2021 to make fabricated conversion claims. This Act is being used as a tool to terrorize the Christian community. At personal risk, this young nurse was going door to door, as a health care worker, taking care and helping the district and State in this second surge of pandemic...At these times, when the nation should be united in the fight against the Corona virus, the Communal Virus raises its ugly head, and the MP freedom of Religion Act 2021 is a weapon to be used against the vulnerable Christian community on flimsy grounds. These tweets from right wing handles are not out of social and health care concerns of the tribal dominated populace of Bajna”)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Covid-19,-Catholic-nurse-accused-of-converting-her-patients-53226.html>

Thursday May 27, 2021



Myanmar: Ngu Palot, Demoso, Kayah state

Two young Christians were reported to have been killed by the military while attempting to obtain food for refugees, their church was then attacked

Alfred Ludu (**shot dead**)

Patrick Boe Reh (**shot dead**)

Fr Philip Aung Nge (reported on a military attack on a church in his diocese, no one was injured, said "We are in a situation of urban warfare that has not been seen in Myanmar since 1948")

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Two-young-Catholics-killed-by-soldiers:-they-were-giving-food-to-Demoso-evacuees--53271.html>

<http://fides.org/en/news/70209->

[ASIA MYANMAR Intense fighting in Kayah State two young Catholic volunteers who assisted the displaced people were killed](#)

<http://www.fides.org/en/news/70198->

[ASIA MYANMAR Urban warfare and another church hit in Kayah resistance is being prepared](#)



Pakistan: Bhattaiabad, near Karachi

Sheeza Waris (aged 13, daughter of Warris, reported to have been raped in her home by three Muslims while caring for two younger siblings)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karachi,-a-13-year-old-Christian-raped-in-her-home-while-her-parents-were-at-work-53264.html>

Saturday May 29, 2021



Brunei

Cardinal 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; elevated to the cardinalate on [November 20, 2020](#); **UPDATE: died of cardiac arrest while undergoing cancer treatment** at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital, Taoyuan City, Taiwan)

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

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