

**Today's Martyrs**  
**2014-10-12 through 2014-10-18**



**Cameroon**

Friar Fabio Mussi, PIME (said "In the north of Cameroon there is a silent ongoing war which few people know about but has serious humanitarian consequences. Only in the extreme north of Cameroon, in the province of Logone-Charie, there are 40,000 IDPs between Cameroonian and Nigerian refugees. Further south, this figure is doubled...The Cameroonian army has deployed along the border to try to prevent raids on Cameroon territory committed by members of Boko Haram in search of food. This is because the Nigerian army has caught in the grips areas controlled by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria preventing food supplies. Boko Haram, after having plundered what they could in Nigerian areas have begun to attack the Cameroonian markets...The PIME community has decided to remain in this critical situation with all the consequences. The Church is the only institution left to offer humanitarian aid to refugees and displaced persons. International organizations have withdrawn for security reasons")

Date: October 13, 2014

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/36537->

[AFRICA CAMEROON Only the Church assists victims of Boko Haram in the north of Cameroon says a missionary#.VDyNscLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36537-)



**Central African Republic**

Fr Mateusz Dziedzic (abducted by the Front Democratique du Peuple Centrafricain [FDPC - a former ally of Seleka] in an attempt to free its leader from jail in Cameroon)

Date: October 12, 2014

Location: Baboua

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/36553->

[AFRICA CENTRAL AFRICA Contacts with the kidnappers of the Polish missionary#.VD9Cy8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36553-)



**Egypt**

Manal Samir Kamal (housewife, disappeared under mysterious circumstances)

Date: October 8, 2014

Location: Matai, Minya province

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57306>



## India

Bishop Percival Fernandez (criticized current government efforts to rewrite history book as "dangers of distorting history in the impressionable minds of the young", such changes include encouraging students to draw an Undivided India ['Akhand Bharat'] that includes Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tibet, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan)

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Mumbai

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/India,-Modi-government-slams-western-schools-says-Hindu-schools-are-better-32445.html>

Sajan K George (**UPDATE**: expressed thanks that the Karnataka state government officially rejected a 2011 report that exonerated Hindu-nationalist Sangh Parivar organizations from their role in the 2008 anti-Christian pogrom, the report had been accepted by the state government in 2011 when it was controlled by the Sangh Parivar affiliated BJP party)

Date: October 17, 2014

Location: Mumbai

Source: [http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka's-state-government-rejects-\(false\)-report-on-2008-attacks-on-churches-32455.html](http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka's-state-government-rejects-(false)-report-on-2008-attacks-on-churches-32455.html)



## Indonesia

Rev Anna Nenoharan (aged 70, described how her church now meets in a rented shop in a strip mall after years of persecution from the Islamic Defenders Front in which their church building was destroyed, said "We feel really discriminated against by the government, and the local people. We want a special home for God. But we cannot do anything about it. We can only turn to the Lord")

Date reported: October 17, 2014

Location: Bekasi

Bona Sigalingging (**UPDATE**: said that his church now meets in the homes of parishioners after having lost its building)

Date reported: October 17, 2014

Location: Bogor, West Java

Fr Antonius Benny Susetyo (**UPDATE**: said that the police and politicians fail to enforce the laws which allow Christians to build churches due to the need to win Muslim votes)

Bonar Tigor Naipospos (said that the building requirement for neighbors' approvals must include Muslims, which are difficult to secure in the case of church construction)

Date reported: October 17, 2014

Source [with photos]: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/persecuted-christians-find-sanctuary-in-indonesia-strip-mall/72192>



## Iraq

Rev Andrew White (suffers from multiple sclerosis; **UPDATE**: said “Well, there’s one man and he was disabled and had hidden his children in his house in Kirkush and ISIL came in one day and said, ‘You’re Christian. You either convert or we chop off the heads of all your children.’ So he was forced to say the words of conversion and they spared his children, but they said if he came back and they saw he had been doing any Christian things they would kill them all. And he phoned me and said, ‘Father, Father! How could I do this? Will Jesus not love me anymore because I’ve done this?’ And I said, ‘No, whoever is in this situation would have done the same to save their children. And you will not lose them and you will not lose your faith. And you are still a Christian.’ ...It’s just been terrible. They have been amputating people’s heads and putting them on railings. They have chopped children in half. You know, I write some of these things on my blog and nobody believes it. They say you must be making this up, that there’s no evidence of this, this isn’t in this paper or that paper. Here we are living with it and people can’t accept it. There is no other Western person here in central Iraq. Not one. I’m the only one and they can’t believe it”)

Date: October 14, 2014

Location: Bagdad

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/vicar-of-baghdad-isis-is-beheading-christians-but-nobody-believes-it-interv>

Fr Charbel Issa (informed about the continuing desecration of the Mar Behnam Monastery by ISIL)

Fr Nizar Semaan (**UPDATE**: commented on the destruction of crosses and ancient manuscripts by ISIL at the Mar Behnam Monastery "Anything can happen with the terrorists of the Islamic State. They will destroy everything, if not stopped")

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Qaraqosh

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20141016003630.htm>



## Jordan

Abou Saphoan (Iraqi refugee, said “We left Mosul destroyed by the ISIL militants that expelled us from our country. They have seized our homes and shops. They slaughtered Bishop Farag and priests Raghed and Boulus”)

Date: October 15, 2014

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57371>



## Kosovo

Bishop Teodosije (deplored the appearance of pro-ISIL graffiti and verbal threats made against Christian monks and nuns)

Date: October 12, 2014

Locations: Decani, Pec

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74335.htm>



## Libya

Bishop Sylvester Carmel Magro (**UPDATE:** said “The population is locked in the house while they is ongoing fighting in the outlying areas of the city The bombings began in the early morning today. There are no clashes in the city center, which are concentrated in the suburbs. But we do not know how the situation will evolve. This is why we are all locked in the house. In these conditions, we do what we can. Please pray for us”)

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Benghazi

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/36555->

[AFRICA LIBYA The population is locked in the house fighting continues on the outskirts of Benghazi says the Apostolic Vicar#.VD9B 8Lwsfg](#)



## Netherlands

Kamran Simon Saif (arrested on immigration charges for deportation, is facing blasphemy charges in Pakistan and faces arrest and persecution if deported)

Date reported: October 15, 2014

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=4996>



## Nigeria

Susana Ishaya (believed to possibly be one of the abducted Chibok schoolgirls, found wandering in the bush near Kwarihi village, Borno state two days after being thrown from a moving automobile on September 23, 2014, appears to be both physically and mentally ill; hospitalized, found to be four months pregnant; **UPDATE**: aged 23, determined to **not** be one of the abducted Chibok schoolgirls, had been abducted by Boko Haram in January 2014, had been forcibly married to a Boko Haram militant despite being already married)

Date: October 14, 2014

Source: <http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/10/woman-found-borno-bush-schoolgirl-group-source/>



## Pakistan

Archbishop Joseph Coutts (**UPDATE**: spoke at the Synod on the Family concerning Asia Bibi and “all the Pakistani families who are going through suffering and division: for example, all those Christians and Muslims who are unjustly accused of blasphemy”)

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Vatican City

Source [with photo]: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/asia-bibi-case-highlights-growing-intolerance-says-karachi-archbishop/72172>

Asia Noreen Bibi (mother of five, **UPDATE**: 2010 death sentence on a conviction of blasphemy upheld by the High Court, appeal to the Supreme Court to be filed)

Bishop Rufin Anthony (**UPDATE**: called on Christians worldwide to pray together on one day for Asia Bibi)

Fr James Asher (said "We will have the day of prayer for the condemned on Sunday [October 19, 2014]. We urge everyone to be a part of it")

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Lahore

Source [with photo]: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Asia-Bibi's-sentence-is-heart-breaking,-may-the-world-pray-for-her,-says-Islamabad-bishop-32446.html>



## Philippines

Fr Sebastiano D'Ambra PIME (**UPDATE**: said that attempts to import ISIL are underway using foreign money, said "the wounds are still evident in the severe attack of the rebels of the Moro National Liberation Front [MNLF], which took place in September 2013: Many families are still displaced and inter-religious atmosphere has been affected...some violent groups and terrorists continue to oppose any suggestion of peace and to make violent propaganda: groups like the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters have proclaimed their support to ISIL that operates in Iraq")

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Zamboanga, Mindanao

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/36556-ASIA\\_PHILIPPINES\\_The\\_ideology\\_and\\_money\\_of\\_the\\_IS\\_arrive\\_in\\_Southern\\_Philippines\\_the\\_story\\_of\\_a\\_missionary#.VD9AoMLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36556-ASIA_PHILIPPINES_The_ideology_and_money_of_the_IS_arrive_in_Southern_Philippines_the_story_of_a_missionary#.VD9AoMLwsfg)



## Sudan

Kamal Adam (home destroyed in a bombing raid by government aircraft, family unhurt)

Rev Youhana Yaqoub (described the bombing raid by government aircraft that destroyed the home of Kamal Adam "The bombs have completely destroyed our church compound")

Date: October 10, 2014

Location: Al Atmor village, Tabolo area, South Kordofan state, Nuba Mountains

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/sudanese-air-force-bombs-church-complex-in-nuba-mountains/>



## Syria

Fr Hanna Jallouf OFM (abducted on October 6, 2014 by the al Qaeda-affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra Front along with up to 20 parishioners; released on October 9, 2014 and returned to his residence, under house arrest; **UPDATE**: has been charged with collaborating with the government, trial date unknown, all other parishioners have now been released)

Date: October 13, 2014

Location: Knayeh village, Orontes valley

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/36536-ASIA SYRIA The five Christians of the Orontes Valley who were still being held by jihadists have been released#.VDyQxsLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36536-ASIA_SYRIA_The_five_Christians_of_the_Orontes_Valley_who_were_still_being_held_by_jihadists_have_been_released#.VDyQxsLwsfg)



## **Ukraine**

Archpriest Vladimir Slobodyan (described the seizure of a church by pro-government militants)

Date: October 5, 2014

Location: Butin village

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74334.htm>



## **United States**

Chris Stone (founder of Faith Driven Consumer, criticized Twitter for halting an online petition in support of the Houston pastors who are being subpoenaed by the city for their private communications to congregants on homosexuality, said "There is a deeply troubling pattern of censorship with social-media companies when people of faith speak out")

Date: October 16, 2014

Source: <http://www.charismanews.com/culture/45796-twitter-blocks-yet-another-faith-based-campaign>

## **United States – District of Columbia**

Russell D. Moore (Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission president, wrote of the Houston city's attempts to subpoena pastors' communications with congregants "I am simply stunned by the sheer audacity of this. The preaching of sermons in the pulpits of churches is of no concern to any government bureaucrat at all. The country settled, a long time ago, with a First Amendment that the government would not supervise, license, or bully religious institutions")

Date: October 14, 2014

Location: Washington, DC

Source: <http://www.bpnews.net/43540/baptist-leaders-decry-houstons-sermon-subpoenas>

## **United States - Texas**

**Event: Five pastors have been subpoenaed by the city to turn over to the city all homilies and private communications regarding the mayor, homosexuality, and gender identity**

Pastor Steve Riggle (said "This is an attempt to chill pastors from speaking to the cultural issues of the day. The mayor would like to silence our voice. She's a bully")

Pastor Jared Woodfill (said "This is the city trampling on the First Amendment rights of pastors in their churches")

Pastor Dave Welch (said "We are dealing with bullies used to getting away with abuse of power")

Pastor Hernan Castano (said "For a city government to step into churches and ask pastors to turn in sermons, it's gone too far. This is not what America, the nation is about")

Pastor Khan Huynh (said that in Vietnam "They sensor all the sermons. Pastors have to print out worship service programs and they have to approve it before we can conduct our service" and compared the city's actions to the government in Vietnam)

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: Houston

Source: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/city-of-houston-demands-that-pastors-turn-over-sermons-addressing-homosexuality-or-gay-mayor-annise-parker-128144/>

and <http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/45786-pastors-to-houston-mayor-don-t-mess-with-texas-pulpits>

and <http://hotair.com/archives/2014/10/15/houston-subpoenas-local-pastors-for-their-sermons/>

and <http://www.charismanews.com/us/45814-ted-cruz-houston-has-no-power-to-silence-the-church>

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