

**Today's Martyrs**  
**2014-10-20 through 2014-10-25**



**China**

Zan Aizong (freelance journalist, **UPDATE:** said “Now that all the crosses on either side of the highways are gone, why are they still taking down the crosses? All these crosses belonged to Three-Self Patriotic Movement churches. Since they were registered, why do the authorities still want to take down their crosses?”)

Pastor Zhang “Bike” Mingxuan (**UPDATE:** said “The authorities in Zhejiang have never stopped taking down the crosses. They have been obstructing the entry of Christian culture into China. This is religious persecution”)

Date reported: October 21, 2014

Location: Wenzhou and Hangzhou, Zhejiang province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/10/zhejiang-demolitions-cross-destruction.html>



**Cuba**

Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso (husband of Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez; **UPDATE:** officially summoned to State Security where he was read an Official Warning listing 'counter-revolutionary' contacts, refused to sign the warning, warned that a criminal case would “probably be filed”)

Date: October 8, 2014

Yoaxis Marcheco Suarez (wife of Rev Mario Felix Lleonart Barroso; **UPDATE:** summoned for an interview with State Security, arrested the following day)

Date: October 15-16, 2014

Location: Camajuani, Villa Clara province

Source [with photo]: <http://dynamic.csw.org.uk/article.asp?t=press&id=1787&search=>  
and <http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14100223.htm>



**Egypt**

Ghatas Ayad (legal minor, brother of Sameh and Rafaat Ayad, accused of attacking a Muslim, still detained)

Sameh Ayad (brother of Ghatas and Rafaat Ayad, still detained)

Rafaat Ayad (brother of Ghatas and Sameh Ayad, still detained)

Date: October 20, 2014

Location: El-Shekiyah village, Beni Ahmed, Minya province

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57455>

Christine (minor, abducted, rescued by police)

Fr Philemon Attia (thanked police for their help in the rescue of Christine)

Date: October 22, 2014

Location: Wasti village, Beni Suef

Source [with photo]: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1230&A=16204>

Hieromonk Gregory (described the history of recent pressures and attacks on St Catherine Monastery)

Dr Iyhab Ramzy (attorney, described a recent attack on St Catherine Monastery in which two monks were held hostage and the jizya tax paid for their release)

Date: October 22, 2014

Location: Mt Sinai

Source: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/10/bedouins-attack-and-levy-a-tax-on-st-catherines-monastery-on-sinai/>

Safaa Gamil (aged 27, disappeared after attending a prayer service)

Date reported: October 24, 2014

Location: Farshout

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1232&A=16238>

Magdy Tanius (died three months after receiving injuries from a terrorist bombing in Arish)

Date: October 23, 2014

Location: Cairo

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1232&A=16237>

Kyrillos Ebaid Ayoub (aged 12, abducted, US\$35,000 ransom demanded)

Date: October 23, 2014

Location: Al-Shamiya village, Sahel Salim, Assiut province

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=57532>



**India**

Pastor Rabindra Nath Tandi (described a prayer meeting of 200 Christians which was attacked by 50 Hindus believed to be RSS paramilitaries, 25 were hospitalized with 3 in serious condition)

Dilip Durga (sustained injuries in his neck and chest)

Udal Padan (severely cut on his leg and chest)

Soilengri (suffered a head injury when she fell trying to flee the attack)

Mohan Dass (prayer meeting speaker)

Date: October 11, 2014

Location: Kalahandi, Odhisa state

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/3435670/>



## Iran

Amirreza (convert, Christian web site developer, arrested by Basij militia, beaten and tortured, released)

Date: September 2014

Source [warning - graphic]: <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/iran-a-christian-convert-tortured-by-unknown-men-over-online-gospel-preaching/>

**Event UPDATE: Three Christians illegally transferred from Evin prison to Rajaei-Shahr prison, will likely be denied access to each other or to other Christians**

Ebrahim Firouzi

Rasoul Abdollahi

Alireza Seyyedian

Date: October 8, 2014

Location: Alborz province

Source:

[http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=9303:unanticipated-transfer-of-christian-prisoners-to-rajaei-shahr-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279](http://mohabatnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9303:unanticipated-transfer-of-christian-prisoners-to-rajaei-shahr-prison&catid=36:iranian-christians&Itemid=279)



## Iraq

Rev Andrew White (**UPDATE:** spoke at a fundraiser for Iraqi Christians "The terrible thing that the Americans have to realize is that all of their intervention, everything they tried to do, has totally been wasted. Nothing has been achieved by this at all...The reason we have

this tragedy now is because you came in and you left us too soon. We weren't ready to be left. Your military gave their lives, they worked to save our country, and then they left us. And I said, within three month, we will have terrorism...and we did.", has been forbidden by his church to return to Bagdad)

Date: October 19, 2104

Location: Tacoma, Washington state, United States

Source [with photos]: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/vicar-of-baghdad-americans-have-to-realize-all-of-their-intervention-has-totally-been-wasted-128353/>



## Nigeria

Adam Kolo (said that a Boko Haram attack killed the father of the former Speaker of the State Assembly)

Date: October 17, 2014

Location: Maikadiri, Abadam Local Government Area, Borno state

Elijah Msheliza (reported eight killed in another Boko Haram attack)

Date: October 18, 2014

Location: Shaffa, Hawul Local Government Area, Borno state

Source: <http://www.osundefender.org/?p=190916>

Pastor Eluid Gwamna Mshelizza (**killed** by Boko Haram)

Date: Two weeks prior to October 19, 2014

Location: Shaffa, Hawul Local Government Area, Borno state

Source: <http://www.vanguardngr.com/2014/10/24-hours-ceasefire-boko-haram-kills-18-borno/>

Rev Caleb Ahema (reported on the killing of 31 Christians in church by Boko Haram insurgents, 27 in Sondi and 4 in Gindin Waya)

Pastor Nuhu Useni (**killed** by Boko Haram insurgents along with his only son and 25 other parishioners during a worship service)

Date: October 19, 2014

Location: Sondi, Taraba state

Source [with photo]: <http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/muslim-extremists-kill-31-christians-in-taraba-state-nigeria/>

Lazarus Baushe (elder, described the Boko Haram abduction of 40 young women and girls “They left N1500 [US\$8} and some kola nuts in each home where they seized a woman, apparently as a bride price”)

Date reported: October 23, 2014

Location: Wagga village

Source: <http://thenationonlineng.net/new/boko-haram-abductions-bomb-kill-ceasefire-hopes/>



## North Korea

Jeffrey Edward Fowle (U.S. citizen, arrested in mid May 2014 for "hostile activities" after leaving a Bible in a men's room; **UPDATE**: freed, has left the country)

Date: October 21, 2014

Location: Pyongyang

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/frees-10212014164313.html>



## Pakistan

Ashiq Masih (husband of Asia Noreen Bibi; **UPDATE**: wept bitterly when the High Court upheld his wife's death sentence for blasphemy, said "I have not told my children about the court decision. How can I? I am too scared of their reaction - they are already very depressed. We all were expecting her to come home and now this happens. How can I tell my children their mother is not free? This will kill them")

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Lahore

Source [with photos]: <http://www.assistnews.net/Stories/2014/s14100219.htm>

Maria Bibi (aged 19, forced into an Islamic marriage, escaped three days later, testified in court that she did not agree to marry or to convert to Islam, has filed a counterclaim in court against him)

Dates: August 5, October 3, 13, and 14, 2014

Location: Faisalabad, Punjab

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan:-Forced-to-marry-and-convert-to-Islam-by-force,-a-young-Christian-girl's-struggle-for-justice-32486.html>



## Sudan

**Event: Home of a Christian family hit in an air force airstrike, the mother has "gone out of her senses with grief as she was taken from the ruined home", a 27 year old Muslim neighbor also killed**

Anour Jafar (aged 8, **killed**)

Sariya Jafar (aged 12, **killed**)

Zahara Jafar (aged 14, **killed**)

Aziza Jafar (aged 16, **killed**)

Nawal Jafar (aged 5, **died** on the way to a hospital)

Nawadir Jafar (aged 11, hospitalized in critical condition, has lost her eyesight)

Kuku James (aged 6, neighbor of the Jafar family, **killed**)

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Heiban, South Kordofan

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2014/10/sudanese-air-force-bombing-kills-six-christian-children/>



## **Tanzania**

Dioniz Ng'wandu (aged 31, secondary school teacher, husband of Faith, father of Michael and John, **killed in a machete attack** in his church following a prayer service)

Faith Ng'wandu (widow of Dioniz Ng'wandu, mother of Michael and John)

Michael Ng'wandu (aged 4, son of Dioniz and Faith Ng'wandu)

John Ng'wandu (aged 2, son of Dioniz and Faith Ng'wandu)

Temistores (aged 25, seriously injured in his foot in a machete attack in his church following a prayer service, hospitalized)

Pastor Faustine Joseph (led the prayer service prior to the attack that killed Dioniz Ng'wandu)

Pastor Crodward Edwar (led a press conference concerning the murder of Dioniz Ng'wandu)

Date: October 9, 2014

Location: Bukoba

**Event: Pastor's home invaded by six men who said they did not want Christians in the city, pastor and his wife beaten when they refused to leave, latter dropped charges against their attackers**

Pastor Prince Simon (husband of Teresia, father of Asti and Festus, beaten)

Teresia Simon (wife of Pastor Prince Simon, mother of Asti and Festus, beaten)

Asti Simon (aged 4, daughter of Pastor Prince and Teresia Simon, witnessed her parents' beating)

Festus Simon (aged 2, son of Pastor Prince and Teresia Simon, witnessed his parents' beating)

Date: late September 2014

Location: Zanzibar

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/10/3435083/>



## Ukraine

### **Event: Church attacked by arsonists**

Archpriest Bogdan Kibalyuk (said there were no conflicts in the area before the arson attack)

Archpriest Paul Fazan (consoled Archpriest Bogdan Kibalyuk and his parishioners during the fire)

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Nosovka village, Chernigov region

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74497.htm>

### **Event: church subjected to anti-Russian pressure to fire its priest, parishioners surrounded the church to defend it**

Archpriest Vasily Kovalenko (pastor under pressure to leave his parish)

Archpriest Sergy Chumak (supported Archpriest Vasily Kovalenko and his parishioners)

Date: October 19, 2014

Location: Belozerye village, Cherkassy district, Cherkassy region

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/74511.htm>

## United States - Idaho

### **Event: Ministers have been told by their city to perform same-sex weddings or face fines and possible jail, have filed for a temporary restraining order against the city**

Donald Knapp

Evelyn Knapp

Date: October 17, 2014

Location: Coeur d'Alene

Source [with photo]: <http://www.adfmedia.org/News/PRDetail/9364>

Peter Dudnik (**UPDATE**: evicted from his church days after [April 12, 2014](#) by insurgents including two Russian Orthodox priests - one of whom carried a gun, received photos of arms stored in the church cellar and a video of tanks on the property in combat and being blessed by the priests, said "The war in my country is more than just about the capture of Ukrainian territory or a change in the government. There's a real war against the Protestant Church by radical elements within the Russian Orthodox Church")

Archpriest Nikolai Fomenko (**UPDATE**: denied that Russian Orthodox priests had blessed pro-Russian tanks at Peter Dudnik's church)

Date reported: September 30, 2014

Location: Slavyansk

Source [with photo]: <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/September/Ukraine-Protestants-Target-of-Russian-Orthodox-Jihad/>



## **Vietnam**

Nguyen Van Hai (sentenced on September 24, 2012 in Hanoi to 12 years with 5 additional years of house arrest for spreading anti-government propaganda on the internet; **UPDATE:** freed from prison and deported, will settle in the United States)

Date: October 21, 2014

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/vietnam-dissident-freed-allowed-to-travel-to-us/72225>

Fr Nguyen Ngoc Nam Phong (said that the church needs the return of land the government seized due to an increasing number of people joining it)

Thai Ha's Phong (said of the government's refusal to return the seized land "If they can't destroy a religion from the inside, they attack it from the outside and repress the development of the religion. This policy makes land disputes difficult to resolve. Their policy on religion never changes and when the policy will not be changed, nothing can be solved")

Date: October 24, 2014

Location: Dong Da district

Source: <http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/catholics-10242014180322.html>

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