

**Today's Martyrs**  
**2014-11-16 through 2014-11-22**



**China**

Zhang "Shanshan" Linxin (daughter of Pastor Zhang Shaojie and Wang Fengrui, abducted by the authorities on November 5, 2014 while attempting to buy groceries, detained in a 'black' jail along with Fan Ruizhen and her aunt Zhang Cuijuan, detention is believed to be an attempt to prevent her from distributing literature about her father's conviction at the current Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation [APEC] meeting; **UPDATE**: released)

Mei Xian (aged 78, mother of Pastor Zhang Shaojie, wife of Zhang Wenqiang, threatened suicide when the authorities arrived to evict her from her home so it could be auctioned to pay her son's fine, the authorities retreated)

Date: November 14, 2014

Location: Nanle county, Henan province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/china-18-member-pastor-zhang-shaojies.html>

Bishop John Peng Weizhao (detained at an unknown location on May 30, 2014; **UPDATE**: released from detention, prohibited from leaving Jiangxi province for three months and from exercising his episcopal ministry)

Bishop Cosma Shi Enxiang (disappeared while in police custody in 2001; **UPDATE**: has spent 54 total years in captivity)

Bishop James Su Zhimin (disappeared while in police custody in 1997; **UPDATE**: has spent 43 total years in captivity)

Bishop Thaddeus Ma Daqin (ordained as bishop in Shanghai on July 7, 2012, then disappeared after stating in his first homily that he would resign from the state-sponsored church; **UPDATE**: is still under house arrest, is the only bishop of Shanghai now that Bishops Aloysius Jin Luxian and Joseph Fan Zhongliang have both died)

Date: November 19, 2014

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Yujiang's-underground-bishop-released-but-under-police-surveillance-32745.html>

**Event UPDATE: Prosecutors have filed a court case against four Christians for 'illegal business operations' related to their church-based kindergarten**

Cheng Jie (kindergarten director)

Mo Xiliu (teacher)

Huang Quirui (church elder)

Li Jiatao (wife of a church missionary)

Date: November 9, 2014

Location: Liuzhou

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/guangxi-authorities-submit-case-of.html>

Guo Dejin (house church threatened by the local government, which sent personnel to remove their crosses)

Date: October 28, 2014

Location: Bozhou, Anhui province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/11/anhui-house-church-harassed-by-local.html>

Peter Hahn (aged 74, U.S. citizen, operator of a Christian NGO specializing in aid to North Koreans, under investigation in the three weeks prior to August 7, 2014, bank accounts frozen by the authorities, prohibited from leaving the country; **UPDATE**: arrested on charges of embezzlement and counterfeiting invoices)

Date: November 20, 2014

Location: Tumen, Jilin province

Julia Garratt (wife of Kevin Garratt, Canadian missionary, detained on spy charges on August 4, 2014 after Canada complained about Chinese internet hackers; **UPDATE**: still in detention, denied access to attorneys or family)

Kevin Garratt (husband of Juila Garratt, Canadian missionary, detained on spy charges on August 4, 2014 after Canada complained about Chinese internet hackers; **UPDATE**: still in detention, denied access to attorneys or family)

Date: November 20, 2014

Location: Dandong, Manchuria

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/us-christian-aid-worker-detained-by-china-near-north-korea-border/72450>



## Egypt

Gamal Gad (aged 59, **killed** when he attempted to prevent the abduction of his son Robert)

Robert Gamal (son of Gamal Gad, pharmacist)

Remon Gamal Gad Bishay (described the shooting death of his father at his brother Robert's pharmacy)

Date: November 14, 2014

Location: Tahta, Sohag

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58004>  
and <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58069>

Mariam Samir Ramzy Khalil (aged 22, wife, disappeared while shopping, police took no immediate action)

Date: November 15, 2014

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=58065>

Peter Ramses (attorney, demanded that the country legalize adoption for Christians - it currently bans adoption since Islamic law prohibits it)

Date: November 21, 2014

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1252&A=16571>



## Ethiopia

**Event: Three Christian converts arrested on fabricated charges of cultivation and possession of illegal substances, all had previously been threatened by Muslim relatives that only their reversion to Islam would prevent the charges**

Obsa Ogeto (aged 32, convert, arrested, trial date set)

Soka Araro (aged 31, convert, arrested, released on bail, trial date set)

Peter (convert, arrested, released)

Date: August and November 12, 2014

Location: Shashemene and Oromiya Federal Court

Source: <http://www.persecution.org/2014/11/17/false-case-against-christian-converts-heard-in-federal-court/>



## Honduras

Fr Ismael Moreno SJ (spoke on the continuing violence in the country and the murder of his collaborators "That's probably how I'll die, not from natural causes. I am prepared for that", added he declined police protection because "According to studies, seven out of 10 police officers in Honduras are connected to organized crime")

Date: November 18, 2014

Source: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2014/11/18/priest-defending-human-rights-in-honduras-i-am-prepared-to-die/>



## India

Mr Sam (attended a prayer meeting with Rev Rana and six parishioners that was interrupted by members of the Bajrang Dai, the youth branch of the RSS paramilitary organization, all were stripped naked, beaten, whipped and arrested)

Date: November 4, 2014

Location: Kotla, Madhya Pradesh state

Source:

<http://www.christiantoday.co.in/article/christians.attacked.arrested.in.madhya.pradesh/17740.htm>

Rev K.A. Sathis (prayer service attacked by over 100 Hindu radicals who destroyed over 20 vehicles, desecrated the altar, burned Bibles, broke musical instruments, and beat the parishioners, hospitalized in serious condition along with four parishioners, threatened and beaten again in the hospital)

Date: November 16, 2014

Location: Udumalpet, Tamil Nadu state

Source [warning - graphic]: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Tamil-Nadu,-100-Hindu-radicals-attack-a-Christian-community-32727.html>



## **Iraq**

V.M. (said that Christians trying to return to their town after Kurdish militia drove out ISIL have been hindered by Kurdish intelligence agents)

O.S. (said that his house was looted by Kurdish militia after they drove out ISIL forces from his town, said most Christians now want to leave the country)

Date reported: November 16, 2014

Location: Telsqof

Source: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/2014/11/assyrian-homes-being-looted-by-kurdish-forces/>



## **Jordan**

Pastor Jody Miller (U.S. citizen, detained without charge by GID agents on November 6, 2014, deported from the country at his own expense on November 8, 2014, his wife remains in the country, Assistant Pastor Maged also to be deported)

Assistant Pastor Maged (Egyptian citizen, passport seized by GID agents on November 9, 2014, detained without charge on November 13, 2014, reportedly will also be deported)

Dates: November 6 through 13, 2014

Location: Amman

Source: [https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article\\_3476855.html/](https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2014/11/article_3476855.html/)



## Kenya

Mark Kariuki (chairman of the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya, said that the Attorney General's decision to ban the registration of new churches amounted to persecution “We call on all Christians to support us and stand with us”)

Date: November 14, 2014

Location: Nairobi

Source: <http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2014/november/kenya-bans-new-churches-miracle-faking-spree-victor-kanyari.html>



## Mexico

Fr John Ssenyondo MCCJ (Ugandan citizen, disappeared on April 30, 2014 after celebrating a wedding; **body found in a mass grave** on October 29, 2014; identification confirmed)

Date: November 13, 2014

Locations: Santa Cruz, Chilapa, Guerrero state

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/36767-AMERICA\\_MEXICO\\_A\\_Comboni\\_missionary\\_found\\_dead\\_in\\_a\\_mass\\_grave\\_among\\_other\\_bodies#.VGg598Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36767-AMERICA_MEXICO_A_Comboni_missionary_found_dead_in_a_mass_grave_among_other_bodies#.VGg598Lwsfg)



## Nigeria

**Event: Clergy signed a statement "We are also worried that the Christians are been systematically eliminated by members of the Boko Haram Islamic extremists. We are forced to believe that the whole attack is a deliberate plan to exterminate Christians living in the affected areas"**

Bishop Stephen Dami Mamza (**UPDATE**)

Archbishop Nemuel Babba

Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria

Samuel Dali Danti (**UPDATE**)

Bishop Amos Yakubu

Date reported: November 13, 2014

Source: <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/nigeria-boko-haram-makes-christian-children-watch-their-parents-being-slaughtered-in-front-of-their-eyes/#sthash.LhBEUiL6.dpuf>

Fr Gideon Obasogie (**UPDATE:** said that 100,000 Catholics have fled Boko Haram, added "A large number of Nigerians are trapped and forced to follow the strict interpretation of the rules of Sharia in different cities like Bama, Gwoza, Madagali, Gulak, Shuwa, Michika Uba and Mubi. We are talking about towns located along the road that links Maiduguri and Yola to Adamawa State. Terrorists have declared that all conquered cities are part of the Islamic Caliphate")

Date: November 19, 2014

Location: Maiduguri

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/36793->

[AFRICA NIGERIA More than 100 000 Catholics scattered because of Boko Haram but we remain to bear witness with our presence said a priest of Maiduguri#.VG14WMLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36793-)



## Pakistan

Qaiser Ayub (aged 40, professor of computer science, arrested in the previous week on blasphemy charges dating from 2011, had been a fugitive for 3 years)

Date reported: November 17, 2014

Location: Lahore

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/36773->

[ASIA PAKISTAN Christian arrested for blasphemy investigation into the murder of Kasur continues#.VGq1n8Lwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36773-)

Shahbaz Masih (brother of Shahzad Masih, said that his family has been receiving threats to drop the prosecution of those arrested for the November 4, 2014 lynching murder of his brother and sister-in-law)

Date: November 19, 2014

Location: Kot Radha Kishan, Kasur, Punjab province

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/family-of-slain-christians-in-pakistan-fear-for-safety/72428>



## Qatar

**Event:** Christian couple, U.S. citizens, jailed in [January 2013](#) on murder charges after their 8-year old daughter Gloria died from anorexia, authorities accused her of adopting Gloria for organ harvesting since she was not "good looking", the prosecutor also cited the

Islamic prohibition on adoption; sentenced to 3 years imprisonment on [March 27, 2013](#) despite an autopsy that showed their daughter's illnesses were due to pre-adoption malnutrition, released from jail on [November 6, 2013](#) on bail pending appeal; **UPDATE:** upcoming hearing scheduled for November 30, 2014, the death penalty could be imposed

Matthew Huang

Grace Huang

Date reported: November 20, 2014

Location: Doha

Source [with video]: <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2014/November/Christian-Couple-Faces-Death-Sentence-after-Daughter-Dies/>



### Sri Lanka

Fr Benjamin Henry Miller SJ (aged 89, awarded the National Peace Council's Citizens Peace Award for his efforts during the civil war that saved the lives of thousands)

Date: November 2014

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/in-sri-lanka-a-priest-who-protected-thousands/72430>



### Sudan

**Event: NISS secret police enforced a court order backing the transfer of church property to a Muslim investor from a church committee imposed by the government, several Christians arrested**

Pastor Dawood Fadul (arrested by police in October 2013 after they invaded church property for the purpose of turning it over to a Muslim investor, released; **UPDATE:** reported on the government's demolition of his parish church and associated residences, arrested, released)

Daud Bashir Gadalah (church elder, said "This is a case of serious persecution of the church in Sudan. We appeal to the international community of the Christian body to stand with us and to advocate for our case. The forces of evil cannot prevail against the church of Christ")

Pastor Hafiz Fasaha (home destroyed by a bulldozer)

Dates: November 17-18, 2014

Location: North Khartoum

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/tensions-high-as-church-in-sudan-strives-to-fend-off-demolition/>



## Syria

Archbishop Jacques Behnan Hindo (**UPDATE**: said "If the US-led intervention against the jihadists of the Islamic State [aka ISIL] eventually turns against the Syrian army, we could have a second Libya in Syria")

Date: November 14, 2014

Location: Hassake

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/36765-ASIA\\_SYRIA\\_Archbishop\\_Hindo\\_if\\_the\\_US\\_attack\\_the\\_Syrian\\_army\\_we\\_will\\_have\\_a\\_second\\_Libya#.VGg7kMLwsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/36765-ASIA_SYRIA_Archbishop_Hindo_if_the_US_attack_the_Syrian_army_we_will_have_a_second_Libya#.VGg7kMLwsfg)



## Ukraine

Rev Alexander (pastor, father of 10 children, church and automobile seized by armed men)

Pastor Sergey Kosyak (**UPDATE**: reported on the attack on Rev Alexander)

Date: November 14, 2014

Location: Donetsk

Source: <http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue25375.html>



## United Kingdom

Bernadette Smyth (pro-life activist, convicted of harassment of the director of an illegal abortion facility, her defense attorney denied that any harassment had occurred and that the director had initiated all contacts with his client)

Date: November 19, 2014

Location: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/northern-irelands-most-prominent-pro-life-leader-convicted-of-harassment-ag>



## United States - District of Columbia



Fr Frank Pavone (national director of Priests for Life, stated that the group would not comply with a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling which required the pro-life group to fund abortions, added "To ask a group of priests to cooperate in the government's plan to expand access to birth control and abortion-inducing drugs is about as contrary to religious freedom as you can get")

Date: November 14, 2014

Source [with photo]: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/priests-for-life-to-defy-court-order-requiring-it-to-comply-with-hhs-mandat>

### **United States - Oklahoma**

Jerome Bullock (son of Diane Range, stabbed by a Muslim neighbor and threatened with beheading during a debate over religion)

Diane Range (mother of Jerome Bullock, defended her son with a baseball bat when he was stabbed)

Date: November 17, 2014

Location: Oklahoma City

Source: <http://www.koco.com/crime/man-arrested-accused-of-slashing-man-after-heated-religious-conversation/29809084>



### **Vatican City**

Caramba (Ghanaian citizen, attempted to cover half-naked FEMEN demonstrators with his jacket, helped load the women into a police car)

Date: November 19, 2014

Location: St Peter's Square

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/baring-breasts-in-st.-peters-square-femen-activists-protest-pope-francis>



### **Vietnam**

**Event: A church issued a report on continuing persecution by police "They send gangs and thugs, strangers, masked people, and police of various units to harass and arrest us during the day and the night, when we worship, when we pray, when we have Bible study, when we have children's classes, when we eat together, when we have school ceremonies. They use bricks and stones to damage our building, and they pelt us with rotten eggs...They employ police of the 113 unit, rapid response police, security police in plain clothes, gangs and thugs, all taking turns to harass and threaten us.**

**Thirty-four people have been injured, some to the point they had to be taken to hospital emergency. Pastor Quang was attacked in the church sanctuary in June by a gang with police and officials looking on, not lifting a finger to intervene”**

Pastor Nguyen Hong Quang (**UPDATE**: arrested along with his son, another pastor, and six other parishioners by police accompanied by provocatively dressed prostitutes, church ransacked, signed the persecution report after their release

Hung (report signatory)

Hong (report signatory)

Thach (report signatory)

Du (report signatory)

Date: November 12, 2014

Location: Ben Cat, Binh Duong province

Pastor Dinh Nhat Minh Khao (under investigation)

Date: November 14, 2014

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2014/11/five-months-of-attacks-on-mennonite-church-in-vietnam-prompt-sos/>

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