

Today's Martyrs
2015-10-04 through 2015-10-10



Australia

Troy Newman (U.S. citizen, prolife activist, visa revoked on [September 29, 2015](#) after pro-abortion activists falsely claimed that he advocated violence against abortion providers; **UPDATE**: entered the country to protest the revocation of his visa, detained, voluntarily left prior to his immigration hearing)

Dates: [October 1-3, 2015](#)

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/us-pro-life-leader-receives-heros-welcome-back-home-after-being-arrested-in>



Bangladesh

Rev Luke Sarkar (aged 50, attacked by three Muslim men, throat cut but not seriously so, the attackers were frightened off and left their motorcycle behind)

Nirmal Rozario (**UPDATE**: said "We are very concerned about the attack. In the last two weeks, radical Muslims have killed two foreigners. We Christians are vulnerable in this country, as are other Muslim minorities. We can be attacked at any moment...The police must arrest the three assailants and impose an exemplary punishment")

Date: [October 5, 2015](#)

Location: [Ishwardi, Pabna district](#)

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Protestant-clergyman-in-stabbing-by-three,-possibly-Muslim-attackers-35500.html>



China

Pastor Lu Jingxiang (**UPDATE**: administratively detained for 15 days, second detention for the same 'offense')

Date: [September 20, 2015](#)

Location: [Mingguang, Chuzhou, Anhui province](#)

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/anhui-pastor-detained-second-time-for.html>



Egypt

Pope Tawadros II aka Wagih Sobhy Baqi Suleiman (**UPDATE**: said that the Christians who are running for political office with the Islamist Al-Nour party have no credibility)

Date: October 5, 2015

Location: Cairo

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=64585>

Handy Makanouti (**UPDATE**: ordered by a 'customary meeting' to not go into his land or to church for four months)

Date: October 3, 2015

Location: Amiriya, Alexandria

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=64584>

Amgad Emad Zikry (Eighth grade student, bullied by a Muslim student, home later invaded by a mob of 200 Muslims, mother and two others including his cousin Emad beaten)

Youssef Talaat Ayad (student, cousin of Amgad Emad Zikry, son of Talaat and Sameeha Ayad, defended his cousin from a Muslim bully at school, beaten by a Muslim mob that invaded his home)

Talaat Ayad (husband of Sameeha, father of Youssef Talaat Ayad and Ishak, stationary store looted by 200 Muslims after his son defended his cousin from a Muslim bully at school, hand broken, home invaded)

Ishak Ayad (aged 18, beaten by a Muslim mob that invaded his home)

Sameeha Ayad (wife of Talaat Ayad, mother of Youssef Talaat Ayad and Ishak, beaten by a Muslim mob that invaded his home, required 5 stitches in her head)

Emad (cousin of Amgad Emad Zikry, beaten by a mob of 200 Muslims, skull and leg fractured)

Fr Istaphanos Shehata (described the attack)

Fr Sarophim (described the attack “After the victims arrived at the hospital the police and someone from the District Attorney’s office came to take their statements as a standard procedure. But no arrest warrant was issued, even though the criminals are known to everybody. As usual the police dealt with the situation with apathy”)

Date: October 8, 2015

Location: Samalout, Minya province

Source: <http://www.persecution.org/2015/10/08/at-least-7-christians-injured-in-attack-on-christians-in-upper-egypt/>



India

Event: Three Christians arrested for forced conversions

Stephan Rajkumar (aged 40, arrested)

Harilal (aged 20, arrested)

Anil Kumar (arrested)

Archbishop Leo Cornelio (**UPDATE:** said "The police conducted the arrests on the basis of a simple 'complaint', without any investigation: this is a serious violation of human rights. Some fanatics put pressure on the police without any evidence of actual attempts at forced conversions. The agents then carry out the arrests. What happened is a serious violation")

Date: October 3, 2015

Location: Majhgawan, Satna district, Madhya Pradesh state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Madhya-Pradesh,-three-Pentecostal-Christians-arrested-for-alleged-forced-conversions-35491.html>

Runita Damor (wife of Pastor Ajmer Singh Damor, beaten by Hindu radicals who attacked a prayer meeting, fled with her 18 month old baby)

Amiya Jal (described the attack on the prayer meeting led by Pastor Ajmer Singh Damor)

Rev Sam Francis (described the attack on the prayer meeting led by Pastor Ajmer Singh Damor)

Date: September 10, 2015

Location: Fattiguda, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh state

Pastor Dayal Davar (threatened with death if he did not renounce Christ, reported the incident to police, police demanded that he stop all prayer meetings in the village)

Date: September 5, 2015

Location: Barkhat village, Bagh block, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh state

Event: One hundred Christians at a worship service attacked by Hindu radicals, 14 Christians arrested for disturbing the peace, police refused to file a report against the attackers

Sagar Bai (aged 50, beaten)

Bhawanti (teenage girl, clothes torn)

Pastor Suresh Mandloi (**UPDATE:** described the attack)

Date: September 6, 2015

Location: Barkhat village, Bagh block, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh state

Rev Jaykar Christy (described the arrest of Sunny Oommen and John Alexander)

Date: September 6, 2015

Location: Kesla Kala village, Seoni district, Madhya Pradesh state

Raju (arrested on forced conversion charges)

Roop Singh (arrested on forced conversion charges)

Rev Paul Munia (said “Pastor Bilwal and two Christians, Raju and Roop Singh, were visiting some church members in the Nankhodara area when the anti-Christian people manhandled them, threatened them with dire consequences if they visited the village again and filed a police complaint against them of forceful conversion”)

Date: September 5, 2015

Location: Amjhera, Dhar, Madhya Pradesh state

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/10/pastor-beaten-unconscious-in-madhya-pradesh-india/>



Iran

Amir (alias, convert, printer, fled the country to Turkey by 2013, has immigrated to the United States)

Date reported: September 30, 2015

Source: <http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue27015.html>



Iraq

Sarah (infant, rescued from a 110 degree shelter in a refugee camp by Savina Dawood)

Savina Dawood (rescued ailing infant Sarah from a 110 degree shelter in a refugee camp, became her godmother)

Date: August 2014

Location: Erbil, Kurdistan

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151006193557.htm>

Event: Two religious sisters have moved into a refugee camp

Sr Afnan

Sr Alice

Date: October 9, 2015

Location: Ankawa, Kurdistan

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/38635-ASIA_IRAQ_Two_Iraqi_sisters_go_and_live_among_the_Christian_refugees_camped_in_Erbil#.VhiKDsLlsfg



Italy

Fr Mussie Zerai (former Eritrean refugee, stated that 90% of the survivors of an October 3, 2013 boat sinking near Lampedusa in which at least 232 died and hundreds are missing are Christians who were fleeing persecution in Eritrea and Ethiopia; **UPDATE:** has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with refugees)

Date: October 7, 2015

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/mussie-zero-eritrean-priest-saves-migrants-phone-055745990.html>



Nigeria

Raphael (aged 35, convert from Islam, threatened with death)

Date reported: October 4, 2015

Location: Maiduguri, Borno state

Source [with photo]: <http://www.nigerianbulletin.com/threads/boko-haram-marked-me-for-death-because-i-converted-to-christianity.125928/>



Pakistan

Saddique Azam (school headmaster, beaten by three Muslim teachers who resented his position, eye seriously injured, police tried to avoid filing a report)

Date: October 5, 2015

Location: Pernawa, near Phool Nagar, Kasur District

Source: <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/kasur-a-christian-head-teacher-beaten-and-tortured-for-his-faith/>



Philippines

Rolando Del Torchio (aged 57, former priest and missionary, abducted)

Date reported: October 7, 2015

Location: Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Mindanao

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Rolando-Del-Torchio,-a-former-PIME-missionary,-abducted-in-Dipolog-City-35523.html>



Syria

Archbishop Antoine Audo SJ (**UPDATE:** said "People have become destitute; many are sick. There is no money to buy food; everything is expensive...[Militants] issue their messages, to show that they are powerful and have the means to instill fear. And the West is in danger against these extremist groups")

Date: October 5, 2015

Location: Aleppo

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-the-bishop-of-Aleppo,-the-destruction-in-Palmyra-is-a-warning-from-the-Islamic-State-to-the-West-35499.html>

Patriarch Ignatius Ephrem Joseph III Yonan (**UPDATE:** said "We, what we call the message, we patriarchs usually extend to our flocks — either Chaldean Syriac Catholics, Iraq Orthodox, Assyrians — aid to respect their choice. We don't impose on them the choice of remaining in the country or emigrating. However, we can do nothing to stop the exodus of our people because we have been abandoned, even betrayed by the Western countries, and we really blame our Christian brethren in the West, either in North America or in the European Union, to just ignore us in our own country")

Date: September 20, 2015

Source [with video and transcript]: <http://www.churchmilitant.com/video/episode/intv-2015-10-01>

Archbishop Jacques Behnan Hindo (**UPDATE:** said "Moscow's intervention has been positive because they are really targeting ISIL and the militia are beginning to flee. They fled from the area in about 20 cars in a hurry in the direction of Iraq, leaving another 20 cars on site...On the night of Feb. 23, when ISIL attacked, the American planes flew over the area for a long time without intervening. Then for three days we saw no more jets, leaving the field open to the militants. This makes us think that in some way have been helped by the Americans and their ambiguous attitude...They [ISIL] have executed three [Christians] and they are preparing another three for an upcoming execution...People [in Deir ez-Zor] are dying of hunger, they lack food and medicine. Just think that today 50 kg of sugar costs as much as a car or a house. People sell the car to buy it. The ISIL has imposed a real blockade, men, women, elderly and children are starving")

Date: October 9, 2015

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Syrian-bishop:-Ambiguous-US-policy-favors-Islamic-state.-Fears-for-kidnapped-Christians-35543.html>



United Kingdom

Nissar Hussain (aged 49, convert from Islam, husband of Kubra; **UPDATE:** family has fled their home after more attacks and police inaction, has given up his career as a nurse due to depression and stress)

Kubra Hussain (aged 45, wife of Nissar Hussain)

Anniesa (aged 21, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain)

Miriam (aged 17, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain)

Leena (aged 14, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain)

Isaaq (aged 7, son of Nissar and Kubra Hussain)

Sarah (aged 19, daughter of Nissar and Kubra Hussain)

Date: October 2, 2015

Location: Bradford

Source [with photos]: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3258159/Asian-family-converted-Christianity-driven-home-Muslim-persecutors.html>



United States - Oregon

Event: A gunman with neopagan leanings deliberately targeted Christian students in a college classroom

Jason Dale Johnson (aged 33, **shot dead**)

Lucas Eibel (aged 18, **shot dead**)

Quinn Glen Cooper (aged 18, **shot dead**)

Rebecka Ann Carnes (aged 18, **shot dead**)

Sarena Dawn Moore (aged 44, **shot dead**)

Lacey Scroggins (aged 18, daughter of Pastor Randy Scroggins, survived the attack without injury, protected by Treven Taylor Anspach, rendered aid to victims until police took her away)

Pastor Howard A Johnson (granddaughter shot in the leg, survived, name not released due to privacy concerns)

Date: October 1, 2015

Location: Roseburg

Source: <http://www.nrtoday.com/news/18480453-113/family-forever-grateful>
and <http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue27023.html>

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