

Today's Martyrs
2015-10-11 through 2015-10-17



Argentina

Martin Patrino (president of the pro-life group ArgentinosAlerta, condemned an attack by half-naked feminists on the cathedral in which parishioners were pelted with stones and bottles, said they were “running at the mouth talking about women's rights, but it seems they can't stand the right to religious freedom”)

Date: October 11, 2015

Location: Mar del Plata

Source: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pro-abortion-madness-in-argentina-half-naked-activists-attack-cathedral-74923/>



China

Zhao Weiling (husband of Liu Cuiping, detained at a [June 25, 2014](#) worship service, accused of being a member of the Total Scope Church aka the Born Again Movement cult; sentenced on [May 28, 2015](#) to 4 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: has filed an administrative reconsideration suit for retrial)

Liu Cuiping (wife of Zhao Weiling, **UPDATE**: said of a possible retrial of her husband “An acquittal is impossible. That would show how ridiculous the original sentence was. Instead, it will be good if his sentence is reduced to one year”)

Date reported: October 13, 2015

Location: Cao county, Shandong province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/upcoming-reconsideration-trial-for.html>



Congo, Democratic Republic

Event: Thirty-three Christians killed by Islamic militants

Pastor Kanyamanda Jean Kambale (husband of Odette Kambale, **killed**)

Odette Kambale (wife of Pastor Kanyamanda Jean Kambale, **killed**)

Date: October 16, 2014

Location: Kadohu village

Source [with photo]: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4051016/>



Cuba

Rev Bravo Denis (ordered on September 18, 2013 to be evicted from his home; **UPDATE**: still fighting his eviction, home attacked by mobs in attempts to force his family to leave)

Date: October 15, 2015

Location: Camaguey

Source: <http://www.csw.org.uk/2015/10/15/news/2813/article.htm>



Ethiopia

Alem (aged 40-plus, beaten by Wakefeta animists after leaving church)

Godana (aged 55, husband of Beza, father of eight, **killed** by Wakefeta animists with machetes inside his church)

Beza (widow of Godana, said: “I suffer from pneumonia and have been receiving treatments for many years. Godana was responsible for everything in the house. I don’t know what I will do”)

Date: August 30, 2015

Location: Guder village, Oromia state

Dinke (abducted from her home by Wakefeta animists, strangled, left for dead, hospitalized, said “I don’t think I could ever think of returning to the village”)

Date: September 1, 2015

Location: Guder village, Oromia state

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4052246/>



Haiti

Roberta Edwards (aged 55, missionary, U.S. citizen, **shot dead** in her automobile, 4 year old boy in her care abducted)

Date: October 10, 2015

Source [with photo]: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/american-missionary-killed-haiti-child-kidnapped-147572/>



India

Sr Mary Prema MC (Missionaries of Charity superior general, said that the Missionaries would be closing their adoption centers in India after the government issued new regulations that would allow nontraditional families to adopt)

Date: October 11, 2015

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/missionaries-of-charity-nuns-to-close-adoption-centers-in-india/74417>

Pastor Chamu Hasda Purty (**shot dead** by unknown assailants)

Date: October 13, 2015

Location: Sandih, Khunti district, Jharkhand state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Jharkhand,-shooting-of-Pentecostal-pastor-an-offense-for-secular-India-35587.html>



Indonesia

Event: At least 8,000 Christians fled Muslim attacks over 'illegal' temporary churches

Fr Ipung Purwosuranto OSC (wrote "Dozens have arrived asking for asylum in St Michael's Parish in Tumajae, in the diocese of Sibolga. They are housed temporarily in the rectory and the house of the sisters")

Fr Dominikus Sibagariang OFM (said "Several Capuchin priests and local nuns helped them by bringing them food. This is a humanitarian mission. The priests' presence gives people a sense of hope and security")

Fr Alfons Pandiangan OFM Cap (has been sheltering refugees)

Rev Erde Berutu (church burned, **UPDATE:** said "The churches were already built in the 1930s. The youngest church was built in 2001, while the regulation first appeared in 2006")

Date: October 13, 2015

Location: Aceh Singkil regency, Aceh province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Aceh:-thousands-of-people-flee-religious-violence-following-church-attacks-35595.html>

and <http://www.ucanews.com/news/thousands-flee-religious-violence-in-indonesias-aceh-province/74434>



Iraq

Fr Samir Yousif Al-Khoury (with winter coming is appealing for aid for 3,500 refugees in his care)

Date: October 15, 2015

Location: Amadiya-Dohuc, Kurdistan

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Winter-is-coming-for-Mosul-refugees:-We-need-your-help-35591.html>

Sr Hayat OP (aged 30, refugee, has been sleeping on the floor of a laundry, started a youth prayer group "They're asking God what He wants them to do. Should they migrate? Or should they stand firmly in this country, accepting what God is doing here? Pray that God opens doors for them and shows them which one to take")

Date: October 15, 2015

Location: Erbil, Kurdistan

Source [with photo]: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4056288/>



Israel

Marike Veldman (repeatedly stabbed on a bus by a Muslim terrorist, hospitalized)

Date: October 13, 2015

Location: East Talpiot aka Armon HaNetziv

Source [with photo - warning]: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/christian-woman-survives-muslim-terrorist-stabbing-screaming-jesus-147860/>



Kazakhstan

Yklas Kabduakasov (aged 54, father of eight, arrested in [Astana](#) by KNB secret police on [August 14, 2015](#) for spreading 'religious discord' by discussing his faith with others and offering Christian books to others, ordered held on August 15, 2015 in a two-month pretrial detention; **UPDATE**: trial begun)

Date: October 8, 2015

Location: Astana

Source: http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2110



Pakistan

Pervaiz Masih (husband of Zarina Bibi, father of Amir, Prem, Anmol, and Sanam, construction material supplier accused of blasphemy by a business rival in Kasur district, arrested on September 1, 2015; **UPDATE**: released on bail)

Date: October 10, 2015

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5637>

Naveed John (aged 24, arrested on blasphemy charges after found with a sword inscribed with Quranic verses, had accepted the sword as a gift to avoid causing offense)

Date: October 8, 2015

Location: Maryam colony [ghetto], Sargodha, Punjab province

Source: <http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/islamic-inscriptions-on-sword-found-on-christian-cause-his-arrest-under-blasphemy-charges>

Robin Ghosh (husband of Saniya, father of Rajeel and Rahul, beaten, in hiding)

Saniya Ghosh (convert, wife of Robin, father of Rajeel and Rahul, subject of a fatwa calling for her death for leaving Islam, in hiding)

Date: August 20, 2015

Location: undisclosed

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5645>



Sweden

Event: ISIL threats including 'Convert or die' have appeared on businesses owned by Assyrian Christians

Markus Samuelsson (said "I felt a sudden chill down my spine. It's terribly painful, we feel threatened. Our family fled Turkey for Sweden in the 70s. What we're exposed to reminds us of the stories we were told as children. It's very real and threatening, and we're terrified")

Josef Garis (said "The persecution of the past feels near")

Date: October 14, 2015

Location: Gothenburg

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151014145500.htm>



Syria

Fr Jacques Murad SJ (abducted in [Homs](#) on [May 18, 2015](#) by two armed men; **UPDATE:** escaped from ISIL captivity with the help of a Muslim friend, said "Almost every day, someone [from IS] would come into my cell and ask, 'Who are you?' I would answer, 'I am a Nazarene, i.e. a Christian'. At that point, they would shout, 'Then you're an infidel. And since you are an infidel, if you do not convert, we are going to cut your throat with a knife'. But I never signed a statement to renounce Christianity...Whilst I was a prisoner, I was waiting for the day of my death but with great inner peace. I had no problem with dying in the name of our Lord. I would not be the first nor the last, but one among the thousands of martyrs for Christ")

Date: [October 10, 2015](#)

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Joy-for-Fr-Mourad,-fear-for-the-fate-of-190-Christian-prisoners-held-by-the-Islamic-State-35568.html>
and <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Nuncio-in-Damascus:-Fr.-Mourad-was-released,-is-resting-and-in-good-health-35554.html>

Isho Jamo (aged 48, unemployed electrician, refugee, has fled Islamic militants several times)

Jan Abraham (aged 54, banker, mayor, said most Christians are too fearful of ISIL to return)

Date: [October 10, 2015](#)

Location: Tal Tamir

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151010185446.htm>

Dr Abd Almasseh Enwea (son of Maream Gawreh, abducted by ISIL on [February 23, 2015](#) from [Tal-Jazera](#) village; **UPDATE:** **shot dead**)

Ashour Fedor Ebrahim (abducted by ISIL on [February 23, 2015](#) from [Tal-Jazera](#) village; **UPDATE:** **shot dead**)

Bassam Michael Issa (son of Gourget Malki, abducted by ISIL on [February 23, 2015](#) from [Tal-Shameran](#) village; **UPDATE:** **shot dead**)

Date reported: [October 14, 2015](#)

Source: https://www.catholic.org/news/international/middle_east/story.php?id=64763



Uganda

Samson Nfunyeku (aged 59, evangelist, father of seven and grandfather of 16, **killed** after debating Muslim clerics)

Date: [September 23, 2015](#)

Location: [Kalampete village, Kibuku district](#)

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/10/evangelist-in-eastern-uganda-killed-after-muslim-christian-debate/>



Vietnam

Bishop Michael Hoang Duc Oanh (**UPDATE**: protested government's plans to demolish small churches and chapels, including 22 in one district alone)

Date: October 16, 2015

Location: Kontum

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Religious-freedom-denied:-Bishop-of-Kontum-slams-church-demolition-35605.html>

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