

Today's Martyrs
2015-10-18 through 2015-10-24



Bangladesh

Tapon Cruze (family driven from their home by a Muslim mob, said "They wanted to shoot me. They told us that they would kill us if we had opposed the expropriation of our house")

Date: October 15, 2015

Location: Dhaka

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Expropriation-of-lands-in-Bangladesh:-100-Muslims-occupy-Christian-home-in-Dhaka-35610.html>



China

Pastor Huang Yizi (aged 41, arrested again on [September 12, 2015](#), charges unknown;
UPDATE: has been denied access to an attorney or his family)

Date: October 16, 2015

Location: Wenzhou, Zhejiang province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/huang-yizi-denied-access-to-lawyers.html>

Ms Guo (church leader, church sealed by the Religious Affairs Bureau on [August 18, 2015](#), appealed their action, the RAB officials conceded the seals were not legal and removed them, but then pressured the landlord to terminate the church's lease, said "Even more appalling is that, after we left, the religious affairs bureau had the public security bureau place closed-circuit surveillance cameras at the door to my home ... Right now, I haven't done anything. I want to sue them")

Date reported: October 23, 2015

Location: Chenghai district, Guangdong province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/officials-force-landlord-to-end-churchs.html>

Mou (church employee, church building built in May 2014 with official approval, local land ministry sued on [July 1, 2014](#) to close the church, court decided against the church, appellate court ruled in [August 2015](#) against the church, another appeal is planned, said that they would have been approved if they joined the Three-Self Patriotic Movement [the official government church]: "They wanted me to go to the religious affairs bureau and register. They tried to force us")

Date reported: October 23, 2015

Location: Zunyi, Guizhou province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/guizhou-house-church-appeal-rejected.html>



Egypt

Kastor Amir Bushra (aged 5, abducted, US\$12,461 ransom demanded;

UPDATE: recovered after a ransom of US\$5,607 was paid)

Date reported: October 22, 2015

Location: Al-Swafy manor, Dafsh village, Samalout, Minya province

Source: <http://www.copts-united.com/English/Details.php?I=1493&A=20813>
and <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=64771>



Indonesia

Pastor Gomar Gultom (**UPDATE:** said “The [October 12, 2015] meeting between the community and religious leaders was facilitated by the state [of Aceh Singkil], as if endorsing civil society to carry out violence” that followed)

Date reported: October 20, 2015

Source: <https://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4064222/>

Fr Mandius Mateus Siringoringo O.Carm (described the demolition of a mission station by the local government)

Date: October 20, 2015

Location: Aceh Singkil

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/church-demolitions-follow-arson-attack-in-indonesias-aceh-province/74467>



Iraq

Salwan Mochtar (aged 38, father of Daniel and Zachi, refugee)

Daniel Mochtar (aged 4, son of Salwan Mochtar, refugee)

Zachi Mochtar (aged 9, son of Salwan Mochtar, refugee)

Date: October 21, 2015

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151020204600.htm>



Jordan

Albert (father of Jack, mechanical engineer, Syrian refugee)

Jack (aged 12, son of Albert, Syrian refugee)

Date: October 21, 2015

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151020204745.htm>



Pakistan

Aasiya Noreen aka Asia Bibi (aged 50 in 2015, wife of Ashiq Masih, mother of five including Isham, daughter of Soran Masih, still incarcerated on a 2009 blasphemy conviction and death sentence; **UPDATE**: has been placed in an isolation cell to protect her from vigilantism after the killer of Governor Salman Taseer lost his Supreme Court appeal)

Date reported: October 15, 2015

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?newsid=2024>

Amina (alias, aged 29, convert from Islam, wife of Salamat, mother of two, in hiding, unable to work)

Salamat (alias, aged 34, husband of Amina, father of two, shot in the leg, run over by a motorcycle, wound never healed properly, in hiding, unable to work)

Date reported: October 19, 2015

Location: undisclosed

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-Pakistani-family-converted-to-Christianity-is-hounded,-victim-of-death-threats-35623.html>

Sameer Masih (aged 13, son of Tariq Masih, abducted by three Muslims at gunpoint and sodomized)

Date: October 3, 2015

Location: Jamkay village, Cheema Tehsil Daska district, Sialkot

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5657>



Sweden

Yusuf Asmar (pizza store owner, has been threatened by the ISIL "convert or die" graffiti campaign)

Date: October 20, 2015

Location: Gothenburg

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/86937.htm>

Faisal Javaid (convert, Pakistani refugee, husband of Eka, father of two, threatened with deportation)

Herman Fernandez (Pakistani refugee, former teacher, had been abducted in Pakistan in 2011 with two colleagues who were beheaded, escaped, entered Sweden but was denied asylum, threatened with deportation, said "They don't see that my life is in such a danger in Pakistan...They will get me either from the airport or, oh, that would be the last of me!")

Date reported: October 20, 2015

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?newsid=2025>



Syria

Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart (**UPDATE:** said "If nothing is done, it is not impossible that all the Christians in Syria may be wiped out...There is a fundamental threat to Christianity from ISIL. They have killed plenty of us. There is an existential crisis...Many people have been abducted, many people have been killed, many people have been beheaded, many people have been persecuted, it is a terrible situation...I am going back to Aleppo, it is my country. I am responsible for the Christians, I have to stay beside them and I will never leave them alone. A good shepherd never leaves his sheep...I would sacrifice my own life to be in Syria")

Date: October 22, 2015

Location: London, United Kingdom

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151021223921.htm>



Uganda

Mamwikomba Mwanika (convert, wife of George Mwanika, mother of eight, attacked by local Muslims, **died in route to the hospital**)

George Mwanika (convert, widower of Mamwikomba Mwanika, brother of Samson Nfunyeku, said "I know that the attackers are looking for me. We are seeking God's protection and His peace. May God give me the courage to continue sharing the love of Christ to those who are lost, as Jesus said we should love our enemies")

Date: October 19, 2015

Location: Kalampete village, Kibuku district

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/10/bloodshed-in-eastern-uganda-continues-as-christian-mother-of-eight-is-slain/>

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