

Today's Martyrs
2015-10-25 through 2015-10-31



Canada

Leye Oyelani (Christian event coordinator, denied a permit for 2016 because the event included songs that contained the name of Jesus and thus violated the city's anti-proselytizing policy)

Peter Paresh (Christian event coordinator)

Rev David Lynn (**UPDATE**: founder of Christian Positive Space & Stop Bullying Christians Now, called the refusal to grant the permit “blatant discrimination” against Christians, said “How’s a Christian at a Christian event not to say the name of Jesus in their songs?”)

Date reported: October 29, 2015

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/toronto-bans-music-festival-from-city-square-over-christian-songs>



China

Event: Three sisters of a detained pastor are detained for a second time

Xu Guoqin (attended a [May 24, 2015](#) church service at the home of Xu Guoqing and Zhou Xunmin which was raided by police without warrant, arrested, beaten after refusing to sign a confession; released on [May 29, 2015](#); **UPDATE**: detained again)

Xu Guoyan (detained for 7 to 15 days, released on [June 24, 2015](#), detained again)

Xu Guoying (attended a [May 24, 2015](#) church service at the home of Xu Guoqing and Zhou Xunmin which was raided by police without warrant, arrested; **UPDATE**: detained again)

Date: mid-October 2015

Location: Wenming village, Dagan town, Qianxi county, Guizhou province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/sisters-detained-in-continuing.html>

China

Event: Christian leaders detained in 'black' jails

Pastor Yan Xiaojie

Date reported: October 29, 2015

Location: Longwan district, Zhejiang province

Elder Zhou Aiping

Date reported: October 29, 2015

Location: Lucheng District, Zhejiang province

Wen (said “After a year, the cross demolitions had mostly finished. Then came the persecution, as pastors were caught and are still unreleased. The officials are becoming more arrogant and more powerful. The thing we need most is to have people who will step up to stop these kinds of things from happening. These people, can we fight for their release?”)

Date reported: October 29, 2015

Location: Zhejiang province

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/zhejiang-christians-detentions-upgraded.html>

Event: Four Christians detained after praying in a public park

Guan Shanyue

Huang Danyi

Sun Huibo

Zeng Miao

Date: October 25, 2015

Location: Haidian district, Beijing

Source: <http://www.chinaaid.org/2015/10/church-members-of-persecuted-beijings.html>



Egypt

Bibawi Farag Allah (aged 10, flogged 40 times by an Arabic teacher with an electric wire)

Date reported: October 27, 2015

Location: Nozha district, Cairo

Source [warning - graphic]: <http://www.copticsolidarity.org/media-news-events/news/4167-cairo-pupil-receives-40-lashes-from-teacher>
and <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=64807>



Jordan

Bassam Jacob (husband of Maysoon Jacob, father of three, Iraqi refugee, said "We were happy with the American presence. For us, when they left, it got worse. They should have kept our soldiers there. They should have stayed until things were stable", fled after ISIL threatened to abduct his children, added "God will compensate them according to what

they have done. We don't think of those who've wronged us. When we decided to leave, our Muslim neighbors didn't want us to go. They were our friends")

Maysoon Jacob (wife of Bassam Jacob, mother of three, Iraqi refugee, fled after ISIL threatened to abduct her children, said "My faith has never, never, never become less. Sometimes I am tempted to doubt. But we are believing family. Jesus has been in this house from the beginning...We want you to pray. Pray for the good people - Christians and Muslims - who are suffering")

Date: October 27, 2015

Source [with photos]: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151027151750.htm>



Nigeria

Rev Isma Dogari (forced into a mosque, handed a Quran and told that he would live if he denounced Jesus, replied "You need Jesus Christ in your lives", taken outside and **stabbed to death**)

Date: April 10, 2011

Location: Mararaban Liman Katagun

Pastor Joshua M Nana (**killed**)

Date: 2013

Location: Bassa village

Pastor Yunana Kinge (**killed**)

Date: June 25, 2012

Location: Rafin Pa, Zankwa

Pastor Yakubu Wazari (**killed** at the main market while taking his son to school)

Date: January 8, 2011

Location: Jos

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/10/nigerias-slain-indigenous-missionaries-leave-legacy-of-faith/>



Pakistan

Nabila Bibi (fiancée of Sajid Masih, daughter of Bashir Masih, abducted one month before her wedding, forced to convert to Islam and to marry a Muslim)

Bashir Masih (father of Nabila Bibi, held against his will by his daughter's abductors, escaped)

Sajid Masih (fiancé of Nabila Bibi, held against his will by his fiancée's abductors, escaped, in hiding after receiving threats)

Antzar Masih (cousin of Sajid Masih, held against his will by his cousin's fiancée's abductors, escaped)

Qaisar Masih (cousin of Sajid Masih, held against his will by his cousin's fiancée's abductors, escaped)

Dates: October 16, 22, 23, 2015

Location: Changa Manga, Punjab province

Source [with photo]: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5663>

Sardar Mushtaq Gill (attorney; **UPDATE**: reported on the gang rape of a hearing impaired Christian woman in her home)

Date: October 25, 2015

Location: Bonga Ghanda Singh Wala, Kasur

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5664>



Sudan

Bishop Yagoub Boutros (said that the targeting of churches for destruction has become a general issue following the arson of one of his churches and the demolition of another, and following the government's statement that no more permits for church construction would be issued)

Dates: October 17 and 22, 2015

Locations: Gadaref, East Sudan, and Omdurman

Source: <http://www.worldwatchmonitor.org/2015/10/4077326/>



Syria

Giries Na'oum (alias, aged 45, husband, father of three, said "We want Christians all over the world to know what is happening in Syria without misrepresentation. This war is for the profit of the big powers. So far, more than half the Christians of Aleppo have left. If the war continues, there will be no more Christians. Everyone is thinking about emigrating. Will it be possible to help those who remain in Aleppo to travel? This is a crucial question to look at in the future. Our greatest wish is that someone intercede with your governments to end the war...Few talk about peace. Pope Francis has been asking for it incessantly and loudly. He calls for peace in Syria and throughout the Middle East. His is a very important voice. It shows his closeness to the people in this moment of distress, providing support in daily life. It is a source of hope and comfort for the people")

Date reported: October 27, 2015

Location: Aleppo

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-a-Christian-and-a-Muslim-family-in-Aleppo-the-pope-is-a-source-of-hope-for-peace-in-Syria-35704.html>

Bishop George Abu Khazen OFM (**UPDATE**: described the shelling of a church during Mass “It was about 5.50 in the evening, inside the church there were at least four hundred people and it was the moment of Holy Communion. Had the shell exploded inside the church there would have been a massacre. Instead only seven of the faithful present were slightly injured by falling rubble and the roof was damaged. We thank the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thanks also to other members of the faithful who live nearby and rushed to the scene to assess the damage and tidy up the church and this enabled us to celebrate our daily morning Mass here today”)

Date: October 25, 2015

Location: Aleppo

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/38747-ASIA SYRIA A shell hits Latin Church in Aleppo during the celebration of Mass Bishop Abou Khazen it could have been a massacre#.VjAzN8Llsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/38747-ASIA_SYRIA_A_shell_hits_Latin_Church_in_Aleppo_during_the_celebration_of_Mass_Bishop_Abou_Khazen_it_could_have_been_a_massacre#.VjAzN8Llsfg)



Vietnam

Fr Ngo Gia The (described how Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, and Cao Dia believers united to prevent the government demolition of a Catholic school)

Date: October 25, 2015

Location: Ho Chi Minh City

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Ho-Chi-Minh-City,-Buddhists-and-Protestants-defend-Catholic-school-from-demolition-35700.html>

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