

Today's Martyrs
2015-11-15 through 2015-11-21



Bangladesh

Fr Parolari Piero PIME MD (aged 64, shot in the neck while riding his motor scooter, injured when he fell off, stabbed and beaten, hospitalized in critical condition)

Date: November 18, 2015

Location: Suihari

Source [with photo]: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/PIME-missionary-targeted-in-Dinajpur-gun-attack-35907.html>



China

Fr Pedro Yu Heping (aged 40, underground priest and seminary founder, webmaster and theology journal publisher, **found dead in a river**, police ruled his death a suicide, friends refuse to believe the ruling)

Date: November 8, 2015

Location: Taiyuan, Shanxi province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Underground-priest-dies-in-suspicious-circumstances-in-Shanxi-35891.html>

and <http://www.ucanews.com/news/chinese-underground-priest-found-dead/74620>



Egypt

Maher Fayez Habib (aged 18, secondary school student, reported on **May 18, 2015** to have been arrested on a charge of insulting Islam; **UPDATE**: released)

Date reported: November 15, 2015

Location: Beni Suef

Source: <http://www.mcndirect.com/showsubject.aspx?id=65015>



Germany

Dr Josef Bordat (philosopher, threatened with death after posting stories on his blog concerning pro-life activists who were portrayed as zombies to be killed in a pro-abortion pro-homosexual theatrical play and later subjected to arson attacks on their property, wrote "The readiness of use of force seems practically limitless. The 'full, physical destruction of the enemy' [as a colleague described it aptly] is the goal that will be achieved")

Date: November 3, 2015

Source: <http://www.kath.net/news/52733> - with translation



Greece

Event: Over a dozen refugees **drowned in the Aegean Sea, including seven Iraqi Christians**

Stephen Marzena Marogeh (husband of Silvana Sami Marogeh)

Silvana Sami Marogeh (wife of Stephen Marzena Marogeh)

Angie Marogeh (daughter of Stephen Marzena Marogeh and Silvana Sami Marogeh)

Mark Marogeh (son of Stephen Marzena Marogeh and Silvana Sami Marogeh)

Samah Sami Marogeh (sister of Silvana Sami Marogeh)

Haneen Salem Saman Shasha (daughter of Samah Sami Marogeh)

Marvin Shasha (son of Samah Sami Marogeh)

Date: November 17, 2015

Source [with photos]: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/?p=44960>



India

Rev Vijayesh Lal (**UPDATE**: reported on a Hindu attack on Christians “In one incident not long ago about 35 kilometers from Delhi, 13 pastors were gathered in the house of another pastor. They were praying. It was prayer meeting. There was no preaching or evangelizing. They were attacked and beaten. They were taken to the police station where they were told: ‘This is a Hindu nation. Your kind of prayers are not allowed.’ They were released later that day after many hours in custody”)

Date reported: November 14, 2015

Source: <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/india-pastors-beaten-and-jailed-for-praying-in-a-house/>

Parikhita Nayak (husband of Kanaka Rekha Nayak, father of two, home destroyed in the 2008 pogrom, two Christian friends killed, brought to a Hindu temple, beaten and threatened with death, refused to deny Christ, dragged with a cycle chain around his neck, **beheaded**)

Kanaka Rekha Nayak (widow of Parikhita Nayak, mother of two, said "I knew who had killed my husband. Afterwards they were taken to jail. After seven years in jail now they are released. I am scared to go to my village. They threaten me. I have lost my husband, my home and properties but I have not lost my faith. Jesus is my Savior")

Date: August 25-26, 2008

Date reported: November 16, 2015

Location: near Raikia, Kandhamal

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Survivor-of-Kandhamal-pogrom:-I-lost-everything-except-Jesus-35892.html>

Sajan K George (Global Council of Indian Christians, **UPDATE**: condemned comments by a leader of the RSS paramilitary organization who alleged that Christian churches and priests serve Maoists guerrillas)

Date: November 17, 2015

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Militant-Hindu-asks-whether-Christians-are-never-attacked-because-they-serve-Maoists-35904.html>

Swapna (aged 25, expectant mother, beaten along with 40 other Christians during a prayer meeting, miscarried)

Pastor David (Independent Church, said "This is a cruel act carried out in the name of Hindu nationalism. Fringe Hindu radicals portray Christians as anti-nationals so innocent Christians are punished for no wrong doing")

Rev Ronal John (President of the Telangana Christian Joint Action Committee, said "This is a highly condemnable act and the perpetrators should be punished under the law. The Christian community across the Mahabubnagar district are deeply distressed")

Date: October 12, 2015

Location: Balanagar village, Mahabubnagar district, Telangana state

Source: <http://www.persecution.org/2015/11/20/pregnant-christian-woman-loses-child-after-beating-by-hindu-radicals-in-india/>



Kenya

Hassan Ali (convert, home attacked by neighbors and in-laws armed with knives, wife and children taken, said "What is worrying me at the moment is that communication between my wife and me has now been disconnected. I cannot reach her again. I know my wife and my two children, Hussein and Mariam, will be Islamized. This is making me to have sleepless nights")

Hussein (aged 7, son of Hassan Ali)

Mariam (aged 4, daughter of Hassan Ali)

Date: November 11, 2015

Location: Witu, Lamu county

Pastor Francis Mutuku (church buildings destroyed in an arson attack)

Pastor Peter Nyawa (church building destroyed in an arson attack)

Date: October 30, 2015

Location: Tiribe

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/11/armed-muslims-take-wife-children-from-christian-in-kenya/>



Lebanon

Sarmad (Iraqi refugee, when asked if he would return to Iraq said "Iraq! I hate my parents for being born there")

Date reported: November 16, 2015

Source: <http://www.aina.org/news/20151116155053.htm>



Mexico

Fr Erasto Pliego de Jesus (disappeared, residence found ransacked with bloodstains on a chair and carpet;

found dead, body had been burned)

Dates: November 13 and 17, 2015

Location: Cuyoaco, Puebla state

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/38880-](http://www.fides.org/en/news/38880-AMERICA_MEXICO_Parish_priest_in_Cook_has_been_missing_for_days)

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and [http://www.fides.org/en/news/38888-](http://www.fides.org/en/news/38888-AMERICA_MEXICO_The_missing_priest_s_body_found_he_had_been_set_on_fire#.Vk_t68Llsfg)

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Pakistan

Sana John Shahid (aged 13, abducted while on her way to school, forcibly converted to Islam and forcibly married to her abductor, family filed a police report but the police have taken no action, family has received death threats)

Date: November 9, 2015

Location: Haji Pura, Sialkot, Punjab province

Source: <http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/detail.php?hnewsid=5693>

and <http://www.fides.org/en/news/38937->

[ASIA_PAKISTAN Kidnapping and conversion of a 13 year old Christian girl to Islam#.VlkXI8Llsfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/38937-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Kidnapping_and_conversion_of_a_13_year_old_Christian_girl_to_Islam#.VlkXI8Llsfg)



Turkey

Iskandar Dayan (farmer, severely beaten by 12 Kurds while driving his tractor, told to stop farming, jaw fractured, perpetrators released by police)

Date: November 16, 2015

Location: near Diyarbakir

Source [warning - graphic]: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/?p=44958>



Uganda

Namusisi Birye (aged 21, beaten by her father after converting to Christianity from Islam, rescued by her neighbors, an imam apparently also converted - his fate is unknown)

Date: November 12, 2015

Location: Nandere village, Kadama sub-county, Kibuku district

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2015/11/young-woman-in-uganda-beaten-disowned-for-putting-faith-in-christ/>



United Kingdom

Nissar Hussain (convert from Islam, husband of Kubra, **UPDATE**: attacked by two masked men when he left his home, beaten with the shaft of a pickaxe, suffered fractures in his left kneecap and left hand, underwent surgery to insert pins in the fractured bones)

Date: November 17, 2015

Location: Branford

Source [warning - graphic]: <http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/uk-pakistani-convert-attacked-and-hospitalised-for-his-faith>
and <https://barnabasfund.org/news/editorial-british-convert-to-christ-hospitalised-after-being-brutally-beaten-outside-his-home>



Vietnam

Event: Christians have been fighting the government seizure of three schools

Fr Vincent Pham Trung Than CSSR

Sr Maria Nguyen Thi Ngoan LHC

Date: November 17, 2015

Location: Ho Chi Minh City

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Saigon,-Catholic-buildings-targeted-by-communists.-Nuns-protest-expropriation-35899.html>

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