

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2016-03-13 through 2016-03-19



### Belarus

Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz (**UPDATE**: described how officials are unprepared to grant a license for a religious radio broadcast station "The Justice Ministry told us that these are religious affairs, go to the Committee for Religious and Ethnic Affairs. This registers religious organizations which conduct worship, but on the radio the Mass is not held")

Fr Yury Sanko (Bishop's conference spokesman; **UPDATE**: said "Officials don't know which of them should take responsibility, as radio is a special service")

Date: [December 23, 2015](#)

Location: Minsk

Fr Sergiy Lepin (Synodal department leader, told by the government that no frequency was available for a religious radio broadcast station, said "We are waiting for the right opportunity and meanwhile we have programs on state channels")

Date: [January 27, 2016](#)

Fr Yury Sanko (Bishop's conference spokesman; **UPDATE**: said that two priests from Poland were denied entry to the country in December "It's becoming ever more difficult for priests from abroad to come to Belarus")

Date: [March 11, 2016](#)

Location: Minsk

Bishop Sergei Tsvor (said his church has no plans to apply for a radio broadcast license as it knows it is impossible to be granted)

Date: [March 14, 2016](#)

Liliya Shulgan (wife of Mikhail Shulgan, charged on [December 29, 2015](#) with 'not using living premises for their designated purpose' despite the fact she was not present during her husband's Bible study at their home; **UPDATE**: found guilty, fined US\$100)

Date: [February 8, 2016](#)

Location: Gorki

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2157](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2157)



## **Brazil**

Fr Antonio Moser OFM (aged 75, theologian, **killed** during a highway robbery)

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Petropolis, Rio de Janeiro state

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/59599->

[AMERICA BRAZIL Friar Antonio Moser killed in an attempted robbery#.VuYs4sIUUfg](#)



## **Germany**

Rachel Marsuk (Open Doors International, said “We’ve heard much about the nasty treatment of Christians, and we’re compiling a report to push politicians into action...We’ve had questionnaires returned detailing how Christian refugees have been psychologically abused, physically mistreated and denied food. The scale of this problem has been covered up or played down”)

Archbishop Heiner Koch (has discussed the persecution of Christian refugees with local officials)

Stefan Forner (Berlin archdiocesan spokesman, said “Some people don’t even want to talk about Christians, fearing Muslims may have a problem with this...We need to help those dealing with refugees to understand the situation of Christians in Syria and other countries of origin and be aware of the potential hazards of putting all the refugees together. When something bad happens, it must have consequences and not be hushed up”)

Fr Olivier Ndjimbi-Tshiende (Congolese national, refugee, forced to leave his parish after receiving “racial slurs and threatening letters”, forty thousand Catholics signed a petition demanding he be supported)

Date reported: March 10, 2016

Locations: Berlin, Munich

Source: <http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2016/03/11/charity-urges-better-protection-for-christians-in-refugee-camps/>



## **Guatemala**

Pastor Juan Saturnino Guachiac (widower, father of four adult children, **shot dead** in an apparent assassination)

Bishop Otoniel Collins (said "He was an outstanding leader. We were supporting him for even a greater leadership, but violence took him away from us. We feel helpless and vulnerable in the face of the unstoppable violence that has taken hold of our country")

Date: March 16, 2016

Location: Quiche region

Source: <http://www.charismanews.com/world/55942-prominent-church-of-god-pastor-assassinated>



## India

Raymond Dias (religious display of Our Lady of Fatima vandalized, said "I went to call other people and we found that no valuables had been stolen. So we realized that the act was done only to offend our religious feelings. The statue has a silver crown and several other valuable items, but nothing was touched")

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Daund, Maharashtra state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pune:-thugs-burn-Bible-and-sacred-texts-in-front-of-Our-Lady-of-Fatima-grotto-36913.html>

Fr M Chinappa (aged 64, rector of the Gunadala Matha shrine; **UPDATE**: abducted, photographed and video recorded in sex acts while drugged, extorted out of US\$154,000 of his own money, called police after fearing the gang would begin to demand shrine funds, hospitalized with high blood pressure and blood sugar levels)

Fr Muvvala Prasad (said that the abduction and extortion of Fr M Chinnppa "have put severe pressure on the aged priest")

Date: March 6, 2016

Location: Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh state

Source: <http://www.ucanews.com/news/indian-police-investigate-blackmail-of-priest/75490>

Prince Calvin (church general secretary, described a church attack by a mob "The attackers broke the main door of the church, damaged the furniture, altar and the stained glass", Christians were threatened with "dire consequences if they continued worshipping there")

Date: March 12, 2016

Location: Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu state

Source: <http://www.ucanindia.in/news/police-arrest-four-over-church-attack/31716/daily>

Cardinal Oswald Gracias (**UPDATE**: has relaunched the web site [www.release7innocents.com](http://www.release7innocents.com) to secure the release of seven Christians falsely accused of the 2008 murder of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati, which led to the Kandhamal pogrom in which nearly 100 Christians were killed)

Bijay Kumar Sanseth (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Gornath Chalanseth (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Durjo Sunamajhi (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Bhaskar Sunamajhi (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Budhadeb Nayak (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Munda Badamaji (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Sanatan Badamaji (**UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Date: March 14, 2016

Source:

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/03/15/card\\_gracias\\_launches\\_website\\_for\\_kandhamals\\_innocents/1215562](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2016/03/15/card_gracias_launches_website_for_kandhamals_innocents/1215562)



## Iraq

Yacoob Gewargis (Member of the Kurdistan Parliament, said "The American delay in officially declaring what has happened to the Christians officially as genocide, or mass extermination and systematic persecution has caused a huge disappointment among the Christians. They have waited a long time for the international community, especially America, to declare this so that they can be supported and protected in their own country")

Martin Alqas (refugee, said "My feeling is utter disappointment that the West has left us, everybody has left us. The West, with all its advanced technology, can finish ISIL. But they are delaying that due to political purposes which are unknown to us. We as Christians, and other minorities in Iraq, are facing extinction and we are paying the price")

Date reported: March 15, 2016

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/03/14/iraqs-christians-frustrated-by-us-debate-over-genocide.html>

Remi Marzina Momic (seminarian, refugee, had been injured along with his sister in a bus bombing in 2010, at his request will be ordained to the diaconate in a refugee camp, three other refugee seminarians have joined in the request)

Date: March 19, 2016

Location: Erbil, Kurdistan

Source: [http://www.angelusnews.com/news/world/these-seminarians-are-being-ordained-in-a-refugee-camp-10364/#.Vuy\\_ocIUUfg](http://www.angelusnews.com/news/world/these-seminarians-are-being-ordained-in-a-refugee-camp-10364/#.Vuy_ocIUUfg)



## Ivory Coast

Fr Armand Zanou (described the beachside terror attack "We had started a procession outside our church around noon. At about 1pm we heard the first shots of firearms and soon after we saw several people run away from the beach and come towards us. We asked them what was happening and they told us that gunmen were firing on people. While the noise of the shooting intensified, the number of those who sought refuge at the Cathedral increased. Later, after about an hour, the special military forces arrived and brought about fifty hostages who were freed from the attacked resort. They protected us until the area was declared safe, at around 7:30 pm...The shooting of the terrorists followed by the clash with the army lasted about 45 minutes, maybe an hour. The exchange of gunfire was very violent. All the people who sought refuge in the presbytery of the church threw themselves on the floor. We had three groups of people who sought refuge in the presbytery: the parishioners who were there for our activities and were blocked by the events, the first wave of holidaymakers who escaped from the terrorists and the third group, made up of hostages freed by special forces who were brought in the church. In total about one hundred people including Ivorians, French, Belgian, Lebanese and other nationalities. There were also several children")

Date: March 13, 2016

Location: Grand-Bassam

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/59634->

[AFRICA IVORY COAST Assault in Grand Bassam a hundred people take refuge in the cathedral the testimony of the pastor#.VueGncIUUfg](http://www.fides.org/en/news/59634-)



## Jordan

Dr Hena al-Kaldani (presented a paper documenting “a complete cancelation of Arab Christian history in the pre-Islamic era” and “many historical mistakes” in the national school curriculums)

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Amman

Source: <http://www.copticsolidarity.org/2016/03/09/christianity-erased-from-jordanian-textbooks/>



## Kazakhstan

Pastor Manarbek Baieke (author of "The History of Christianity in Central Asia and Kazakhstan", book declared 'extremist' and banned by the KNB secret police, said "I knew nothing about the case until the court decision came into force on March 15, 2016. The court authorities did not inform me. So I have not been given the chance to appeal", added that the book "does not even contain a hint of extremism. They concocted all this out of thin air. They accused me in a one-sided way without the chance to respond", expressed fears that the ban may lead to his arrest)

Dates: February 15 and March 16, 2016

Location: Astana

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2158](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2158)



## Kosovo

Fr Darko Marinkovic (reported that pro-ISIL graffiti has been painted on his church)

Date: March 12, 2016

Location: Pristina

Source: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/?p=46512>



## Nigeria

### **Event: Muslim Fulani gunmen continued to mount attacks on villages in Benue state**

Steven Enada (said "In the last three weeks, Aku, Odugbeho, Aila, Okokolo and Ikobi have been utterly destroyed and over 300 people have been killed. We have corpses littered in the field like a war fought in the Roman Empire by Emperor Nero")

Ikwulono John Anthony (said "I took the risk and came to Agatu together with the delegation from the presidency of Nigeria, where we visited Obagaji, Egba, Aila, Adagbo, Okokolo, Akwu, Ugboju, Odugbeho and Odejo. Entire villages were burned down completely by Fulani herdsmen. Unidentified corpses of these Christians were discovered, properties were looted by these Fulani invaders. As I speak to you, Fulani herdsmen are living in the deserted villages. I couldn't believe what my eyes saw")

Emmanuel Ogebe (attorney; **UPDATE:** said that no evidence could be found that supported the Fulani allegation that the murdered Christian villagers had killed thousands of their cows "Such a mass slaughter would take weeks, and the skeletal remains of the cows would completely dot the landscape of Agatu, and the stench would permeate the air", added "If they are there on reprisal as they claimed, since they are not indigenes of the villages, why have they not left after the attack – why have they occupied the villages? I feel this is jihad of a sort to take over the villages")

Andy Obeya (said "There was not a single burnt mosque, where everything else was razed")

Fr John Attah (said that 7,000 displaced Christians were in desperate need)

Bishop Michael Apochi (**UPDATE**: said "...the surprising thing is that up to this moment these killings are going on in these communities, and the Nigerian government has not been able to stop the carnage")

Dates: February 22 through March 8, 2016

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/03/after-massacre-in-benue-nigeria-muslim-herdsmen-remain-in-villages-sources-say/>



## Pakistan

Fr John Arshad (**UPDATE**: led prayers for the safety of Asia Bibi following Muslim demands for her execution, said "We fast and pray for Asia Bibi and for all others who are imprisoned, let us pray for their safety and for their release. Now our concern for her has increased, but we pray that tolerance and peace prevail in our country")

Date: March 9, 2016

Location: Jhelum

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan's-Christians-pray-for-Asia-Bibi:-New-threats-to-her-life-36909.html>

**Event: A Christian family was attacked with gunfire while eating a meal by a Muslim neighbor who had been spurned by their mother, police refused to file a report until the family hired a Muslim to represent them, the neighbor was released on bail and proceeded to threaten to rape the family's daughters if the charges were not dropped, family has asked for aid to go into hiding**

Noel Tahir (aged 17, son of Tahir Qadeer and Shazia Tahir, **shot dead**)

Akash Tahir (aged 25, son of Tahir Qadeer and Shazia Tahir, shot in the arm, wife also shot)

Tahir Qadeer (aged 48, husband of Shazia Tahir, father of Noel and Akash, shot, said "This man has destroyed our lives, he has murdered my son and now I can't bear to live. He has always desired my wife and has hated me because of my marriage to her, but I never thought he could be this evil. I have cried every day, my wife is inconsolable and few people have offered help despite the terror we face every day. I pray God will help us save the rest of our family and that He punishes this evil man")

Shazia Tahir (aged 42, wife of Tahir Qadeer, mother of Noel and Akash, shot)

Date: February 27, 2016

Location: Qayum, Faisalabad

Source: <http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/covetous-muslim-man-shoots-boy-dead-after-christian-wife>

**Event: Three thousand attended a memorial Mass for the victims of the [March 15, 2015](#) terror attack which included calls for volunteer security guard Akash Bashir, who knowingly tackled a suicide bomber, to be declared a saint**

Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shah (**UPDATE:** spoke on the sacrifice of Akash Bashir "We are proud of our brave son who lived a short but meaningful life. It was the result of his spiritual passion and the teachings of Bible...Prevalent indifference in society has led to terrorism. With mercy in their hearts, Christians can offer a different face of Pakistan")

Father Francis Gulzar (**UPDATE:** spoke on the sacrifice of Akash Bashir "Akash is our hero, his bravery saved more than 2,000 people inside the church. He has inspired local Christian youth and now many are joining the church's security", said of the calls for Akash to be declared a saint "We have just begun the movement at grassroots level")

Bashir Emmanuel (father of Akash Bashir, **UPDATE:** has helped publish a booklet of his son's life and death called "Unforgettable Sacrifice" which included eyewitness accounts of his actions during the terror attack)

Sikander Inyat (aged 28, church security volunteer, rickshaw driver, only son and caregiver for his ageing father, lost his right eye in the explosion in the terror attack, left leg fractured; **UPDATE:** said "I am out of work but I found a new dignity. We protect the bishop and other priests, staying close to them during their pastoral visits", like his fellow volunteers is now armed with guns and ammunition)

Date: [March 13, 2016](#)

Location: [Youhanabad, Lahore, Punjab province](#)

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-year-later,-Church-and-survivors-remember-the-Lahore-attacks-36945.html>  
and [with photos] <http://www.ucanews.com/news/sainthood-calls-for-young-pakistani-martyr/75474>

**Event: An ecumenical memorial service for the first anniversary of the terror attacks on Anglican and Catholic churches was attended by thousands**

Qaisor Pervez (church security volunteer, husband of Samina, father of Sitiash and Cornelius, cousin of Wilson Chowdhry, 85% of his body burned in the [March 15, 2015](#) terror attacks, in a coma, several bones broken, teeth shattered, vision affected, coma lifted prior to [June 16, 2015](#); **UPDATE:** said "I thank God for this day, where he has placed Muslims and Christians together talking about peace and unity. This attack was the most traumatic event that I believe my family will ever have to go through. God saved me through a miracle and my love for Him has grown through the knowledge of His commitment. I am praying that one day all the people of Pakistan can live together without violence")

Date: [March 15, 2016](#)

Location: [Youhanabad, Lahore, Punjab province](#)

Source: <http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/mourners-remember-the-victims-of-lahore-bombing-1-year-ago>

Cecil Shane Chaudhry (**UPDATE:** condemned the bombing of a bus that killed 16 and wounded 30 "We condemn the latest terrorist attack. All the victims were government employees. This is the reaction to recent positive steps taken by the State")

Rev Jaffrey Samuel (concerned after the bombing of a bus that killed 16 and wounded 30 "Peace for us is limited to short intervals between bombings. Whenever we put faith in law and order, tragic incidents like these wreck our nerves. Apparently, the Taliban do not want peace talks anymore and we should prepare for war...Life is tough for Christian pastors and priests. Our biggest challenge is to organize safe Sunday prayers and church activities. My church is located in an army cantonment but the area is usually sealed. Our sermons usually carry a message of encouragement to heed the Gospel without fear")

Date: March 16, 2016

Location: Peshawar

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Pakistan%E2%80%99s-Catholic-Church-condemns-attack-against-bus-carrying-government-employees-36966.html>



### **Palestine**

Archimandrite Chrysostomos (the Monastery of St John the Baptist and Forerunner was extensively vandalized, began to document the damage)

Date: February 29, 2016

Location: near the Jordan River near Jericho

Source: <http://www.pravoslavie.ru/english/91535.htm>



### **Sudan**

Pastor Philemon Hassan (worship music composer, arrested without charge, released that night, rearrested the next day by the NISS secret police, whereabouts unknown)

Dates: March 14-15, 2016

Location: North Khartoum

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/03/pastor-in-north-khartoum-sudan-arrested-without-charges/>



### **Syria**

Fouad Banna (aged 13, brother of Rosy, **killed** by a rebel rocket barrage on the Christian Quarter, parents both in intensive care)

Date: February 19, 2016

Rosy Banna (aged 17, student, sister of Fouad, at his funeral said to Archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart “Father, I beg you, ask the Lord to heal my two parents”)

Date: February 22, 2016

Location: Aleppo

Source: <http://members4.boardhost.com/acnaus/msg/1456093089.html>

Patriarch Gregorios III Laham (aged 82, said of the U.S. State Department declaration of genocide “it is a wrong approach because now is a time to work for peace and coexistence, not generate even more divisions...[that create] animosity between groups, Sunnis vs Shias, Christians vs Muslims...We must avoid labelling religion as a cause of war. Military interventions as well as economic and political interests are the cause of wars, while religions are exploited as a tool and a pretext”)

Date: March 18, 2016

Location: Damascus

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Responding-to-Kerry,-Patriarch-Laham-says-war-is-taking-place-in-Syria,-not-genocide-36989.html>



## Uganda

Mohammed Nsera (convert, beaten by his family after they learned of his conversion, escaped, home that they had built for him destroyed by them by arson, in hiding)

Date: January 10, 2016

Location: Katende, Jinja district

Source: <http://morningstarnews.org/2016/03/young-christian-in-eastern-uganda-who-left-islam-is-beaten-ostracized/>



## United Kingdom

Richard Page (aged 68, Justice of the Peace in Kent, disciplined on January 16, 2015 after he admitted that his Christian faith influenced his adoption rulings; **UPDATE**: removed from his position one month before retirement after giving a January 2015 interview in which he said that there was not enough evidence to show that adoption by same sex couples was in a child's interest, the interview was for a documentary on Christians being forced out of public life)

Date reported: March 10, 2016

Source: <http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/family/christian-magistrate-removed-from-office-for-belief-about-family>

Nissar Hussain (convert; **UPDATE**: shared the story of his persecution at the hands of British Muslims with The Branch Christian Fellowship)

David Bizley (leader at The Branch Christian Fellowship, said "It is perhaps easier for us to pray and send money to organizations that are ministering to our brothers and sisters away from our direct view, it takes a level of courage though for Christians in the UK to stand up for persecuted brethren right on our doorstep")

Date: March 13, 2016

Location: Kings Lynn

Source: <http://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/christians-in-kings-lynn-pray-for-peace-after-moving-wake-up-call-of-increasing-persecution-in-uk>

Rev Barry Trayhorn (prison gardener at HMP Littlehey, Cambridgeshire, volunteer prison chaplain, resigned on November 4, 2014 from his gardening position after being harassed following a May 2014 homily; **UPDATE**: lost his claim for discrimination and constructive dismissal, said "The Tribunal's reasoning was based on the effect that my message, which included the Bible verses, had on those who heard them. Yet those who attend chapel do so voluntarily to worship God and to learn what the Bible has to say. The congregation know that the Bible will be preached on, and therefore complaints should have been considered in light of that...When the Equality Act went through Parliament, the Government said that Ministers of Religion, speaking in a Church would continue to be able to teach and preach what their faith had traditionally believed. It is clear that this is no longer the case")

Date: March 10, 2016

Source: <http://www.christianconcern.com/our-concerns/freedom-of-speech/christian-prison-worker-loses-dismissal-claim-over-insensitive-preach>

Bishop Angaelos (UK resident, Egyptian national, wrote "We have received very welcomed but unexpected news today from the United States of America, through Secretary of State John Kerry, acknowledging that ISIL 'is responsible for genocide against groups in areas under its control including Yazidis, Christians and Shiite Muslims'...This announcement has come after individuals and organizations in the United States, some of which I have personally worked with, have advocated tirelessly to shed light on this important issue of human suffering and the violation of human dignity...This is a significant step, that follows the European Union recognition of Genocide, that I hope will encourage Her Majesty's Government to also recognize these unacceptable acts of Genocide against vulnerable communities in the Middle East)

Date: March 18, 2016

Location: London

Source: <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/?p=46502>



**United States - District of Columbia**

**Event: Presentation at the National Press Club of a [280 page joint report](#) by the Knights of Columbus and In Defense of Christians on the continuing persecution of Christians**

Bishop Angaelos (resident of the United Kingdom, Egyptian citizen, said "If an act of Genocide is decreed, it must be based indiscriminately on the facts alone...If we look at Article 2 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide [1948] we find that these acts against Christians in the Middle East fall very much in line with the requirements laid out by the United Nations...If Christians are excluded from the classification of Genocide, my concern, fear and expectation is that we will be responsible for a greater and more ruthless campaign of persecution against them, not only in Iraq and Syria but throughout the region. People on the ground, regardless of rhetoric, stipulation and convention, will perceive that the international community has supported one group over another, and Christians will become a greater soft target. How can we not declare Genocide if Christians are suffering the same fate, at the same time, under the same conditions, at the hands of the same perpetrators?...What is happening in the Middle East and Syria is criminal and is an indictment of our humanity if left unaddressed. Whether speaking of Yazidis, Christians or other communities, the atrocities they face are deplorable and warrant not only our concern but our intentional action. These are atrocities not only against international convention, but against a God-given right for people to live free, safe and dignified...Inaction is inexcusable and will lead to further persecution, not only of Christians but of others")

Fr Douglas al-Bazi (Iraqi citizen, **UPDATE:** said: "I'm here to tell you that my people — they feel that we are forgotten and alone. And I am here to tell the Americans the first right step should be taken is to call it a genocide")

Nina Shea (Hudson Institute, spoke on the Knights of Columbus / In Defense of Christians report on persecution)

Carl Anderson (Knights of Columbus CEO, said "There is only one word that adequately, and legally, describes what is happening to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. That word is genocide...While we believe this to be the most comprehensive report on this subject to date, covering incidents in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Yemen, we continue to receive new reports and new evidence")

Date: March 10, 2016

Source: <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/former-isis-captive-iraqi-priest-talks-about-his-people/>

and <http://www.christiansinpakistan.com/280-page-long-report-on-christian-genocide-submitted-to-u-s-state-department/>

and <http://www.copticsolidarity.org/2016/03/11/report-details-isis-atrocities-against-christians-presses-state-for-genocide-label-2/>



**Uzbekistan**

Pastor Latifahon Mamazhanov (arrested, whereabouts unknown, sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment for 'not submitting to authorities')

Date: March 12, 2016

Location: Fergana Valley

Source: <https://barnabasfund.org/news/Police-in-Uzbekistan-search-Christian-homes-and-jail-church-pastor-in-illegal-raid>  
and [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2159](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2159)

Solomon Tuayev (relatives gave a Christian book to an undercover police agent)

Date: December 12, 2015

Location: Tashkent

Gleb Izmestyev (home raided by 20 plainclothes police, 750 books, CDs and DVDs seized, detained for over two hours, charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials', parent's home then searched but nothing found)

Solomon Tuayev (relatives gave a Christian book to an undercover police agent in Tashkent on [December 12, 2016](#); **UPDATE**: house guest of Gleb Izmestyev, detained for over two hours, charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials')

Date: December 14, 2015

Location: Yakkasaray district

Gleb Izmestyev (home in Yakkasaray district raided by 20 plainclothes police on [December 14, 2015](#), 750 books, CDs and DVDs seized, detained for over two hours, charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials', parent's home then searched but nothing found; **UPDATE**: fined US\$136, seized religious materials ordered destroyed)

Solomon Tuayev (relatives gave a Christian book to an undercover police agent in [Tashkent](#) on [December 12, 2016](#); house guest of Gleb Izmestyev in [Yakkasaray district](#), detained for over two hours on [December 14, 2015](#), charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials'; **UPDATE**: fined US\$136)

Date: December 22, 2015

Location: Yakkasaray district

Raisa Kuznetsova (mother of Boris, home raided by police without warrant, 15,453 Christian items seized, detained the next day, questioned for 3 hours, charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials', detained the following day, questioned for 7 hours, the following month was fined US\$230, seized materials not returned)

Boris (son of Raisa Kuznetsova, home raided by police without warrant, detained the next day, questioned for 3 hours, charged with 'Illegal production, storage, or import, with the intent to distribute or actual distribution, of religious materials', the following month was fined US\$230)

Dates: November 22-24 and December 22, 2015

Location: Fergana

Source: [http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article\\_id=2159](http://www.forum18.org/archive.php?article_id=2159)

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