

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2016-06-26 through 2016-07-02



### Bangladesh

Bishop Gervas Rozario (denounced a terrorist attack that killed 20 hostages, said: "God shall not tolerate this massacre. Now it's up to the country's Muslims. They must stand up to save their religion...May God grant eternal peace to the departed souls. The Christian martyrs of the massacre shall be remembered in a very special way")

Date: July 1, 2016

Location: Dhaka

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-Bishop-of-Rajshahi,-Muslims-should-stand-up-to-barbarous-act-in-Dhaka-37936.html>



### Egypt

Fr Raphael Moussa (aged 46, husband, father of two, **shot dead** after taking his automobile for repairs)

Date: June 30, 2016

Location: El-Arish, Sinai

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-Catholic-Church-spokesman,-Christians-are-seen-as-legitimate-targets-in-Sinai-37926.html>

and <http://theorthodoxchurch.info/blog/news/coptic-christian-priest-killed-in-hail-of-bullets-outside-egyptian-church/>



### India

Archbishop Emeritus Henry Sebastian D'Souza (aged 90, **UPDATE: died of natural causes**)

Date: June 27, 2016

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Church-in-India-mourns-the-death-of-Mgr-D'Souza,-spiritual-son-of-Mother-Teresa-37916.html>



## Iraq

Duraid Hikmat Tobiya (presented documentation on ISIL atrocities against Christians and Yazidis in Mosul)

Date reported: June 25, 2016

Location: Bagdad

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/The-Islamic-State-in-Mosul:-the-slow-genocide-of-Christian-women-and-yazide-37872.html>



## Lebanon

Archbishop Elias Rahal (aged 76, condemned the two attacks by seven suicide bombers that killed 5 and wounded 29, said "We will remain in this land and we will not budge, even if we offer 100 martyrs everyday. We will not be intimidated by the takfiris or their bombings")

Faysal Aad (**killed**)

Joseph Lebbos (**killed**)

Majed Wehbe (**killed**)

Boulos al-Ahmar (**killed**)

George Fares (**killed**)

Date: June 27, 2016

Location: Al-Qaa

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Al-Qaa-bids-farewell-to-victims-as-archbishop-urges-declaring-outskirts-a-'military-zone'-37909.html>

Fr Paul Karam (**UPDATE**: spoke on the ongoing refugee crisis and the increase of violence in the country "This is what you get if no one checks who the refugees are. Extremists become more active, not only here, but also in Istanbul, Paris, Belgium...We should not generalize, because not all refugees are criminals. Many work and only ask to live in dignity. But the degrading condition at the [refugee] facilities, the hardships and the sense of abandonment favor fundamentalist ideologies")

Date: July 1, 2016

Location: Beirut

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Caritas-Lebanon-coping-with-refugees-amid-acceptance-and-fundamentalism-37924.html>



## Malaysia

Bishop Emeritus Paul Tan Chee Ing (**UPDATE**: denounced an Islamic cleric who declared that any non-Muslim who opposed the passage of sharia law could be killed, said the “remarks are ominous. If they are not rejected by the authorities, they pose a threat to national security”)

Date reported: June 30, 2016

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/For-mufti-of-Pahang,-all-non-Muslims-deserve-death;-for-bishop,-such-a-remark-is-dangerous-37913.html>

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