

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2019-07-07 through 2019-07-13



### China

Gou Zhongcan (disappeared from his home on [March 15, 2019](#), the day after police attempted to inspect it; **UPDATE**: still in detention in a police basement because he has refused to give police his computer and cell phone passwords, has been singing hymns)

Date reported: July 7, 2019

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2019/07/early-rain-covenant-church-affiliate.html>

**Event: A Christian family fled the country to Taiwan, had been harassed and pressured to denounce Pastor Wang Yi**

Liao Qiang (father of Ren Ruiting)

Ren Ruiting (daughter of Liao Qiang)

Date reported: July 8, 2019

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2019/07/early-rain-covenant-church-members.html>

Pastor Yang Xibo (**UPDATE**: posted a video of police blocking entrance to his closed church)

Date: June 30, 2019

Location: Xiamen, Fujian province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2019/07/police-form-human-wall-surrounding.html>



### India

Fr Cedric Prakash SJ (**UPDATE**: condemned the growing number of lynchings against Muslims and Christians "The tragedy of lynching in India today is that they apparently have the official sanction by the government of the day. In fact, some of the central [federal] ministers have publicly anointed and garlanded those responsible for these bloody murders")

Date reported: July 11, 2019

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Fr-Cedric-Prakash-calls-lynching-a-crime-of-terrorism-47512.html>



## Iran

**Event: Eight Christian converts were arrested by Ministry of Intelligence MOIS agents in the early morning, all but one were placed in solitary and denied access to attorneys**

Fatemeh Talebi (aged 27, wife of Pooriya Peyma)

Habib Heydari (aged 38)

Khatoon Fatolahzadeh (aged 61, mother of Sam Khosravi and Sasan Khosravi, released)

Marjan Falahi (aged 33, wife of Sasan Khosravi)

Maryam Falahi (aged 35, wife of Sam Khosravi)

Pooriya Peyma (aged 27, husband of Fatemeh Talebi)

Sam Khosravi (aged 36, husband of Maryam Falahi, son of Khatoon Fatolahzadeh, brother of Sasan Khosravi)

Sasan Khosravi (aged 35, husband of Marjan Falahi, son of Khatoon Fatolahzadeh, brother of Sam Khosravi)

Date: July 1, 2019

Location: Bushehr

Source: <https://articleeighteen.com/news/860/>



## Pakistan

Sunny Waqas (aged 19, student, son of Mushtaq Masih, arrested on blasphemy charges after an argument with a Muslim neighbor over a cricket match)

Mushtaq Masih (father of Sunny Waqas)

Date: June 29, 2019

Location: Bahawalnagar, Punjab province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/A-19-year-old-Christian-man-arrested-in-Punjab-for-blasphemy-after-a-fight-over-a-cricket-match-47496.html>

Badal Masih (aged 11, son of Shareefan Bibi and Shahzad Masih, scrapyard worker, **beaten to death** by his employer when he gave notice to end his employment)

Shareefan Bibi (mother of Badal Masih, witnessed her son's beating, said "I am very poor, but I have faith in God. I will fight for justice till my last breath")

Shahzad Masih (father of Badal Masih, unemployed drug addict)

Date: July 11, 2019

Location: Faisalabad

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/An-11-year-old-Christian-child-killed-by-his-boss-over-a-paltry-sum-of-money-in-Faisalabad-47520.html>



## Thailand

**Event: Immigration officials detained 48 Pakistani Christian refugees, 14 had UN refugee status**

John family (3 members)

Tariq family (6 members)

Anil family (6 members)

Moosa family (3 members)

Joseph family (5 members)

George Naz

Maryam family (5 members)

Sam family (5 members)

Tipu family (5 members)

Sohail family (4 Members)

David Daniel (aged 8 months, detained)

Mrs Arshad Masih (detained, released after discovered to have a valid visa)

Date: July 8, 2019

Location: Bangkok

Source: <https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/harsh-raid-on-pakistani-christian-asylum-seekers-illustrates-thai-government-hatred-for-the-other-fa>

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