

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2019-08-04 through 2019-08-10



Canada

John-Henry Westen (LifeSiteNews web site Editor-in-Chief, reported on [July 31, 2019](#) that after a week of operation Apple News had deleted his news organization presumably for its positions favoring traditional Christian morality, said he would appeal; **UPDATE:** reinstated)

Date: August 6, 2019

Source: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-apple-news-backtracks-re-enables-lifesites-channel>



China

Cheng Yuan (husband of Shi Minglei, father of a three year old daughter, arrested on a charge of 'inciting subversion of state power')

Shi Minglei (wife of Cheng Yuan, mother of a three year old daughter, charged with 'inciting subversion of state power', placed under 'residential surveillance', later wrote “I am a Christian, and God is with me, which enables me to calm down even in the midst of this horrible event. I am not subject to anyone. I believe that Cheng Yuan, my husband, loves mercy and justice and pursues social justice and righteousness, and he doesn’t deserve the treatment [he has received]. In regards to me, the charge is absolutely made up”)

Date: July 23, 2019

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2019/07/mother-recounts-horrible-threats-to.html>



Nigeria

Pastor Jeremiah Omolara (**shot dead** while driving with his wife and son, son escaped, wife abducted, US\$137,000 ransom demanded)

Date: August 4, 2019

Location: on the Abuja-Kaduna highway

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/world/gunmen-kill-nigerian-pastor-and-abduct-his-wife-church-leader-calls-for-govt-protection.html>

Fr Paul Offu (**shot dead** by Fulani Muslim gunmen)

Date: August 1, 2019

Location: on the Ihe-Agbudu road, Enugu state

Bishop Callisto Onaga (presided over the funeral Mass of Fr Paul Offu, released a statement which read "an alarming number of our people - including Priests and government officials - have been killed by these murderers...For fear of being raped our women can no longer carry out their regular activities in the villages, particular their farming and other businesses...[the government must] flush out bad Fulanis from our state [and] effectively equip the vigilante groups to provide protection and security for their various localities")

Date: August 4, 2019

Location: Enugu, Enugu state

Source: [The image shows the national flag of Pakistan, which consists of a green field with a white crescent and star in the center, and a white band at the top.](http://www.fides.org/en/news/66462-<u>AFRICA NIGERIA A liturgy to invoke peace and security in Enugu after the murder of Fr Paul Offu</u></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Pakistan

Maria Jalal (aged 15, daughter of Nasreen Bibi and Jalal Masih, abducted by 5 Muslim men, **UPDATE:** raped continuously until the next morning, family threatened with death if she reported the crime, beaten by her family until she overcame her fear and reported the rape, later testified against her attackers in court and said "The men, punched and slapped me, they spat while abusing and laughing at me, forcing me to do whatever they wanted. I was told that I was a worthless Christian and that I should never tell anyone what happened as they would kill my family, who they said would be powerless against. Throughout the ordeal I prayed to God and blanked my mind to what was happening - I knew eventually he would free me...I did not want to see my family killed but could not take any more of their beatings, I was innocent and yet was being treated like a pariah - only my mum tried to protect me. It was really painful describing everything but I am glad I did it because the evil men who hurt me so badly have been put away. I hope they are convicted and spend a long time in jail as they told me that they have treated other young girls the same way - they need to be stopped. I have forgiven my family for what they did to me when I needed them most")

Date: June 9, 2019

Location: Sheikhpura

Source: <https://www.britishpakistanichristians.org/blog/15-y-o-christian-teenager-raped-by-5-muslim-men-who-first-collected-families-regular-loan-payment>



United Kingdom

Freddie O'Neil (aged 57, recent convert, convicted rapist, denied Christian worship at his secure mental health facility for over a year while Muslim worship was accommodated every week, sued, granted access to Christian clergy)

Date reported: August 2, 2019

Location: Homerton, East London

Source: <https://www.christianconcern.com/our-issues/freedom/christian-patient-finally-allowed-sunday-services>

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