

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-03-15 through 2020-03-21



India

Mary Bellary (aged 32, wife of Hanumanthappa Bellary, mother of three, niece of Basavanappa Malingpur, home surrounded and then attacked by 20 Hindu nationalists, said “They flashed camera lights at children, and we requested them to please go and not disturb the prayers. But they continued taking pictures, videotaping us and passed comments, saying, ‘Look! Christians gathered here on the terrace to carry out conversions’, groped and clothing torn along with other women who demanded the children not be harassed, added “They punched my 15-year-old son in his stomach, and other kids also got hurt. They were kicked to the floor and were beaten up on their backs. My uncle and husband tried hard to protect the women and children, but those men were very aggressive and physically stronger than us. The children just kept looking at us crying for help”, threatened with death if she talked to police, later that night was called to the police station after the Hindus arranged to be hospitalized and filed false charges against her and the other Christians: “The police officer told us that we had attacked some people during Christian prayers that morning, and that they were injured and hospitalized. After attacking us on Jan. 19 morning, the Hindu extremists got themselves admitted in a hospital and filed a false complaint against us. Our people were injured, yet we didn’t step out of our homes fearing for our lives, and there at the police station our attackers were influencing the police to frame us in cases”)

Hanumanthappa Bellary (husband of Mary Bellary, father of three, beaten)

Basavanappa Malingpur (uncle of Mary Bellary, beaten)

[Date: January 19, 2020](#)

[Location: Malasamudra village, Gadag district, Karnataka state](#)

Basavanappa Malingpur (uncle of Mary Bellary, beaten on [January 19, 2020](#) by a Hindu mob;
UPDATE: hospitalized for 3 days with head and leg injuries)

Michael Rosario (attorney, defended Mary Bellary and the other Christians with the police, later said “We ensured that the injured received treatment at the nearest government hospital,” Rosario told Morning Star News. “Basavanappa Malingpur [Bellary’s uncle] had injuries on his head and leg and had to remain hospitalized for three days. The rest, the injured children and women, received first aid...The inspector was trying to find fault with Christians for using their home as a worship place. I have reminded the officers of the various judgments delivered by the High Courts that there should be no objection against using a dwelling place as private worship place...The Hindu extremists didn’t give up.

They insisted that police file cases against a female member of the congregation who came to Christ from Islam”)

Johnson David (volunteer assistant to attorney Michael Rosario, said “This discussion with police officers and the Hindu extremist leaders went on till 11 PM. Finally, the leaders had themselves agreed that the Hindu extremist mob had attacked the Christians, and the police effected a compromise that cases will not be booked against either of the parties”)

Date: January 20, 2020

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