

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Daily Report – 2020-03-22 through 2020-03-28



India

Event: RSS paramilitary members stormed a Christian hospital and beat two administrators after a Hindu patient complained of a Bible in his room

Simon George (hospital public relations officer, beaten, arrested, denied bail, had told the patient that he could read the Bible if he was interested)

Sr Nirmal Jose (hospital administrator, beaten)

Sajan K George (Global Council of Indian Christians president; **UPDATE:** said "Christian missionaries who work in the medical and educational field are targeted every day by extremists who try to discredit their altruistic work, which is to get people the 'beneficial touch' of Jesus...Our Christian institutions serve mostly those who attack, abuse and assault us. May God forgive them for they know not what they do")

Date: March 2, 2020

Location: Mandya district, Karnataka state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Karnataka-Christian-hospital-official-arrested-for-proselytising-49489.html>

Archbishop Peter Machado (**UPDATE:** condemned a cemetery vandalism in which statues were removed by a local government under pressure from Hindu extremists)

Date: March 3, 2020

Location: Doddasagarahalli village, Karnataka state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Archbishop-Machado:-Return-the-statue-of-Christ,-taken-from-the-Christian-cemetery-49464.html>



Italy

Fr Giuseppe Berardelli (aged 72, **died from a SARS-COV-2 infection**, had refused a ventilator his parishioners had obtained and insisted it be used on a younger patient he did not know; **CORRECTION:** the hospital denied the ventilator story)

Date: on or before March 23, 2020

Location: Lovere, Bergamo

Source: <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-italian-priest-dies-after-giving-his-respirator-to-younger-patient-he-did-not-know-11962806>



Malaysia

Pastor David Cheng (aged 60, convert, husband of Sim Lee Naa, father of Anders Cheng and a daughter, guitarist and songwriter, **died from a SARS-COV-2 infection**, was the first person in the country to die from the disease)

Sim Lee Naa (widow of Pastor David Cheng, mother of Anders Cheng and a daughter, positive with the SARS-COV-2 virus along with her daughter)

Anders Cheng (son of Pastor David Cheng and Sim Lee Naa, said “My dad is in a place where there is no more pain, sickness, grief, sorrows or worries, and he’s in a better place than all of us. So with that, we are putting on our garments of praise and still rejoicing through this storm”)

Date: March 17, 2020

Location: Kuching, Sarawak state

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Baptist-pastor-dies-from-virus,-death-has-no-sting,-says-son-49619.html>



Vietnam

Fr Nguyen Van Ly (uncle of Fr Nguyen Van Viet, **UPDATE**: suffered a heart attack)

Date: February 26, 2020

Location: Hue

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Dissident-Father-Nguy%E1%BB%85n-V%C4%83n-L%C3%BD-is-doing-better-after-suffering-a-heart-attack-49463.html>

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