

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-04-12 through 2020-04-18



Burkina Faso

Pastor Omar Tindano (**killed** by likely Muslim extremists along with his son and two nephews)

Deacon Lankoande Babilibile (**killed**)

Date: February 11, 2020

Location: Sebba

Source: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/news/stories/burkina-faso-200214/>



Iran

Fatimeh Bakherti (aged 38, convert, home raided by police during a [May 25, 2017](#) worship service, several Christians arrested; sentenced in [Tehran](#) on [September 22, 2018](#) to 12 months' imprisonment for 'spreading propaganda against the regime'; ordered by a Tehran court on [January 15, 2019](#) to renounce her faith to avoid prison, refused; began her prison sentence on [August 31, 2019](#); **UPDATE**: temporarily released from prison early due to the COVID-19 pandemic, told a month later she did not have to return to prison)

Date: March 15, 2020

Location: Evin prison, Tehran

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/iran-finally-frees-christian-woman-from-prison.html>



Kenya

Event UPDATE Three Christian teachers were shot dead and one wounded by al-Shabaab militants

Titus Sasaka (teacher, husband of Judith Katima, father of a 7-year old son, son of Peter and Rose Sasaka, **shot dead**)

Samuel Muthui Kyunzu (teacher, son of Bernard Kimanzi, **shot dead**)

Caleb Muthangya Mutua (aged 29, teacher, son of Mutua Musya, **shot dead**)

Judith Katima (aged 27, widow of Titus Sasaka, mother of a 7-year old son)

Peter Sasaka (father of Titus Sasaka, husband of Rose, said his son was killed because he was a Christian)

Bernard Kimanzi (father of Samuel Muthui Kyunzu, said of his murder and the subsequent church support: “The support we have received will go a long way in support of the school fees of my two children who were being supported by our son who was brutally murdered by the Al Shabaab”)

Mutua Musya (father of Caleb Muthangya Mutua, said of his murder and the subsequent church support: “We appreciate the support from our well-wishers that has helped our children, who had left school for lack of school fees, to go back to school again”)

Date: January 13, 2020

Location: Kamuthe, Garissa county

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/03/families-of-three-christian-schoolteachers-killed-in-kenya-receive-aid/>



Nigeria

Reuben Bulus (aged 25, **killed** by Muslim Fulani herdsmen)

Date: January 20, 2020

Location: Torok village, Riyom county, Plateau state

Ngam Stephen Dachung (**killed**)

Date: January 1, 2020

Location: Gako village, Riyom county, Plateau state

Mary Machief (**killed along with her baby daughter**)

Date: December 16, 2019

Location: Kunnet village, Bokkos county, Plateau state

Ayuba Lanjo (shot by Muslim Fulani herdsmen, survived)

Date: December 22, 2019

Location: Tanjol village, Riyom county, Plateau state

Christie Peter Mwankon (aged 26, abducted by Muslim Fulani herdsmen, US\$13,735 ransom demanded)

Date: January 21, 2020

Location: Kwata village, Jos South county, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/01/christians-slain-wounded-kidnapped-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>

Event: Three churches and Christian homes were destroyed by Boko Haram militants

Watirahyel Mshelia (reported “The Boko Haram insurgents were in hundreds and came into the town in nine trucks, while some rode on 50 motorcycles”)

Manasseh Allen (texted “Our people in Garkida are right now running for their lives as Boko Haram carries out attacks on the community...In spite of all the local intelligence reports on the afternoon of Friday, after the terrorists were sighted around Kwarangulum in Chibok Local Government Area, which is close to Garkida, no effort was made by soldiers stationed in the area to preempt the attack”)

Yohanna Sunday (reported that a women's fellowship was interrupted by the attack)

Date: February 21, 2020

Location: Garkida, Gombi county, Adamawa state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/02/boko-haram-terrorists-attack-predominantly-christian-community-in-northeast-nigeria/>

Dauda Iliya (Kibaku Area Development Association, reported on the aftermath of the Boko Haram attacks in the Chibok area following the 2014 abduction of 276 schoolgirls: "...we are being targeted for attacks and annihilation, whether at home or wherever we are. Our people and homelands are in danger. Our homes, farms, barns, and places of worship are destroyed. We are unable to exercise our religious freedoms as we prefer. Our very existence is under grave threat...Of 20 Chibok girls' parents – our kinsmen and women – who are now deceased, 11 were killed during the [subsequent] Boko Haram attacks, eight died of heart conditions as a result of trauma, with those alive subsisting with various degrees of heart conditions and trauma along with their resultant effects...Five days later on the 29th of December [2019] in Mandaragrau, 17 Chibok indigenes were kidnapped. We also do not notice much effort by the government to permanently end the scourge of Boko Haram terrorism, and restore peace in our homelands in particular, and the northeast in general, nor the return of our 112 daughters held in captivity for close to six years”)

Date: February 3, 2020

Location: Chibok county, Borno state

Habakkuk Aboki (texted a report on the murder of two Christians)

Date: January 2020

Location: Payasatan-Bilaburdar village, Chibok county, Borno state

Maina Kapi (texted: “The terrorists [simultaneously] attacked the communities around 6 p.m., shooting indiscriminately and burning down houses”)

Date: February 18, 2020

Location: Kwarangilum and Forfor villages, Chibok county, Borno state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/02/six-years-after-girls-kidnapped-in-chibok-nigeria-attacks-persist-in-area/>

Event: Muslim Fulani herdsmen killed seven Christians

Patience Moses (**UPDATE**: later said “Those killed in Hukke village are mostly elderly Christians who were unable to escape”)

Izinpa Muntu (aged 72, **killed**)

Madah Imeh (aged 80, **killed**)

Jummai Geye (aged 78, **killed**)

Gado Muntu (aged 67, **killed**)

Mary Alhassan (aged 70, **killed**)

Gado Nguni (aged 90, **killed**)

Rigwe Muntu (aged 84, **killed**)

Date: April 1, 2020

Location: Hukke village, Bassa county, Miango district, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/04/fulani-herdsmen-in-nigeria-kill-more-than-60-christians-in-five-weeks-sources-say/>

Chikwa (**hacked to death** by Fulani Muslims)

Taza Abuur (**hacked to death**)

Tarnum Yanum (**hacked to death**)

Date: March 31, 2020

Location: Ancha village, Bassa county, Plateau state

Danlami Barde (traditional ruler, district head, brother of Musa Barde, **killed**)

Musa Barde (brother of Danlami Barde, **killed**, wife shot but survived)

Date: March 30, 2020

Location: Jagindi, Jema county, Kaduna state

Hassana Bala (**hacked to death**)

Jamilu Hassana (**hacked to death**)

Halima Bala Nawela (**hacked to death**)

Date: March 27, 2020

Location: Kuduru village, Chikun county, Kaduna state

Tyoor Chado (traditional ruler, wife raped, two other women raped, at least four Christians were hacked to death)

Date: March 5, 2020

Location: Mbanyiar, Guma county, Benue state

Jacob Odushe (father of Adura, rice farmer, **killed**)

Adura (son of Jacob Odushe, **killed**)

Victor Ejeh (teen, **killed**)

Date: early April 2020

Location: Arimogija, Ose county, Ondo state

Source: <https://www.thenigerianvoice.com/news/286669/fifty-christians-hacked-to-death-by-fulani-jihadists-in-marc.html>

Hassana Bala (killed)

Jamilu Hassan (killed)

Halima Bala (killed)

Haliru Nawela (injured)

Kure Dogonyaro (injured)

Date: March 31, 2020

Location: Kuduru village, Kaduna state

Markus Danjuma (aged 50, shot dead)

Sharana Danjuma (aged 42, shot dead)

Date: March 17, 2020

Location: Manini village, Chikun county, Kaduna state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/04/humanitarian-crisis-in-kaduna-state-nigeria-as-herdsmen-attack-unchecked/>

Pastor Matthew Tagwai (aged 34, husband, father of three including one yet to be born, shot dead by Fulani Muslims)

Ishaku Abba (aged 10, shot dead)

Dih Sunday (aged 21, shot dead)

Duh Abba (aged 38, shot dead)

Abbayo Ki (aged 45, shot, hospitalized)

Monday Adamas (aged 19, shot, hospitalized)

Moses Gata (survived the attack, confirmed the attackers' identities: "There's no doubt about it – our attackers are Muslim Fulani herdsmen. They were communicating with themselves in Fulfulde, the herdsmen's language")

Rev Yunusa Nmadu, Jr (Evangelical Church Winning All [ECWA] general secretary, **UPDATE:** said "Let the authorities know that people do not run forever. There comes a time when they are pressed to the wall, and in such times reactions and counter-reactions will inevitably occur")

Date: April 7, 2020

Location: Ngbra Zongo village, Bassa county, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/04/pastor-10-year-old-boy-and-two-other-christians-killed-in-plateau-state-nigeria/>



Uganda

Waiswa (aged 45, convert, husband of Namuwaya, father of nine, driven from his land and home after his conversion was discovered)

Namuwaya (convert, wife of Waiswa, mother of nine, same account)

Date: December 2019

Location: Kamuli district

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/02/family-of-11-homeless-for-leaving-islam-in-eastern-uganda/>

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