

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Weekly Report – 2020-04-19 through 2020-04-25



### Bangladesh

Pastor Taher (aged 53, Myanmar citizen, refugee, badly beaten and abducted by Muslim Rohingya refugees along with his 14 year old daughter on [January 27, 2020](#); **UPDATE:** wife said she feared he was dead and their daughter forcibly converted to Islam and married)

Date: February 13, 2020

Location: Kutupalong refugee camp, Cox's Bazaar district

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/03/christian-rohingya-refugees-attacked-kidnapped-in-bangladesh/>



### Cuba

Yoe Suarez (aged 29, journalist, father of a 2 year old son, summoned to a police station on [March 27, 2020](#) and told by Department of State Security agents that he still had time to 'correct his course', which was due to his reporting on persecution of Christians; **UPDATE:** summoned to the police station along with his mother and threatened with charges of working with foreign intelligence agencies and the state seizure of his son, mother had been interrogated the day before, later said “All they seek is to put pressure on me through my family. My mother is very disturbed – fearful for me and for the consequences I may suffer. Right now, she is not able to even speak”)

Date: April 3, 2020

Location: Siboney

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/04/intelligence-officers-in-cuba-ratchet-up-harassment-of-christian-journalist/>



### Iran

Ebrahim Firouzi (aged 36, convert, welder, disappeared on the way to work on [March 7, 2013](#) in [Robat-Karim](#), apparently arrested by plain-clothes police; sentenced on [July 15, 2013](#) in or "evangelism activities" to one year imprisonment and two years internal exile to Sarbaz; beaten in [Evin prison, Tehran](#) on [April 17, 2014](#) by Revolutionary Guards who then prohibited prison doctors from treating the inmates until 'trusted' doctors from the intelligence services arrived; illegally transferred on [October 8, 2014](#) from [Evin prison in Tehran](#) to [Rajaei-Shahr prison in Alborz province](#), will likely be denied access to other Christians; removed from a scheduled [December 30, 2014](#) Christian celebration in prison before it began; prison term completed, still not released a week later on [January 20, 2015](#); reported on [May 1, 2015](#) to have been sentenced to five additional years' imprisonment for "action against national security through collusion and gathering", the gathering in question was a meeting where he met with friends to say goodbye before the beginning of his original prison term; beaten by prison guards on [July 12, 2016](#) when he refused to be transferred to the courthouse for a hearing without legal preparation; as of [October 16, 2018](#) has suffered from a toothache that has 'spread throughout his jaw and face', denied medical treatment, unable to eat, request for a furlough refused; released from prison on [October 26, 2019](#), has begun preparation for internal exile; **UPDATE:** internal exile extended by 11 months after he travelled for family needs)

Date: [March 2020](#)

Location: Sarbaz

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/04/his-exile-extended-11-months-christian-in-iran-finds-warm-welcome/>



## Myanmar

Rev Dennis Ngun Thawng Mang (reported on Air Force bombing raids on Christian Chin villages that killed 12)

Dates: [March 14, 2020](#)

Locations: [Meiksa Wa villages 2 and 3, Paletwa township, Chin state](#)

Rev Dennis Ngun Thawng Mang (**UPDATE:** reported on Air Force bombing raids on Christian Chin villages that killed 9)

Dates: [March 15, 2020](#)

Locations: [Wetma village and Pyaing Tain village, Paletwa township, Chin state](#)

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/03/civilian-christians-killed-amid-military-fighting-in-western-burma/>

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