

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-04-26 through 2020-05-02



China

Li Qing (widow, human rights activist, disability pensioner, pension suspended, suffering from radiation poisoning, police placed her under house arrest and refused to allow her to leave to buy food and medicine)

Date: March 27, 2020

Location: Hangzhou, Zhejiang province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/04/activist-barred-from-leaving-home.html>

Ran Yunfei (detained on October 16, 2017 at his home while travelling to Hong Kong, released later that day; **UPDATE**: detained by police to prevent him from giving his testimony during a scheduled online service, escorted home after the service ended)

Date: April 24, 2020

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/04/police-continue-persecution-of-early.html>

Jiang Zhanchun (husband of Ma Yuzhen, arrested on a false charge of picking quarrels on September 26, 2019, placed under house arrest; **UPDATE**: wife attempted to bring him clothing and money, denied access to him or to information about his condition)

Date: March 28, 2020

Location: Beijing

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/04/wife-prevented-from-sending-items-to.html>

Chen Chengwan (church elder, harassed at his home by unidentified officials, refused to allow them to enter his apartment while his children were attending online classes, the officials eventually left)

Date: April 9, 2020

Location: Guangzhou

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/04/church-elder-harassed-at-residence.html>

Pastor Zhao Huaiguo (arrested on a charge of 'inciting subversion of state power', fellow parishioners interrogated in an attempt to find incriminating evidence)

Date: April 2020

Location: Cili county, Hunan province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/04/pastor-arrested-for-inciting-subversion.html>



Indonesia

Arion Sihombing (family prayer in his home interrupted by the village chief and a neighbor using the COVID-19 lockdown as a pretext, the interruption ended when the chief could not prevent a video of his actions from being posted to social media, said "We are used to praying together but those two arrived suddenly at our home and ordered us to stop praying. We fear that these people will bring their followers for more hostile acts...This happened to us 12 years ago, when we faced a mob protesting against us because we met to pray as a family. We were under pressure for a month and every night they threw stones at our home")

Date: April 19, 2020

Location: Rawa Sentul hamlet, Jayamukti village, Cikarang sub-district, Bekasi regency, West Java

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Family-prayer-forcibly-interrupted-49864.html>



Nigeria

Event: Fulani Muslims attacked a village killing three women

Titi Saje (**killed**)

Hannatu Joseph (aged 45, **killed**)

Awiki Adi (aged 42, **killed**)

Sunday David (aged 61, **died of a possible heart attack** during the attack)

Date: April 19, 2020

Location: Nitiriku village, Kaduna state

Source: <https://news.barnabasfund.org/Four-Nigerian-Christians-die-in-Fulani-militant-attack-in-Kaduna-State/index.html>

Event: Fulani Muslims killed nine Christians and destroyed 28 homes

Talatu Daniel (expectant mother, **killed** along with her 3-year old son)

Ishaya Yakubu (aged 5, **killed**)

Gyang Yakubu (aged 16, **killed**)

Sunday Biri (aged 50, grandfather of Luka, **killed**)

Luka (aged 5, grandson of Sunday Biri, **killed**)

Spino Kama (**killed**)

Victoria John (expectant mother, escaped from the attackers, saw the murder of 5-year old Luka)

Ronku Aka (regional chief, said, “With this coronavirus people are suffering, but this killing is more dangerous than the coronavirus...The rainy season is approaching and my people whose houses have been burnt, where are they going to stay? I am calling on the government to have mercy and come to our aid”)

Date: April 14, 2020

Location: Hura village, Kwall district, Plateau state

Source: <https://news.barnabasfund.org/Five-year-old-murdered-snatched-from-pregnant-mother-as-Fulani-militant-attacks-more-dangerous-than-coronavirus-in-Nigeria-lockdown/>



Vietnam

Nguyen Nang Tinh (aged 44, husband, father of one, music teacher, religious media personality, arrested on [May 29, 2019](#) on a charge of anti-state propaganda; indicted on [September 17, 2019](#); trial postponed after prosecutors refused before [October 17, 2019](#) to allow his defense attorneys access to evidence; convicted on [November 15, 2019](#), sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment, denied that he was the owner of the Facebook page that was the evidence against him; **UPDATE**: appeal denied, had been on a hunger strike during Lent because he had been denied access to a priest)

Date: April 20, 2020

Location: Nghe An province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Music-teacher-Nguy%E1%BB%85n-N%C4%83ng-T%C4%A9nh,-on-a-hunger-strike-because-he-was-not-allowed-to-see-a-priest,-gets-11-years-in-prison-49887.html>

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