

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-05-10 through 2020-05-16



India

John Prabhudoss (Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations chairman, sent a letter to the U.S. government and the World Bank regarding denial of COVID-19 aid from the US\$1 billion package to Christians and other religious minorities: “Specifically, many are being left out of the programs created to help the people during this crisis. Obviously, there are several systemic flaws in the Hindu nationalist government's approach to the problem. Because of those fundamentally flawed approaches, Christians and other religious minorities are suffering but they are not the only victims. Various sections of economically vulnerable people are also suffering due to these fundamentally flawed attitudes of the Hindu nationalist government”, asked that they "put in place a mechanism to address, if not reduce, the drawbacks in the approach of the Hindu nationalist government and possible misuse of funds given by the World Bank to India”, added that officials were “unnecessarily singling out poor religious minorities for targeted testing and vilification in the media...Such propaganda encouraged by the Hindu government is creating an enormous level of friction and tension in society”, and "Small businesses owned by minorities are being subject to targeted closures. Several of Mr. [Prime Minister] Modi's colleagues in the government have openly called for boycotting businesses owned by religious minorities during this pandemic")

Date: May 11, 2020

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/news/christians-non-hindus-in-india-denied-govt-aid-during-pandemic-groups-say.html>



Indonesia

Joyce Lin (aged 40, missionary pilot, U.S. citizen, **killed** while flying medical supplies to remote clinics)

Date: May 12, 2020

Location: Sentani, Papua

Source: <https://hub.maf.org/news/maf-family-grieving-for-pilot-lost-in-accident>

and <https://www.christianpost.com/news/american-missionary-pilot-joyce-lin-dies-in-crash-while-transporting-covid-19-supplies.html>



Myanmar

Pastor Tun Nu (aged 42, convert, husband, father of three, abducted from his home by 5 armed men on [January 19, 2019](#); reported on [February 1, 2019](#) to have been killed; **UPDATE**: released from captivity, threatened with future harm, left his village with his family for refuge in another region of the country)

Date: [March 7, 2020](#)

Location: [Rakhine state](#)

Source: <https://www.gfa.org/pray/current-requests/myanmar-pastor-kidnapped-rohingya-conflict/>



Nigeria

Event: Fulani Muslims and an apparent group of Nigerian Army soldiers killed three young men and abducted many more, twelve remained in captivity

Maigida Maisama (**killed**)

Yahuda Mallam (**killed**)

Bulus Danzaria (**killed**)

Bako Machu (abducted)

Isaiah Bako (abducted)

Timothy Musa (abducted)

Hakuri Maigid (abducted)

Apolo Ali (abducted)

Emmanuel Maikasa (abducted)

Haruna Dogo (abducted)

Titus Ahmadu (abducted)

Caleb Bakinpa (abducted)

Tanimu Ami (abducted)

Samuel Usman (abducted)

Maigida Gamashewa (abducted)

Date: April 23, 2020

Location: Kujeni village, Kauru county, Kaduna state

Ado Maisamari (aged 56, father of eight, **killed**)

Titus Amos (aged 27, father of three, **killed**)

Habila Amos (aged 25, father of one, **killed**)

Date: April 25, 2020

Location: Kikwari village, Kauru county, Kaduna state

Source: <https://news.barnabasfund.org/At-least-ten-Nigerian-Christians-killed--twelve-taken-hostage-in-multiple-Fulani-militant-attacks/index.html>

Rev Bayo James Famonure (school headmaster, husband of Na'omi, father of Adua and Victor, school attacked by Fulani Muslims who demanded money, no money available since the school had been closed due to the current COVID-19 lockdown, shot in the head and legs, wife shot, two children shot in the feet, all hospitalized in stable condition, said "Yes, I was shot in the head, but the bullet didn't enter. It's a miracle")

Na'omi Famonure (wife of Rev Bayo James Famonure, mother of Adua and Victor, shot in the back, initially in critical condition but upgraded to stable condition after surgery, the bullet had just missed her spine)

Mark Lipdo (Stefanos Foundation Program Director; **UPDATE**: wrote "The Famonures however survived the various gunshots, a miraculous incident that shows the power of God over deep hatred of men")

Adua (son of Na'omi Famonure and Rev Bayo James Famonure, shot in the feet, hospitalized)

Victor (son of Na'omi Famonure and Rev Bayo James Famonure, shot in the feet, hospitalized)

Date: May 5, 2020

Location: Messiah College high school, Gana Ropp village, Barkin Ladi county, Plateau state

Event: Four Christians were killed by Fulani Muslims while sharing a motorcycle

Friday Musa (aged 26, **shot dead**)

Chohu Nyangu (aged 25, **shot dead**)

Anta Yakubu (aged 26, **shot**, hospitalized, **died**)

Emmanuel Kure (aged 24, **shot dead**)

Moses Gata (survived the [April 7, 2020 attack in Ngbra Zongo village, Bassa county, Plateau state](#); **UPDATE**: described the killings)

Date: May 3, 2020

Location: Adu village, Miango county, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/05/four-christians-killed-head-of-high-school-and-family-shot-in-north-central-nigeria/>

and <https://news.barnabasfund.org/-Miracle--escape-for-Nigerian-pastor-and-family-shot-in-Fulani-militant-attack-in-Plateau-State/index.html>

Event: Gunmen on motorbikes attacked a Christian village

Mailafiya Dallatu (aged 70, **killed**)

Yari Dallatu (aged 60, **killed**)

Na'omi Yari (aged 57, **killed**)

Popular Teacher (aged 15, **killed**)

Blessing Yari (aged 9, **killed**)

Paul Bawa (aged 18, **killed**)

Rahila Paul (aged 25, **killed**)

John Paul (aged 6 months, **killed**)

Jonathan Yakubu (aged 40, husband of Sheba Jonathan, father of Revelation, Rejoice, and Patience Johnson, **killed**)

Sheba Jonathan (aged 32, wife of Jonathan Yakubu, mother of Revelation, Rejoice, and Patience Johnson, **killed**)

Revelation Jonathan (aged 6, child of Jonathan Yakubu and Sheba Jonathan, **hacked to death**)

Rejoice Jonathan (aged 4, child of Jonathan Yakubu and Sheba Jonathan, **hacked to death**)

Patience Jonathan (aged 13, child of Jonathan Yakubu and Sheba Jonathan, **hacked to death**)

Biyayya Lucky (aged 25, **killed**)

Asan'alo Magaji (aged 32, **killed**)

Yayo Magaji (aged 13, **killed**)

Agei Magaji (aged 8, **killed**)

Abinso Yusuf (injured)

Isaiah Jonathan (injured)

Markus Kakuri (injured)

Philip Magaji (injured)

Magaji Ma'aji (injured)

Zipporah Jonathan (injured)

Date: May 11, 2020

Location: Gonan Rogo village, Kajuru county, Kaduna state

Source: <https://news.barnabasfund.org/Seven-children-and-baby-among-17-Nigerian-Christians-murdered-by-Fulani-militants-in-remote-village/index.html>

and <https://www.christianpost.com/news/over-20-killed-in-spate-of-new-fulani-massacres-on-nigerian-christians.html>



Pakistan

Rev Hadayat (church invaded by armed land developers, cross and other items broken)

Boota Masih (said "Not only was the cross broken, but our hearts were crushed too")

Tariq Masih Gill (Member of the Provincial Parliament; **UPDATE**: visited the church. said "The cross that was desecrated has great importance and value in both Christianity and Islam. The culprits have not only dishonored our faith, but also our national flag, which also represents minorities")

Date: May 8, 2020

Location: Hakeem Pura, Sheikhpura district, Punjab province

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Muslims-attack-Protestant-church-in-Sheikhpura-50058.html>



Turkey

Garo Paylan (aged 48, Member of Parliament; **UPDATE**: wrote on Facebook "In his hateful speech last night, [President] Erdogan once again used the phrase 'leftover of the sword'...'Leftover of the sword' was invented to refer to orphans like my grandmother who survived the [1915] Armenian genocide. Every time we hear that phrase, it makes our wounds bleed")

Date: May 5, 2020

Source: <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/16002/turkey-leftovers-of-the-sword> and <https://tr.armradio.am/2020/05/05/erdoganin-kullandigi-kilic-artigi-ifadesine-paylandan-yanit/> - with translation

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I aka Dimitrios Arhondonis (aged 80, falsely accused by Turkish media on [September 7, 2016](#) of having supported the July 15, 2016 attempted coup; as of [December 29, 2017](#) media accusations of coup complicity and of collaboration with Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen and the CIA have been 'expanding dangerously' against him, reportedly government surveillance against him has increased but his security detail has been reduced; residence in [Istanbul](#) invaded by four masked men in his absence on [November 16, 2019](#), nothing was apparently taken, police later captured the four in a gun battle in which one of the four was wounded; **UPDATE**: accused again in Turkish media of complicity in the July 15, 2016 attempted coup and of collaboration with U.S.-based Islamic cleric Fethullah Gulen, issued a statement which read "The publication of these claims cause distress among Christians, Jews and Muslims and are particularly serious and irresponsible...such information is extremely dangerous and could be the cause of dangerous acts of racism and intolerance. The same ecumenical patriarch Bartholomew feels very bitter and resentful for the accusations that have been made against him, despite his efforts for the good of our country")

Date reported: May 12, 2020

Location: Istanbul

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Patriarch-Bartholomew,-the-rabbi,-and-group-of-Armenians-accused-of-supporting-'the-arch-terrorist'-Fethullah-G%C3%BClen-50052.html>



United States

Dr Albert Mohler (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; **UPDATE**: criticized New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson's condemnation of the Christian charity Samaritan's Purse's COVID-19 field hospital in Central Park: "Now, of all things, just notice what's not here. What's not here is any statement of thanks for an evangelical Christian ministry that not only expended funds but brought an army of volunteers and medical personnel who put themselves at risk on behalf of efforts to try to save New Yorkers in the midst of the pandemic...No one has been able to put any substance to the charge that Samaritan's Purse has ever discriminated when it comes to medical treatment on the basis of sexual orientation or anything else, that's not even alleged here. It is simply the fact that Samaritan's Purse dares to hold to historic biblical Christianity")

Date: May 12, 2020

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/us/al-mohler-denounces-nyc-councilman-lgbt-groups-treatment-of-samaritans-purse.html>

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