

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

**Weekly Report – 2020-06-07 through 2020-06-13**



## **China**

Wang Xiaofei (pastor's wife, reported that government officials ransacked more than a dozen Christian homes that had been used for prayer meetings, personal property destroyed)

Date: June 11, 2020

Location: Xiamen, Fujian province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2020/06/authorities-attack-christian-homes.html>



## **Congo, Democratic Republic**

Pastor Ngulongo Year Batsemire (aged 60, **killed** after refusing the invitation to Islam)

Date: January 2020

Source: <https://news.barnabasfund.org/Militant-extremists-kill-57-villagers-in-attacks-on-mainly-Christian-north-east-DRC/index.html>

Mrs Paluku Mumethya (church community organizer, **killed** by Islamic militants)

Date: May 24, 2020

Location: Lose-Lose, North-Kivu

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/67990->

[AFRICA DR CONGO A bloody week in North Kivu 49 people massacred by terrorists](#)

Fr Guy-Robert Mandro (seriously injured in a machete attack while riding his motorbike, three fingers severed, hospitalized)

Date: March 10, 2020

Location: on the road near Kondoni village, Djugu, Ituri

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/67553->

[AFRICA CONGO RD Seriously injured priest in the East of the Country](#)



## India

Samaru Madkami (aged 14, convert, son of Unga Madkami , cousin of Unga Madkami, abducted, tortured, **murdered**)

Unga Madkami (convert, cousin of Samaru Madkami, relative of Unga Madkami, abducted, escaped, said “The fanatics had tried to tie me up in jute bag and throw me in the river”)

Unga Madkami (convert, widower, father of Samaru Madkami, relative of Unga Madkami, 'completely broken' by his son's murder)

Pastor Bijay Pusuru (reported on the murder of Samaru Madkami, said he wanted to be a minister)

Rev Remo (reported on the murder of Samaru Madkami)

Date: June 4, 2020

Location: Kenduguda village, Malkangiri district, Odisha state

Source [warning - graphic]: <https://persecutionrelief.org/14-year-old-christian-lynched-odisha/> and <https://news.barnabasfund.org/Fourteen-year-old-Indian-Christian-boy-murdered--body-chopped-up-and-buried-in-Orissa/index.html>

Archbishop Vincent Concessao (aged 83, **UPDATE**: hospitalized with a suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection)

Date: June 9, 2020

Location: Delhi

Source: <http://mattersindia.com/2020/06/former-delhi-archbishop-hospitalized-covid-19-suspected/>



## Nigeria

Lami David (aged 32, wife, mother of four aged 2, 5, 8 and 12, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth "Lisa" Nchu, shot in her chest and legs by Fulani Muslim gunmen while working in her kitchen and while her 2 year old was strapped to her back, hospitalized, none of her children were harmed)

Elizabeth "Lisa" Nchu (aged 60, mother-in-law of Lami David, shot in the shoulder by Fulani Muslim gunmen while resting in her home, hospitalized)

Josiah Zongo (community leader, described the attack on Lami David: "“The woman was shot with her baby on her back – the child was not hurt as well as other children were not. The woman was found lying in a pool of blood behind the house where she’d tried to run away from the gunmen”)

Date: May 7, 2020

Location: Nkietohu village, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/05/christian-mother-mother-in-law-shot-in-north-central-nigeria/>

**Event UPDATE: Gunmen on motorbikes attacked a Christian village**

Kauna Magaji (mother of Faith Magaji, **killed**)

Faith Magaji (daughter of Kauna Magaji, **killed**)

Saraunia Lucky (aged 25, newly married, mother of a three month old, **shot dead** while holding her baby, the baby was hospitalized and a bullet was removed from the baby's head)

Paul Bawa (aged 27, husband of Rahila Paul, **killed**)

Rahila Paul (aged 25, wife of Paul Bawa, **killed**)

Yari Dallatu (aged 60, husband of Saratu, brother of Mailafiya Dallatu, **killed**)

Saratu (wife of Yari Dallatu, **killed**)

Liberty Yari (escaped with his family, home destroyed)

Date: May 11, 2020

Location: Gonan Rogo village, Kajuru county, Kaduna state

Luka Paymaster (aged 80, **killed**)

Yaki Luka (aged 35, **killed**)

Francis Daniel (aged 37, **killed**)

Akilu Aruwa (aged 46, **killed**)

Laraba Danmori (aged 70, **killed**)

Inusa Peter (aged 30, injured)

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Makyali village, Kajura county, Kaduna state

**Event: Fulani Muslims abducted an unnamed missionary from Cameroon**

Elisha Kureh (husband of Dupe)

Dupe (wife of Elisha Kureh, beaten when she resisted being abducted along with the Cameroon missionary, recovering)

Date: May 5, 2020

Location: Damishi village, Chikun county, Kaduna state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/05/christian-families-slain-in-their-homes-in-kaduna-state-nigeria/>

Isa Dauda (**killed**)

John Zaman (**killed**)

Date: May 16, 2020

Location: Ungwan Anjo, near Godogodo town, Jema'a county, Kaduna state

Amina Yakubu (abducted)

Ayuba Sarkin Noma Udoji (abducted)

Date: May 12, 2020

Location: Zango Tama, Kaduna state

Dr Kennedy Nendi Drengkat (father of Joanna Drengkat, professor of education, **shot dead**)

Joanna Drengkat (aged 6, daughter of Dr Kennedy Nendi Drengkat, abducted, recovered by police)

Date: May 15, 2020

Location: University of Jos, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/05/muslim-fulanis-kill-two-christians-kidnap-two-others-in-kaduna-state-nigeria/>

Pastor Reuben Danbala (abducted, held for US\$5,144 ransom, threatened with death if he rejected the invitation to Islam)

Date: May 9, 2020

Location: Ungwan Badole, Chikun county, Kaduna state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/05/christians-killed-in-kaduna-state-nigeria-as-herdsmen-threaten-kidnapped-missionary/>

**Event: Fulani Muslim gunmen killed five Christians in a ministore, no theft occurred**

Asabe Samuel (aged 42, sister of Sunday Samuel, store owner, **shot dead**)

Shadrach Joshua (aged 25, **shot dead**)

Abba Adi (aged 35, **shot dead**)

Gideon Tuku (aged 56, husband of Ruth Gideon, father of six, agriculture teacher, **shot dead**)

Audu Ahmadu (aged 52, **shot dead**)

Sunday Samuel (brother of Asabe Samuel, said "I opened my bedroom window in order to find out what was happening. I saw armed men with guns shooting all around, and I thought they'll force their way into my house. I heard the attackers speaking to themselves in Hausa and Fulfulde, calling for a quick retreat from the spot. I decided to go out and find out what had actually happened. I rushed to the store and found my sister and four others had been killed by the gunmen...I strongly believe that some of these security personnel who are Muslims are conniving with these armed men to attack our people")

Ruth Gideon (widow of Gideon Tuku, mother of six)

Adamu Moses (relative of Audu Ahmadu, said "I heard sounds of gunfire and then heart-wrenching cries from the store. I bolted out of the house and decided to get there no matter what. And on getting there, I found out that he had been killed alongside the other four victims")

Ibrahim Agu Iliya (aged 42, organized an unarmed vigilante roadblock that ended with the capture of the militants who had attacked the store)

Date: May 28, 2020

Location: Kwashie area, Miango town, Bassa county, Plateau state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/06/civilians-apprehend-muslim-fulani-suspects-in-killing-of-five-christians-in-nigeria/>



## **Pakistan**

Kamran Safdar (twice denied admission to medical school because Quran memorization is given the most weight)

Date reported: June 5, 2020

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christian-student-discriminated-in-favour-of-Qur%CA%BC%C4%81n-memorisers-50272.html>

Nadeem Joseph (shot along with his mother-in-law for refusing to abandon the home they had just purchased in a Muslim neighborhood, both hospitalized)

Date: June 4, 2020

Location: Sawati Phatak Colony, Peshawar

Source: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Christians-shot-at-and-wounded-for-buying-a-house-in-a-Muslim-neighbourhood-in-Peshawar-50287.html>



## **United States - Pennsylvania**

Gerald Groff (postal worker, penalized for refusing to work on Sundays)

Date reported: February 18, 2020

Location: Lancaster county

Source: <https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/former-postal-worker-sues-the-united-states-postal-service-alleging-religious-discrimination/521-b14eb0f3-ed3d-468b-8ae0-5d04aa5f05c7>

## **United States - Nevada**

Sonia Perez (aged 56, hotel housekeeper, fired after she refused to work on Sundays)

Date reported: June 10, 2020

Location: Las Vegas

Source: <https://www.christianpost.com/us/trump-hotel-housekeeper-claims-she-was-fired-for-refusing-to-work-sundays-sues.html>

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