

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-11-22 through 2020-11-28



Cameroon

Cardinal Christian Wiyghan Tumi (aged 90, abducted along with 12 others by separatists on November 5, 2020, on the Bamenda-Kumo road; **UPDATE**: released)

Date: November 6, 2020

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-AFRICA_CAMEROON_Cardinal_Tumi_released_shortly_after_his_abduction](http://www.fides.org/en/news/68975-<u>AFRICA_CAMEROON_Cardinal_Tumi_released_shortly_after_his_abduction</u>)



Haiti

Fr Sylvain Ronald CICM (missionary, abducted by armed men in Delmas on November 10, 2020; **UPDATE**: released, no ransom paid)

Date: November 13, 2020

Location: Port-au-Prince

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-AMERICA_HAITI_Kidnapped_Scheut_missionary_released](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69034-<u>AMERICA_HAITI_Kidnapped_Scheut_missionary_released</u>)



India

Archbishop Thumma Bala (**UPDATE**: resigned)

Date: November 19, 2020

Source: [http://www.fides.org/en/news/69068-ASIA_INDIA_Resignations_and_appointment_of_metropolitan_archbishop_of_Hyderabad_India](http://www.fides.org/en/news/69068-<u>ASIA_INDIA_Resignations_and_appointment_of_metropolitan_archbishop_of_Hyderabad_India</u>)



Indonesia

Rev Yeremia Zarambani (**killed** by security personnel)

Date: September 19, 2020

Location: Papua

Agustinus Duwitau (catechist, **shot dead** by security personnel)

Date: October 7, 2020

Location: Emondi village, Sugapa district, Papua

Rufinus Tigau (aged 28, catechist, **shot dead** after pleading with security personnel to stop killing)

Meinus Bagubau (aged 12, **killed**)

Date: October 26, 2020

Location: Kampung Jibaguge, Sugapa district, Intan Jaya regency, Papua

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/68999->

[ASIA INDONESIA Mobilization of Catholic organizations to seek justice for catechists killed in Papua](http://www.fides.org/en/news/68999-)



Kenya

Event: Three members of a Somali family were beaten [their brother Hassan had been beaten in Nairobi in February 2016]

Fozia (aged 21, sister of Hassan, Asha, and Aden, beaten, said "There were noisy shouts calling us infidels. They said, 'We know you do not belong to us. We have got hold of you today – we have no mercy on you people. You need to return to where you came from'...They began hitting me with sticks and a blunt object, which injured my back and my right hand. There I fainted for five hours and regained consciousness at the hospital. At the moment I am having nose bleeding, and all my body still hurts")

Asha (aged 19, sister of Hassan, Fozia, and Aden, beaten, said "The attackers injured me by hitting my head against the wall. My two front teeth got broken, and the attack caused the left side of my body to swell, but I managed to escape, leaving my sister in an unconscious state")

Aden (aged 18, brother of Hassan, Fozia, and Asha, beaten)

Date: June 4, 2020

Location: Isiolo

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/07/radical-muslims-beat-21-year-old-christian-woman-unconscious-in-kenya/>



Mali

Sr Gloria Cecilia Narvaez Argoti (Colombian citizen, abducted in [Koutiala](#) on [February 7, 2017](#); **UPDATE**: still missing)

Date: October 9, 2020

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/68797->

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Mexico

Sr Maria Isabel Hernandez Rea (wounded in a paramilitary attack that killed several employees of the Caritas of San Cristobal de las Casas and the Fund for the Health of Indigenous Children of Mexico)

Date: November 18, 2020

Location: Cotzilnam, Aldama, Chiapas

Source: <http://www.fides.org/en/news/69072->

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Mozambique

Fr Edgard Silva Junior (reported on the destruction of a church radio station by jihadists and the forced expulsion of 9 employees and their families into the jungle, the father of one employee was beheaded)

Beatriz Joao (church radio journalist, expelled into the jungle by jihadists, reached safety after 15 days)

Daniel Nantuma (church radio journalist, expelled into the jungle by jihadists, reached safety after 15 days)

Date: October 31, 2020

Location: Muambula village, Muidumbe district, Cabo Delgado province

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/69037-AFRICA MOZAMBIQUE Journalists_of_a_Catholic_radio_station_forced_to_hide_in_the_forest_to_escape_jihadists
and http://www.fides.org/en/news/69088-AFRICA MOZAMBIQUE The_nine_journalists_of_a_Catholic_radio_who_took_refuge_in_the_forest_in_northern_Mozambique_are_safe_and_sound



Myanmar

Bishop Francis Daw Tang (**UPDATE**: resigned)

Date: November 19, 2020

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/69057-ASIA MYANMAR Resignation_of_bishop_of_Myitkyina_Myanmar



Niger

Fr Pierluigi Maccalli SMA (Italian national, abducted in Bomoanga on September 18, 2018 by jihadists; **UPDATE**: released)

Date: October 9, 2020

Location: Mali

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/68797-AFRICA MALI The_story_of_Fr_Maccalli_is_an_example_of_the_instability_affecting_the_Sahel



Pakistan

Cardinal Joseph Coutts (**UPDATE**: said "We are citizens of Pakistan and the law is the same for every citizen of Pakistan; it is the State's responsibility to ensure justice for its citizens. The issue of kidnapping, forced conversions and forced marriages should be dealt with on the basis of fundamental human rights, rather than making it a religious issue", thanked officials for the prosecution of persons involved in the abduction of Arzoo Raja)

Date: November 19, 2020

Location: Karachi

Source: http://www.fides.org/en/news/69070-ASIA_PAKISTAN_Cardinal_Coutts_We_ask_for_respect_for_our_rights_as_citizens_of_Pakistan



Uganda

Pastor Peter Kyakulaga (aged 25, husband, father of two aged 2 and 4, **drowned** for evangelizing Muslims)

Tuule Mumbya (aged 22, husband, father of one aged 2, **drowned**)

Date: June 22, 2020

Location: Lake Nakuwa

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/07/pastor-church-member-die-for-proclaiming-christ-in-eastern-uganda/>

Jalilu Kamutono (aged 20, convert, cousin of Ahmad Waisana, beaten by his family in **late July 2020** for converting to Christianity, rescued by passing Christians before he could be set on fire, hospitalized; **UPDATE: died of his injuries**)

Ahmad Waisana (aged 23, convert, cousin of Jalilu Kamutono, beaten with his cousin, hospitalized; **UPDATE: said "I have been spending sleepless nights thinking of my best friend, Jalilu. The whole of my body is aching. I am not sure whether I will get well or die and go to be with Christ"**)

Date: August 5, 2020

Location: Budaca Town

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/08/christian-dies-cousin-in-critical-condition-after-assault-in-uganda/>

Sulaiman Pulisi (convert, former imam, father of Abdulmajidu and a daughter aged 15 [13 in 2018], both children abducted in **July 2018** in retribution for his conversion; **UPDATE: daughter rescued by police and returned home, said "We are mourning for our son who is alleged to have been sacrificed. We are mourning with my daughter, who has been used as a sex object by the Muslim shaman"**)

Abdulmajidu (aged 11, son of Sulaiman Pulisi, abducted along with his 13 year old sister in **July 2018** in retribution for his father's conversion; **UPDATE: believed to have been killed in a ritual sacrifice**)

Joseph Sodo (shopkeeper in **Nakalama village, Ntwetwe, Nankadwa sub-county, Kyankwanzi district**, contacted police after discovering the identity of Sulaiman Pulisi's daughter)

Date: September 16, 2020

Location: Kachiribong village, Kasasira town, Kibuku district

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/09/christian-boy-in-uganda-feared-killed-in-ritual-sacrifice/>

Pastor David Omara (aged 64, husband, father of eight aged 30 to 10 including Simon Okut, **beaten and strangled to death** after a radio broadcast in which he compared Christianity and Islam)

Simon Okut (son of Pastor David Omara, witnessed the attack on his father, escaped)

Date: October 31, 2020

Location: near Aduku, Kwanja district

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/muslims-ambush-kill-pastor-after-radio-broadcast-in-uganda/>

Emmanuel Hamuzah (aged 38, convert, husband, father of four aged 10, 8, 6 [Ibrahim Mohammad] and 4, beaten by Muslim relatives who demanded he renounce his faith)

Ibrahim Mohammad (aged 6, son of Emmanuel Hamuzah, **killed** by Muslim relatives after his father refused to renounce his faith)

Date: November 23, 2020

Location: Kameme village, Kibuku district, Buseta sub-county

Pastor Wilson Niwamanya (husband, father of Simon Peter Bizimaana, orphanage operator, beaten by radical Muslims, hospitalized)

Simon Peter Bizimaana (aged 12, son of Pastor Wilson Niwamanya, **stabbed to death** by radical Muslims)

Date: November 21, 2020

Location: near Kisoro

Pastor Wilson Niwamanya (husband, father of Simon Peter Bizimaana, beaten by radical Muslims on **November 21, 2020**, hospitalized; **UPDATE: died**)

Date: November 24, 2020

Location: Kisoro

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/pastor-two-christian-boys-killed-in-islamist-attacks-in-uganda/>

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