

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2020-11-29 through 2020-12-05



Cuba

Rev Alain Toledano ((husband of Marilin Alayo Correa, **UPDATE**: arrested when he attempted to video the government's demolition of a church “I began transmitting directly to Facebook so that the world would know what was happening, and for this reason they arrested me. We were more than nine hours incarcerated in the third unit of the Police of Santiago de Cuba, and we were subjected to interrogations and threats”)

Rev Julio C Sanchez (wrote “Today the government is blocking the re-opening of some of our temples that we closed due to the pandemic, based on the argument that they’re illegal, when 90 percent of our churches are illegal because they don’t offer us a pathway for making them legal”)

Date: October 30, 2020

Location: Abel Santa Maria area, outside Santiago de Cuba

Event: Authorities detained two church leaders and pressured them to sign a statement accepting their church demolition as legal

Pastor Palomo Cabrera

Jose Martinez

Date: November 2, 2020

Location: Abel Santa Maria area, outside Santiago de Cuba

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/church-building-in-cuba-demolished-re-openings-blocked/>



India

Event: Twenty-one Christians were hospitalized after a Hindu mob attack following a child's dedication ceremony, police refused to stop the attack but insisted that the injured not be sent to a private hospital, government hospital staff refused to take x-rays

Pastor Musaki Kosa (fled the attack)

Madvi Muka (aged 50, father of Laxman Mandavi, shot with several arrows)

Laxman Mandavi (aged 21, son of Madvi Muka, beaten, said “They beat up the children as well as the women who were cooking food outside. While the children were beaten up with hands and feet, the others were shot at with arrows and beaten up with iron rods...They planned to attack us, and nearly two months ago had even threatened that they will beat us. We know and recognize everyone who attacked us. Our relationship with them has been cordial historically, but we suspect that outsiders have provoked them against us”)

Madkam Sanni (stabbed in the hand with a sickle)

Laxshu Madkam (aged 24, said “It was complete mayhem, and people were running to save their lives. I received two cuts on my back. My motorbike was broken. The attackers also broke 10 more motorbikes. They pulled the petrol pipes out of 20 more bikes and let the fuel flow...The attackers surrounded an unmarried sister and tore her clothes attempting to rape her. When she started screaming loudly, they dragged her outside and beat her black and blue. She sustained severe internal injuries”)

Madvi Madka (ribs and hand fractured)

Madi Chuki (hip injured)

Muchaki Ungi (ribs and hands injured)

Rev Vijayesh Lal (**UPDATE:** said that in the previous two years Chhattisgarh was not in the top five states where Christians were targeted, "However, this year, 2020, things have changed. In our half-yearly report highlighting atrocities on Christians, Chhattisgarh was at No. 2, following Uttar Pradesh, with 24 incidents. Attacks on Christians in the state especially in the Bastar area have been increasing”)

Arun Pannalal (**UPDATE:** “This trend is worrying, and if the government does not step in and protect religious minorities, uphold the law, and punish the offenders, it would be too late to prevent a large-scale attack against Christians in the state, particularly in the Bastar area. Hindu, right-wing, fundamentalist organizations are behind this”)

Date: November 25, 2020

Location: Chingrwaram village, Sukma district, Chhattisgarh state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/12/christians-in-hiding-after-brutal-mob-attack-in-central-india/>



Nigeria

Silas Maman (**killed** by Fulani Muslims)

Malaki Tabat (**killed**)

Geofree Andrew (**killed**)

Anna Ahmadu (**killed**)

Sunday Tagwai (killed)

Fidelis Musa (killed)

Rebecca Andrew (child, abducted)

Clement Andrew (child, abducted)

Adamu Mangai (wounded, home burned)

Matta Silas (wounded)

Yaro Musa (wounded)

Yaro Andrew (wounded)

Gideon Nuhu (home burned)

Andrew Adamu (home burned)

Alphonsus Michael (home burned)

Date: November 29, 2020

Location: Ungwar Bido village, Kaduna state

Haruna Kuye (father of Destiny Kuye, killed while sleeping in his home, wife wounded with a machete, daughter shot in the hand)

Destiny Kuye (teenaged son of Haruna Kuye, killed)

Date: November 17, 2020

Location: Gidan Zaki village, Zangon Kataf county, Kaduna state

Rev Johnson Oladimeji (killed while driving home)

Date: November 27, 2020

Location: on the road to Ikere-Ekiti

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/11/christians-killed-in-central-and-southwestern-nigeria/>



Vietnam

Event: Church leaders announced the 'postponement' of their General Assembly after the government denied permission, the denial was due to their refusal to give the government a list of prospective leaders

Thai Phuoc Truong (church president)

Phan Quang Thieu (church general secretary)

Date: November 25, 2020

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/12/vietnam-denies-permission-for-ecvns-to-hold-clergy-assembly/>

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