

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Report – 2021-02-14 through 2021-02-20



China

Ju Dianhong (reported on [January 16, 2018](#) to have been sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment in [Lincang, Yunnan province](#) for alleged involvement in the Three Grades of Servants cult, had said to the court during the trial “I am a Protestant Christian believer, and I believe in Jesus. None of my evangelism has contravened any of the principles in the Bible, and my beliefs do not constitute an evil cult. I never preached about the Day of Judgement, and all of my books are available in the Three Self Patriotic Association [government-backed church bookstore]. All I ever wanted to do was resolve conflict and do good deeds”; reported on [July 25, 2018](#) that her appeal had been denied; **UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Liang Qin (same account, but sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: still imprisoned)

Date: February 13, 2021

Location: No. 1 Prison for Women of Yunnan Province, Kunyang Town, Jinning District, Kunming City, Yunnan Province, China 650600

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/chinaaid-urges-supporters-and-pray-ers.html>

Jia Xuewei (utilities to his apartment turned off on [October 27, 2020](#), used candles for light, ate unheated meals, and took cold showers, fellow parishioners took him in when winter set in; **UPDATE**: door lock vandalized with several toothpicks)

Date: February 12, 2021

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/jia-xuewei-finds-toothpicks-jammed-into.html>

Rev John Cao San Qiang (husband of Jamie Powell, father of Amos and Ben, U.S. resident, minister to Myanmar Christians, arrested [at the Myanmar border with China on March 5, 2017](#) and charged with illegal border crossing; sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment in [Pu'er, Yunnan province on March 23, 2018](#), fined US\$3,168; sentence upheld on appeal on [July 25, 2019](#); **UPDATE**: still imprisoned, has been collecting his prison poetry into a book for publication)

Date: February 15, 2021

Location: Kunming Prison, Yunnan province

Source: <https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/02/in-prison-pastor-john-cao-recounts-one.html>



India

Pastor Devendhrappa Jamalappa Lamani (aged 41, husband, father of two, home invaded by a mob during a Bible study with three Christian families: “They did not say a word and simply held me by the collar of my shirt and dragged me outside the home. They pushed me, held me by my legs and dragged me onto the road and started beating me...They repeatedly told me that it is better for me to die than live a disloyal life by corrupting the Banjara population’s minds with teachings of Jesus. Each of them was taking turns to jump on me, kick me and punch me. It was like how villains attack in movies. They were beating me up like professional wrestlers”, hospitalized)

Mallikarjuna Mukkumbi (spouse of Sanna Savithrevva, attempted to rescue Pastor Devendhrappa Jamalappa Lamani from attack)

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Date: January 3, 2021

Location: Abbigeri village, Koppal district, Karnataka state

Pastor Devendhrappa Jamalappa Lamani (aged 41, husband, father of two, **UPDATE**: charged by police with seven criminal offenses after he pursued charges against his attackers, wife also charged, granted bail)

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Date: January 5, 2021

Location: Abbigeri village, Koppal district, Karnataka state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/charges-fabricated-against-pastor-others-after-assault-sources-say/>



Nigeria

Ezekiel Maja (aged 29, **killed** by Fulani Muslims)

Emmanuel Agaba (aged 39, **killed**)

Moses Daburu (aged 26, **killed**)

Kefas Bulus David (aged 31, **killed**)

Bitrus Ezra (aged 42, shot, hospitalized)

Date: February 14, 2021

Locations: near Ri-Bakwa village and Zirshe village, Kwall district, Bassa county, Plateau state

Danlami Sunday (aged 40, church elder, **killed along with four other Christians**)

Date: February 7, 2021

Locations: Kishosho and Zirshe villages, Kauru county, Kaduna state

Raphael Bawa (aged 39, **shot dead**)

Aga Mabo (shot, hospitalized, **died**)

Date: February 2, 2021

Location: Dudu village, Miango area, Bassa county, Plateau state

Event: Fulani Muslims attacked a secondary school, killing a student and abducting 42 Christians and Muslims

Benjamin Habila (student, **shot dead**)

Philip Dodo (husband of Hannatu Philip Dodo, abducted)

Hannatu Philip Dodo (wife of Philip Dodo, abducted)

Christiana Adama (abducted)

Faith Adama (abducted)

Shem Joshua (abducted)

Ezekeil Danladi (abducted)

Habakuk Augustine (abducted)

Polonius Vincent (abducted)

Date: February 17, 2021

Location: Kagara town, Rafi county, Niger state

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/muslim-fulani-kill-11-christians-wound-two-in-nigeria/>



Pakistan

Event: Two Christians were arrested for conducting a Bible study in a public park

Haroon Ayub Masih (aged 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in public, at their insistence gave them a Christian book, went home, later charged with blasphemy, posted bail, in hiding with his family)

Salamat Mansha Masih (aged about 26, accosted by Muslims while reading the Bible in public, physically assaulted, arrested for blasphemy)

Date: February 13, 2021

Location: Lahore

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2021/02/two-christians-studying-bible-in-park-charged-with-blasphemy/>

Tabeeza Nazir Gill (aged 42, mother of two young children, maternity hospital nurse, gospel singer, accused by a coworker of blasphemy on [January 28, 2021](#), beaten, locked in a storeroom until police arrived, police released her after concluding the allegation was baseless; **UPDATE**: police filed charges against her after an Islamist mob besieged the police station, in hiding with her family)

Date: [January 29, 2021](#)

Location: [Karachi](#)

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2021/01/attacked-christian-nurse-charged-with-blasphemy-in-pakistan/>

Saleem Masih (aged 22, son of Ghafoor Masih, agricultural worker, chained, tortured, beaten unconscious after rinsing chaff off his body at a tube well, police stood by, hospitalized)

Ghafoor Masih (father of eight including Saleem Masih, said of his son's murder: "They cursed and abused Saleem for 'polluting' the water, calling him a 'filthy Christian'. They then dragged him to their cattle farm, where they chained his hands and feet and continued to torture him with sticks and rods. They also rolled a thick iron rod over his entire body, causing multiple fractures in his left arm and ribs. Saleem couldn't bear the pain and fell unconscious...When we reached there, we found Saleem lying unconscious on the ground, his face and body bloodied due to the torture. Dogar [the property owner] had apparently summoned the cops himself, and it was evident that he had also bribed them, because they tried to coerce us into 'settling the matter' amicably...After much pleading, they allowed us to take Saleem [to the hospital] while the police acted like spectators")

Date: [February 25, 2020](#)

Location: [Baguyana village, Karsur district, near Lahore](#)

Saleem Masih (aged 22, son of Ghafoor Masih, **UPDATE**: [died from his injuries](#))

Date: [February 28, 2020](#)

Location: [Lahore](#)

Source: <https://morningstarnews.org/2020/02/muslim-landowner-tortures-young-christian-man-in-pakistan-sources-say/>



Palestine

Dr Salameh Qumsiyeh (aged 53, gynecologist, pulled from his automobile in [Bethlehem](#) by four masked men and beaten with clubs and sharp tools on [February 18, 2020](#), hospitalized in serious condition; **UPDATE**: attacked on the street, the attacker hit him in the head and neck and attempted to cut off his hands, hospitalized, tendons and veins in his hands repaired in 10 hours of surgery but will not be able to resume his medical practice)

Johnny Jildeh (activist, Israeli citizen, wrote on Facebook: “What happened today in Bethlehem to Dr Qumsiyeh is the outcome of clear corruption inside the Palestinian security apparatuses. We, the Christians, are not safe in light of the presence of this corrupt authority which also practices cronyism. We all are violated, without exception, and the reason is the silence of the church and the clerics in regard to what is happening to us. We ask the clergy: if you are unable to protect your people, close the churches and help us emigrate”)

Date: on or about February 11, 2021

Location: Bethlehem

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/johnny.jildeh/posts/717464729139624> - with translation and <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2021/02/palestinian-authority-muslim-with-long-record-of-terrorizing-christians-tried-to-kill-noted-christian-physician>

Dr Salameh Qumsiyeh (aged 53, gynecologist; **UPDATE**: released from the hospital, received death threats)

Date reported: February 16, 2021

Location: Bethlehem

Johnny Jildeh (activist, Israeli citizen; **UPDATE**: illegally detained for eight hours by Palestinian police in retaliation for his previous Facebook post, released after signing a pledge to not make any further posts critical of the police)

Date reported: February 16, 2021

Location: Ramallah

Source: <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2021/02/palestinian-authority-muslim-who-attempted-to-murder-christian-doctor-goes-unpunished-victim-gets-death-threats>



United States - Texas

Bishop Mark J. Seitz (wrote on Facebook following the destruction of three angel statues “We are saddened at the damage that was done at St. Pius X...At the same time, we recognize that these are things that can be repaired and replaced. We are grateful to God that no one was physically hurt in this violent outburst, because human beings are the most beautiful and irreplaceable images of God”)

Date: February 9, 2021

Location: El Paso

Source: <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/crime/2021/02/10/st-pius-x-catholic-church-angel-statues-vandalized-el-paso/6712611002/>

Pastor Charles Nieman (church vandalized, 27 windows and 7 doors shattered)

Date: July 20, 2020

Location: El Paso

Source: <https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/2020/07/22/abundant-living-faith-center-west-church-vandalized-el-paso/5488234002/>

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