

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Weekly Commentary - 2021-03-07 through 2021-03-13

We have something to celebrate! Pastor Bulus Yikura was released on the day that the Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP), a Boko Haram offshoot, had threatened to kill him. Another Christian has been released from captivity in Haiti, [as listed on our report for this week](#), but Christians remain in captivity in India, Mali, and Pakistan. Also, we have no news of captive Christians this week from China or Nigeria and many other places, but we still do not forget them.

Christians were reported to have been killed or under threat of death in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, the Philippines, Uganda, and Venezuela.

Two Algerian Christians were sentenced to two years' imprisonment for having operated a bookstore that was closed more than four years ago, though the sentence has not been carried out. The wife of a Chinese pastor has likewise been threatened with administrative punishment, for which she could be jailed for two weeks without trial.

Three female relatives of a Ugandan pastor were raped in retribution for his involvement in a conversion from Islam.

Churches and monasteries were vandalized or otherwise attacked in Bangladesh (two in fact), Colombia, Israel, and Niger. Christians continued to experience discrimination in India, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

[Also on this week's report](#) we make note of a Chinese bishop who has died of natural causes at age 100 (he had spent 15 years in labor camps), and the retirement of church leaders in Kenya, Pakistan and Vietnam who have fought battles on behalf of the persecuted. Well done! Please pray that their successors will be as committed to the lives of the Faithful as they have been.



Church in Aditmari, Lalmonirhat district, Bangladesh – courtesy AsiaNews



Church in Alikadam, Bandarban district, Bangladesh – courtesy AsiaNews



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Ibagué, Colombia – courtesy Edgar Jimenez

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