

2006 List of Assyrian Christians murdered, Attacked, kidnapped and Harassed in Iraq

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January 01, 2006

Kirkuk, Iraq

During demonstrations today in the quarters of Raheem Awa in Kirkuk, where Assyrians and Kurds live, Youkhana Yaqo Youkhana (born in 1936 in the Assyrian village of Deri) was killed by mistake by American troops who were shooting to clear up a demonstration protesting the high prices of fuel. Youkhana was heading home from his work when he was caught up in the middle of the demonstration. Youkhana Yaqo is the father of Emad Youkhana, a member of the Assyrian Democratic Movement.

<http://www.zowaa.org/ns/n1106.htm>

January 01, 2006

Dora, Baghdad

Ayad Loqa Lazar (born in 1962 in Kirkuk), a member of the Assyrian Democratic Movement), was attacked and murdered today at 7:00 a.m. by terrorists while on duty in Dora district. Ayad was married and had two children.

<http://www9.sbs.com.au/theworldnews/region.php?id=126622®ion=6>

Saturday, January 7, 2006

Baghdad

The Christian Science Monitor named female US freelancer Jill Carroll as the kidnapped journalist in Baghdad, Iraq. The kidnapping occurred in the western Baghdad's Adil neighborhood on January 7, 2006. The body of her Assyrian interpreter, Allan Enwiya, 32, was later found in the same neighborhood. Enwiya was able to tell soldiers that Carroll had been kidnapped before he died from the two bullets in his head.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060109/ts_alt_afp/usiraqjournalist_060109212207

<http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0110/p01s04-woiq.html>

<http://riverbendblog.blogspot.com/>

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January 17, 2006

Baghdad

A group disguised in the Iraqi National Guards uniforms knocked on the door of Deacon Sami Matti Sliwa (known also as Abu Addison). As the door was opened, they pushed themselves in, began to search the house, brought terror to the family, and when they found nothing they took Deacon Sliwa away. Two hours later, they called the family and told them that Deacon Sliwa was a hostage and that they were a kidnapping and robbery

gang and demanded ransom. Deacon Sliwa is not a member of any political group or organization and he is the only provider of his family.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,24448.0.html>

January 20, 2006

Baghdad

Kuwait News Agency (KUNA)

A group of armed men raided the home of the former Iraqi football (soccer) player and coach Emmanuel David, better known as Ammo Baba, in Zayoona, in the center of Baghdad.

The 74 years old former coach Baba told the police: "The armed men tie me up, folded my eyes, and began to beat me up." The armed men stole Baba's money and belongings. Most recently, Ammo Baba received some donations from Iraqi officials to cover necessary medical treatment outside Iraq. Ammo Baba has diabetes, which resulted in the amputation of two of his right foot toes in a surgery he underwent last year in Amman, Jordan. He has been suffering from poor vision lately as well. Ammo Baba stated that stealing his money would delay his treatment and threaten his life.

As the coach of the Iraqi national football team, Ammo Baba led Iraq to three titles in the Arabian Gulf football tournaments and the gold medal at the 1982 Asian Games in India.

<http://www.kuna.net.kw/Story.asp?DSNO=806808>

January 29, 2006

Baghdad and Kirkuk

Six Churches bombed in Iraq

Today, Sunday, six churches were bombed in Iraq. In Baghdad, a car bomb detonated at 4:10 p.m. outside St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in the eastern Baghdad suburb of Sina'a. About 20 minutes later, another vehicle exploded outside the Anglican Church in eastern Baghdad's Nidhal area. The Churches of Mar Addai and Mar Mari Catholic Church in al-Binook and St. Petros and Polous Orthodox Churches were bombed as well. Simultaneously, in the northern city of Kirkuk, the Church of the Virgin in Kirkuk was bombed at 4:30 p.m. That explosion came 15 minutes after another car bomb exploded outside St. Ephrem Orthodox Church. Three are confirmed dead, including Fadi R. Elias, 13 years old originally from Alqosh, and many wounded.

<http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/I/IRAQ?SITE=CAGRA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT>

<http://customwire.ap.org/dynamic/files/photos/B/BAG12401291637.html?SITE=CAGRA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT>

January 29, 2006

Mosul

According to Elaph, Muslim students in Mosul University beat tens of Christian students. This occurred days after a Danish newspaper published an insulting caricature drawing of Muslim prophet Mohammad. Muslim clerics in Mosul, under pressure from Islamic militias, issued fatwa (religious edict) calling their followers to "expel the Crusaders and

infidels from the streets, schools, and institutions because they offended the person of the prophet in Denmark."

<http://www.elaph.com/ElaphWeb/Politics/2006/1/124132.htm>

February 24, 2006

Mosul

Ni'mat Mattai Jiddo was killed by fundamentalists in Mosul. Details are not yet available. Ni'mat was married and had two children.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,29392.0.html>

February 27, 2006

Baghdad

A car bomb went off in al-Ameen quarters of Baghdad at around 7:00 p.m. on Monday. The bomb exploded and killed Mahir Toma Oshana minutes after he left his home. Mahir was born in 1967. He was married and had three young children. His sister Linda Toma, who lives in Norway, verified what happened after receiving the sad news from her parents in Iraq.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,29435.0.html>

March 6, 2006

Mosul, Iraq

In a phone call with Giwargis Samuel in Mosul, Mr. Samuel stated that fundamentalists are sending threat letters to Assyrians and Christians in town and telling them to leave Mosul or face death.

March 7, 2006

Mosul, Iraq

Assyrian Sinan Abd al-Jabbar, who was kidnapped last Saturday (March 4), was murdering. His body was found thrown in hay al-Tahrir quarters in Mosul as his family failed to pay the \$50,000 ransom.

Sinan was married with one baby of 5 months young.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,30362.0.html>

March 7, 2006

Mosul, Iraq

Assyrian Kamil Sulaiman Hurmis, who owns a factory in Dawwasa Assyrian quarters of Mosul, was threatened unless he pays huge amounts of money to those who threatened him. Mr. Hurmiz locked his shop and left his home and the town.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,30362.0.html>

April 5, 2006

Mosul

Toma Hurmiz Toma al-Kanni was shot and killed by unidentified assailant(s). The shooting occurred as Toma was standing in his own front yard garden in the al-Mansour quarters of Mosul.

April 6, 2006

Dora, Baghdad

Wasan Matti, sister of Fr. Wisam Matti of Mother of God Church, was killed from gunshots by an Islamic terrorist group. She was with her husband and 2-year-old daughter in their car returning home from a doctor visit. Wasan was six months pregnant and would have celebrated her 30th birthday on April 18.

Source: Chaldean News Newspaper

April 7, 2006 (AKI)

Baghdad

The Mujahadeen Council, a leading insurgency group linked to al-Qaeda in Iraq, has announced the killing of a Christian in Mosul "for offending the prophet Mohammed." In a statement posted to the Internet, the group, whose military arm is still headed by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said that on Tuesday it "eliminated" a Christian in Mosul. "We eliminated him, because this impure crusader offended our noble prophet Mohammed. We killed him in the al-Tahir quarter of Mosul" it read.

http://www.adnki.com/index_2Level.php?cat=Terrorism&loid=8.0.285211908&par=0

April 7, 2006

Dora, Baghdad

Shimshon Awisha (Abu Robi), brother of David and Abbi Awisha, was murdered near the Assyrian Club in Dora district as he was heading home. The killer stepped out from a car, walked towards Mr. Awisha, and shot him dead.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,34731.0.html>

April 12, 2006

Baghdad

James Benyamin, an Assyrian resident of New Baghdad district of Baghdad, was shot and killed by insurgents while working in Balad, about 20 miles east of Baghdad. Balad is a small city in the province of Salah-Al-Deen, the birthplace of the former Iraqi dictator, and a hot bed for insurgents and terrorists.

<http://www.assyrianvoice.net/news/apr-12-06.htm>

April 22, 2006

Ankawa, Arbil

Kurdish policemen, namely Badr, Hikmat, Sammeh, and Sourood that were part of the guarding duty under deputy Sulaiman, attacked a peaceful Christian civilian simply because he accompanied a friend who had a question about a specific problem.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,36356.0.html>

April 26, 2006

Mosul

Yousif Odisho Giwargis al-Baylati (b. 1965) was shot and killed in the Assyrian quarters of al-Dawwasa in Mosul. Motivations still unknown, but seems that he was targeted

because of his ethnic background. Giwargis was an Iraq-Iran war veteran and was injured during that war.

<http://www.f21.parsimony.net/forum37811/messages/45019.htm>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php?PHPSESSID=687d5040ff54563b2926e66a8f89d476&topic=36820.0>

April 30, 2006

Mosul

An attack by a terrorist(s) on worshippers at the Assyrian (Suryani) Orthodox Church of Mar Afram in Mosul resulted in seriously injuring two Assyrians who were transferred to a hospital.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,37372.0.html>

May 7, 2006

Arbil

A priest while on his way back to Mosul after finishing his religious duties in Arbil was stopped at a Kurdish police search point. The priest was searched, distressed, insulted, and threatened not to be allowed to cross to Mosul for no apparent reason. He was finally allowed to cross the checkpoint when an Arabic speaking Kurdish police intervened.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php?action=printpage;topic=39134.0>

May 10, 2006

Baghdad and Basra

Reports via e-mails and phone conversation with Assyrians in Iraq confirmed that Assyrian Christian women have been forced to wear the Islamic veil or face death and Assyrian men are being ordered to grow beards in the Muslim fashion.

May 17, 2006

Mosul

Abulkarim Hurmiz Bahoda was murdered in a hate crime incident. No details available.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,40576.0.html>

May 25, 2006

Kirkuk

The ChaldoAssyrian Police Captain Salam Mnati Yousif was shot to death by the hands of terrorists in Kirkuk city, at 2:30 pm, while he was shopping with his wife. Mr. Yousif was born in 1956. He joined the Assyrian Democratic Movement (ADM) after the liberation of Iraq, and was an active member in our ChaldoAssyrian Community in Kirkuk, although he is Mandaean (Sabeen). Salam Yousif left behind a wife and six children.

(ADM news)

May 30, 2006

Mosul

Ra'aad Yousif (b. 1976) was found murdered in the Industrial quarters in Mosul. Yousif is from Bartella; he was married and had one child. Yousif owned a bodybuilding gym.

Reports from Mosul indicate that the murder is suspected to be an act of revenge over the ownership of his gym as the decision of ownership was in his favor after the public bidding over the gym. He was threatened by the Kurds to withdraw his bid but he refused.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=1879

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42240.0.html>

June 2, 2006

Baghdad

Kaneesat al-Si'aood (The Church of Ascension) was attacked by a rocket bomb last night. The bomb caused damages to the church building and a hole in the church dome. No injuries were reported because the attack happened during the night.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=1878

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42241.0.html>

June 3, 2006

Basra

Armed men murdered last night a Christian engineer in front of his home in Basra. The Christian engineer, whose name is not yet released, worked at the al-Najeebiyya Electrical Circuit in al-Ma'aqal. The murder seems to be due to religious reasons since the engineer was a Christian and there have been many killings against Christians in Basra and efforts to force them to leave the city.

<http://www.iraq4allnews.dk/viewnews.php?id=117594>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42201.0.html>

June 3, 2006

Mosul

The Assyrian town of Karamles said the last farewell to an innocent 33-years-young Christian woman. Rahima Elias Isha'ya, originally from Karamles, was murdered by a group of armed men in the crowded commercial neighborhood of Dargazliyya in Mosul. She owned a small business where she sold perfumes and make-up related merchandise. The fanatic murderers fired their guns at Rahima while he was inside her shop and fled, said the police.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42357.0.html>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42289.0.html>

June 7, 2006

Baghdad

Rushd Noel Essa was killed when a cab bomb exploded in al-Sina'aa quarters in Baghdad on Wednesday. Essa was a member of the ChaldoAssyrian Students and Youth Union. He lived in the Assyrian quarters of Dora and was born in 1976.

<http://www.khoyada.com/>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,42944.0.html>

June 11, 2006

Baghdad

A bomb explosion in the al-Karrada district in central Baghdad killed many Iraqis, including Ninos Shamuel Adam, an Assyrian university student born in 1985.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,43708.0.html>

June 14, 2006

Mosul

A local police patrol in Nineveh Province harassed and assaulted two Assyrian (ChaldoAssyrian) students in Mosul University after they completed their final exams and were ready to go home. Worth mentioning that the Assyrian students boycotted last year's classes at Mosul University because they were harassed and threatened for being Christians.

<http://www.khoyada.com/news/news16062006-1.htm>

June 16, 2006

Basra

Linda Edmond and her family were forced to leave their home in Basra after receiving death threats. Linda has been a member of the Mar Afram Church Musical Choir for 14 years. Islamic fundamentalists murdered her friend in the choir Shadha Sada Odisho few months earlier.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,44295.0.html>

June 22, 2006

Northern Iraq

New statistics by the Assyrian Aid Society estimated that 1331 ChaldoAssyrian Christian families (for about 5561 persons) have fled Baghdad, Mosul, Basra, Ramadi, and Kirkuk and settled in towns and villages in northern Iraq. The Christians are fleeing because of the lack of security or forced migration. The statistics are as follows: 449 families to Dohuk, 119 families to Barwari Bala, 19 families to Mulla Barwan, 52 families to Aqra, 429 families to Zakho, and 263 families to Sapna. In previous statistics, 700 ChaldoAssyrian families were reported fleeing their homes.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=2032

June 30, 2006

Hamdaniya (Baghdede), Northern Iraq

Three Iraqi Police loyal to the KDP Police Chief in the Hamdaniya District of the Nineveh governorate began assaulting civilian passers by with anti-Christian and racist slurs. The policemen had just come off duty but were still carrying their automatic weapons. As the Iraqi police continued their tirade against Christians in the overwhelmingly Assyrian Christian town, Steven Basim, a young man, left his car to plead with the police to refrain from their insults and threats.

The police officers approached the man and one immediately started to strike him squarely on the side of his head with his weapon. As the young man fell to the ground bleeding, the other two policemen then also joined in the beating. Two other Assyrian men attempted to intervene and were also beaten.

As a group of onlookers began to approach and question the police regarding the slurs and beating, the police began firing into the crowd. Fearing they could not control the angry crowd, the police called for reinforcements.

At 6:30 pm, the police dragged their bleeding, half conscious victim to the police station. Fearing for his life, a group of young Assyrian Christian locals decided to rescue the man from his kidnapers. The local priest, Fr. Loius Kassab, who has enjoyed considerable financial support and favor from the KDP occupying forces asked the group of Assyrians to allow him to intervene to secure the release. As time dragged on, the group of Assyrians became increasingly concerned that the badly beaten man may die in custody. Finally, the group stormed the holding station and rescued the man and immediately transported him to obtain medical care.

<http://www.aina.org/releases/20060706111253.htm>

July 1, 2006

Hamdaniya (Baghdede), Northern Iraq

A group of Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) peshmerga (party militia) seized the Hamdaniya main petrol distribution station in order to get gas that is reserved originally for the general public. The local police interfered and an entanglement ensued. Two police were injured. The public was frightened, the station was closed, and the people were deprived of their share of gasoline.

Such attacks, assaults, and gas monopoly by the KDP are normal recurrences. The militias killed two residents of the [Assyrian] town of Bartella earlier when they were waiting to receive their share of gas at a gas station. The people protested the trespassing of KDP's peshmerga against what belongs to the general public.

<http://www.zahrira.net/?p=755>

<http://www.aina.org/releases/20060706111253.htm>

July 1, 2006

Kirkuk

A Christian who worked as a traffic warden was shot and killed on the streets of Kirkuk two days before his wedding.

(December 2006 issue of Barnabas Aid, a magazine published by Barnabas Fund)

July 8, 2006

A call from the Ankawa farmers

It seems that the many complaints on the part of the Ankawa farmers to the officials regarding monetary compensation for the farmers and property owners were all for nothing.

Even though this subject isn't a mere complaint but rather it comes out of the righteous voice which should always be above all. There are legal documents which prove the ownership of the properties which were taken by the government for the construction of the Arbil International airport as well as other projects such as:

1. Apartment buildings on the Ankawa properties.
2. Construction of hydro stations on a 90 Dunum of land, which is part of the Ankawa properties.

Building the so-called City of Dreams on large portions of lands belonging to the Ankawa farmers.

3. Establishing plant nurseries affiliated with the gardening administration in Arbil on the Ankawa lands.

4. Appropriating more than 500 Dunum of lands, and passing them to the department of agricultural research, forbidding the farmers of their lawful right to the lands, while those who were allowed to cultivate the lands were not residents of Ankawa.

We appeal to all the officials to find a prompt solution giving back the lawful land owners what's rightfully theirs ... We also thank Ankawa.com for its help in posting this complaint ...

Respectfully,

The Ankawa farmers

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,47448.0.html>

July 13, 2006

Kirkuk

A Nissan pickup truck on the side road exploded on Thursday morning near the Syoof area in the heavily Assyrian populated Arapha district. Four adults and a boy were killed and seven wounded, few severely and critically. Police officer Johnny Warda was identified as one of the killed. One adult was unidentified because of severe burns to his entire body.

July 17, 2006

Baghdad

On Monday 17/07/2006, 10:30 a.m. Father Raad Washan Sawa was abducted by unknown assailants in al-Karada district. The three kidnappers stopped the taxi, which was transporting Father Sawa, forced him out of the taxi and into their car, and then they took him to one of the houses used for such operations. Father Sawa was blindfolded, burned his hands with cigarettes, beaten, and insulted with obscene words. The second day, he was beaten again and dropped on an express way in al-Qanat quarters but not before he was asked to prepare \$200,000 U.S. which was going to be collected at a later time.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,49776.0.html>

July 18, 2006

Baghdad

On January 31, 2006, al-Iraqiya Sat broadcasted a clip for an interrogator questioning a terrorist whom along three other terrorists named Jamal, Sabah, and Firas kidnapped three women. The first was a Christian from Za'faraniyya. They raped her and then Jamal killed her. The second was a teacher, a Christian as well, in Diyala. She was raped and then Sabah killed her. The third was a Christian too and an employee at a clinic in al-Madaa'in (ancient Seleucia-Ctesiphon). She was raped as well and Jamal killed her after they raped her.

On July 18, 2006, al-Iraqiya Sat broadcasted an interview with Dr. Mahmoud al-Mashhadani, Speaker (Head) of the Iraqi National Assembly (parliament). He addressed

the issue of kidnapping his own sister Tayseer al-Mashhadani and her guards. Addressing the terrorists, Dr. Mahmoud al-Mashhadani stated, quote: "Why kidnap this Muslim woman? Instead of Tayseer, why not kidnap Margaret or Jwan?" Unquote.

Mentioning specifically these two female names, he is clearly referring to Christian (Assyrian) and Kurdish women. What is the Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament advocating? Is he telling the terrorists to leave Tayseer and kidnap Margaret and Jwan?

http://www.baqofa.com/forum/forum_posts.asp?TID=1767&PN=1

July 20, 2006

Baghdad

Pamphlets were distributed in Baghdad's quarters of al-Dora demanding from all the residence to evacuate their homes and leave. The pamphlets threatened to kill those who remain in their homes.

Another group demanded from Christian and Sunni families in the quarters of al-Mashtal to evacuate their homes or face extermination.

Note: Many Assyrians live in the al-Dora and al-Mashtal quarters of Baghdad.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=2259

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,49109.0.html>

July 21, 2006

Baghdad

In the southern neighborhood of Dora, a Christian (unidentified yet) working for the ministry of higher education was shot dead.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060721/wl_mideast_afp/iraqunrest

July 21, 2006

Kirkuk

A car bomb exploded in al-Muhafada St. Salwan Sabah Jabbar, A Christian, was killed and many Christians injured.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,49255.0.html>

August 3, 2006

Baghdad

Chaldean Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Andreos Abouna of Baghdad said that before the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq there were about 1.2 million Christians in Iraq. Since then the overall number has dropped to about 600,000. The bishop said 75 percent of Christians from Baghdad had fled the capital to escape the almost daily outbreaks of sectarian violence.

<http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0604409.htm>

August 8, 2006

Baghdad

A week ago, Bassam Shimun Hakim (33), was kidnapped from in front of his large liquor shop in Baghdad. The kidnappers demanded a ransom for his safe release. They were paid \$30,000 in cash in addition to a BMW worth \$10,000 that was parked besides the business address when he was kidnapped. Still, Bassam's dead body was discovered by

police in one of Baghdad's streets two days ago and was kept in the morgue. Bassam was from Alqosh (northern Iraq) originally. He was married with two children.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,51087.0.html>

August 8, 2006

Dohuk, Northern Iraq

Akhiqar Gewargis Odisho (b. 1962) was shot at 8:00 p.m. while tending to his sheep. He was shot by a group of Kurdish militia, members of Kurdistan Democratic Party of Barazani. Sherdel Taher Khalid and two other unidentified Kurdish thugs were seen leaving the scene in their vehicle after the shooting. The three Kurds are from the Ekmala village, a neighboring village to Kondi Kosa where Mr. Akhiqar lived. Odisho died at 3:30 a.m. of August 9 from complications of his wounds in Nohadra (Dohuk) hospital. Odisho was married and had three daughters. The Assyrians of Kondi Kosa face continuous trespassing by neighboring Kurds despite pleas to the local government officials and KRG.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=2473

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,51430.0.html>

August 12, 2006

Mosul

Two Assyrian brothers were murdered in cold blood while in their own shop in Mosul's quarters of al-Masaarif. The two Assyrian brothers owned a carpentry business in which they sold their furniture too. The two brothers, Akram Aprim Shlimon and Aziz Aprim Shlimon, were murdered in broad daylight and in front of people. The killers escaped using the car they belonged to the two brothers.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,51667.0.html>

August 17, 2006

Baghdad

Ghassan E. Rofa Haido (b. 1968) was murdered outside Baghdad and in front of a crowd. He has been putting off his marriage because he was anticipating this murder.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,52705.0.html>

August 26, 2006

Damascus

According to www.basrahnews.net/ Dr. Donny George, Deputy Head of the Iraqi Antiquity and head of Baghdad Museum, had fled to an undisclosed address in Damascus, Syria with his family because of the insecurity, lack of resources and the interferences of the Muqtada al-Sadr militias.

Later, in November Prof. George stated in "Hard Talk", a program of the BBC, that he was under too much pressure by the fundamentalist to leave Iraq. Furthermore, the Ministry of Antiquity had planned to replace him and it withdrew his powers and responsibilities. He faced the above simply because he was a Christian.

<http://www.zahrira.net/?p=1712>

August 31, 2006

Baghdad

Manaf H. Yousuf was killed by a bomb that exploded as he was returning home from work in al-Baladiyat quarters of Baghdad. Yousuf was born in 1978 and originally from the town of Bersive in northern Iraq. He was an engineer.

www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,55302.0.html

September 8, 2006

Baghdad

Two bombs exploded in front of the main gate of a church in al-Za'faraniyya. The explosions caused damaged to the church and injured the church guards. Fr. Francis Scher was not at the church as he was visiting a family after christening ceremonies.

www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,55392.0.html

September 21, 2006

Mosul

Assyrian police officer Ziad Waadallah Jamil was assassinated in Mosul in the area of al-Sa'aa. He was employed with the Nineveh police force and he was attacked by unknown assailants as he was leaving home to go to work. Officer Jamil was born in Mosul in 1981, he was single.

www.nirgalgate.com

September 24, 2006

Baghdad

Terrorists attacked Assyrians after Sunday prayer at the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary of the Ancient Church of the East in Al-Riyadh neighborhood in Baghdad. Joseph Isho and an unidentified small boy were killed and around 17 injured, two of them seriously. Eyewitnesses stated that as the worshipers were leaving the church after Sunday morning mass, a bomb exploded under the car of the Church priest Father Ayzeria Warda, parked nearby the main gate, or perhaps a hand grenade was thrown at them from a speeding car. Immediately after that, another huge explosion occurred from a car bomb parked across the narrow street as the panic people gathered to check on the injured.

<http://nineveh.com/Twin%20terrorist%20attacks%20on%20the%20Cathedral%20Church%20of%20the%20Virgin%20Mary.html>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,57700.0.html>

<http://www.gfbv.de/pressemit.php?id=665&PHPSESSID=76f03f41189f5ee5bb92bbb548a4e8b0>

September 26, 2006

Mosul

Once again the Chaldean Church of the Holy Spirit was the target of terrorist attacks in Mosul, Iraq. On the morning of September 26, a group of men fired rockets against the building, whilst an explosive devise was detonated outside a usually unused entrance door, this according to local sources. No one was killed or hurt in the incident. They also suggested that the attackers might be the same people who on Sunday fired some 80 shots against the church breaking some windows and causing minor damage.

www.aindamagazine.com (October 6 issue)

September 30, 2006

Mosul

According to Aswat al-Iraq (Voices of Iraq), 30 Christian families have received threats on Friday September 29 to leave Mosul in 72 hours or be killed.

<http://www.aswataliraq.info/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=27743&mode=thread&order=0&thold=0>

October 1, 2006

Kirkuk

A bomb exploded in front of the home of an Assyrian family in al-Nasr district. The bomb caused injury to one woman in the house and damages to the structure. The family has been receiving threats to leave the city.

PUKmedia

October 2006

13 Christian women two weeks ago were kidnapped and killed because they didn't wear the traditional Islamic veils.

RFE/RL

October 4, 2006

Baghdad

A series of bombs went off in rapid succession in a shopping district in a mainly Assyrian Christian neighborhood of Camp Sarah in Baghdad, killing 12 people and wounding 56, many of the injured are in critical condition.

The available names of the killed so far include:

1. Thamir Giwargis
2. Fareed Elias
3. Falah Yousif Zarra, of Alqosh (member of the ChaldoAssyrian Syriac National Council Secretariat of Iraq).
4. Ghazwan
5. Fadi Aadil, of Batnaya
6. Husam, from Zakho
7. Abu Albert, Armenian
8. Zayd Farooq
9. Issac Edward Mirza, of Alqosh

(Source: New York Times - World, October 4, 2006)

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.58885.0.html>

October 5, 2006

Mosul

The church of the Holy Spirit in Mosul appears to have become the target of a terror campaign. After attacks that took place at the end of September, a group of men opened fire on the place of worship on October 4 and 5, injuring one of the guards who is currently in hospital.

www.aisaNews.com

www.zindamagazine.com (October 6 issue)

October 8, 2006

Baghdad

Around 6:30 a.m., two bombs exploded by the Church of Virgin Mary on Palestine road in Baghdad. The outer walls of the church were damaged and the windows of many parked cars that belong to the church were shattered. One policeman was killed and many passing by people were injured.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,59303.0.html>

October 9, 2006

Mosul

Fr. Polous Iskandar, the priest of Mar Afram (St. Ephrem) Church in Mosul, was kidnapped by armed group on Monday while he was in the industrial quarters of the city. On October 11, he was beheaded by what it seems to be an Islamic fundamentalist group.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,59450.0.html>

<http://www.f21.parsimony.net/forum37811/messages/46287.htm>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20061012004656.htm>

October 9, 2006

Baghdad, Mosul, and Basra

Christians are living a terrified life in Mosul and Baghdad. Several priests have been kidnapped, girls are being raped and murdered. A fourteen-year-old boy was crucified in the Christian neighborhood of Basra.

<http://www.aina.org/news/20061012004656.htm>

October 11, 2006

Baquba (northeast of Baghdad)

Dr. Joseph Fraidon Potros (b. 1950) was kidnapped from his working office in Baquba General Hospital. His abductors then murdered him. Dr. Potros was a specialist in dermatology.

<http://www.f21.parsimony.net/forum37811/messages/46276.htm>

October 13, 2006

Mosul

A group from the Kurdish militia belonging to the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) attacked the Nineveh headquarters of the Assyrian Democratic Movement's TV station, Ashur TV. The KDP militia forced the TV station staff, including two female news anchors, out of the building and forcibly confined them in their vehicle outside of the Bakhdeda (Hamdaniya) TV station. The Ashur TV station staff driver was severely beaten by the KDP militia and was hospitalized.

<http://www.aina.org/news/20061013144633.htm>

October 21, 2006

Baquba, northeast Baghdad

Ayad Tariq (14 years young Christian) was the sole provider for his family that consisted of his father, who was old and could not work, mother, five younger brothers and two

sisters. He was forced to quit school, work and provide for his family. His job was to turn on and off an electric generator and attend to it while on his 12 hours shift. On Saturday 21, and around 6:00 a.m., while he was just about to enter the premises of his fenced work, a group of Islamist extremists confronted Ayad and asked for his ID. When they discovered that he was a Christian, they began to scream "kafir ... kafir" (Infidel). They dropped him on the ground, different men held each of his arms and legs and a fifth man held his head, put the knife on his neck and cut his throat while screaming "Allah Akbar ... Allah Akbar" (God is Great).

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,62046.0.html>

October 22, 2006

Baghdad

Arkan Sabah Yousif was kidnapped. However, his body was found in mid November.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,64703.0.html>

October 29, 2006

Mosul

Ziyad Abdulla Ajaj (22 years young) was murdered by a group of armed terrorists as he left home in the morning going to work in the Christian quarters of al Sa'aa.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,62050.0.html>

October 29, 2006

Baghdad

In the afternoon of October 29, Marvin Emmanuel Khazmi (born 1984) was kidnapped. His body was found the next day at the mortuary with a bullet in the head. Marvin was a third year student at the University of Baghdad, College of Agriculture.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,62397.0.html>

October 2006

Baghdad

A toddler was kidnapped. The mother, a Christian, could not pay the ransom and the young child was returned to her, beheaded, roasted, and served on a mound of rice.

Source: Barnabas Aid magazine Jan-Feb. 2007

http://www.themesopotamian.org/Banabas_1206.pdf

November 20, 2006

Baghdad

(AsiaNews) Christians in Baghdad fear yet another priest has been kidnapped. Fr Douglas Yousef Al Bazy - 34 years, Chaldean -- left his parish yesterday morning and has not yet returned home.

<http://www.aina.org/news/20061120105018.htm>

November 22, 2006

Mosul

The head of al-Suryan Independent Assembly Mr. Eshoo Majeed Hadaya was attacked and shot to death by unknown assailants as he left the headquarters of his movement in Baghdeda, the Nineveh plain, in northern Iraq.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,65329.0.html>

November 23, 2006

Baghdad

Ishmael Behnam al-Qas Ishak was abducted over a month and a half ago. Yesterday his body was found at Baghdad's Institute of Forensic Medicine. The victim was originally from the Assyrian town of Baghdeda. He was married and a father of three children.

Ishmael worked as a taxi driver on the Baghdad-Amman highway when he was abducted.

www.zahrira.com

November 26, 2006

Kirkuk- Iraq

The Head of the Department of Antiquities and Heritage in Kirkuk, Ayad Tariq, warned from an increase in trespassing on archaeological sites in the city, such as that of Jallo, 15 km. South of the city of Kirkuk. He said that people are building homes within the site, which is one of the most important archaeological sites that date back to ancient Assyrian period. He added that even though the department had build a fence around the site, still the trespassing by the locals continues to increase.

Source: Aswat al Iraq

November 26, 2006

Mosul

Two Assyrians, Shakeeb Polous Isaac Polous of the Assyrian town of Karamles and his relative Faris Daniel, were abducted today in Mosul.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,65962.0.html>

On December 4, 2006, it was reported that Shakeeb's (b. 1974) body was found. He was murdered on December 2. The fate of his relative is not known yet.

www.zahrira.com

<http://assyrian4all.net/akhne/viewtopic.php?t=633>

November 29, 2006

Baghdad-Iraq

A terrorist group in Baghdad assassinated Haskial Isaac Benjamin al-Raikani (b. 1950). He was from the Assyrian village of Telkepe (Telkaif) in northern Iraq. Al-Raikani was shot and killed in front of his home in Dora, Baghdad as he attempted to move his family and belongings back to northern Iraq. Al-Raikani was married with three sons and two daughters.

<http://www.ana-ashur.com/>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,66803.0.html>

November 30, 2006

Baghdad

Followers of Moqtada al-Sadr have issued a fatwa concerning school girls, according to an Assyrian priest in Baghdad. The fatwa requires all girls to wear the veil while attending school. In an unusual twist of logic, the fatwa implies that failure to wear the veil would be tantamount on the girls' part to complicity in the death of the Imam Husayn ibn Ali (killed in 680 A.D. in Karbala in a battle with the army of the Caliphate.)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20061130101108.htm>

December 4, 2006

Baghdad

Fr. Sami Abd al-Ahad was abducted along with his car in front of his home on al-Sina'aa Street across from the Technology University in Baghdad as he attempted to go to Church. He was released on December 10, 2006, as reported by the Chaldean Catholic Church web site.

<http://www.st-adday.com/>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,66823.0.html>

December 4, 2006

Mosul

Fr. Mundhir al-Dayr of the Protestant Church in Mosul was found dead with a bullet in his head, reported AsiaNews. Fr. Al-Dayr was abducted November 26, 2006 and was found dead four days later. A message from the abductors demanded one million dollars as ransom or they will "kill all Christians starting with Fr. Al-Dayr."

Source: AsiaNews

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,67216.0.html>

December 6, 2006

Baghdad

An armed group attacked few men who were conversing in front of a bakery not far from his home in Dora district. Mikha Raheem (age 56), originally from Alqosh, was killed.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,67479.0.html>

December 12, 2006

Mosul

An unidentified Islamic group placed flyers at the Student Union at Mosul University; the flyers contained messages directed at Assyrian (also known as Chaldean and Syriac) students and were placed in areas where Assyrian students congregate. Witnesses report that University security men observed the men placing the flyers but did not intervene. The flyers warned the Christian Assyrian students that "in cases where non-Muslims do not conform to wearing the *Hijab* [head cover for women] and are not conservative with their attire in accordance with the Islamic way, the violators will have the *Sharia* and the Islamic Law applied to them."

www.aina.org

December 13, 2006

Dohuk

Fishkhabour and Derabon (Dair Aboon) are two Assyrian villages that are part of the Zakho district. The majority of lands in these two villages belong to Assyrians, the indigenous people of the region. Tens of Kurdish families belonging to the Mirani tribe have illegally appropriated lands belonging to the Assyrians and there are additionally two hundred Yezidi families illegally living in the village of Derabon. Many complaints were presented to the government in charge, but no action was taken to end these violations. Other similar violations in the villages of Qrola, Bidar and others in al-Sindi region continue. In addition, it has been noted that the funds, which are allocated to the building of homes in the region, are wasted due to administrative corruption resulting in the building of houses that don't satisfy the legal building codes.

http://www.nirgalgate.com/asp/v_news.asp?id=3241

December 13, 2006

Baghdad

A young Assyrian man, Ninos Potros Qoryaqos Al-Bazi, was killed as a huge explosion rocked a popular market in the area of New Baghdad. The young man was with his brother at the time of the explosion. The two brothers were transferred to a hospital where Ninos was announced dead. Another Assyrian, Ryan Sami Esho, who owns a store in the area, mentioned that two car bombs exploded in the crowded market. The explosions shattered the windows of his shop completely and damaged others.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,68233.0.html>

December 18, 2006

Baghdad-Mosul

Three traveling Assyrians disappeared mysteriously while on their way from Baghdad to Mosul. The individuals are: Laith Jawro (from Alqosh), Noel Odisho (from Alqosh), and an unidentified (from Telkepe).

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,68903.0.html>

On Monday, December 25, 2006, Noel Odisho was released. The fate of the other two is still in question.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,69716.0.html>

December 27, 2006

Baghdad

Christmas tree sellers in quarters throughout Baghdad were kidnapped and murdered by armed religious fanatic groups. Five Christmas trees sellers were kidnapped and three others were murdered in the Christian populated quarters of al-Karrada, 'Arassat and Ghadeer in Baghdad. The sellers were displaying their Christmas trees on their local streets as they do always this time of the year when they were attacked, kidnapped or murdered.

http://www.aljeeran.net/wesima_articles/news-20061227-59413.html