

## 2009 List of Assyrian Christians murdered, Attacked, and Harassed in Iraq

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January 4, 2009

Dora, Baghdad

An armed group stormed and broke in the home of Shalemnassar Gibrael in Dora suburbs of Baghdad. Shalemnassar was in his bed recovering from a heart attack. He was threatened at gunpoint as the gang strangled to death his 64 years old wife Wardah Nicola in front of him.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.253844.0.html>

March 31, 2009

Kirkuk

Sabah Aziz Sulaiman (b. 1938) was murdered (his throat slashed) in his Ghaz al-Shimal Apartment Complex, Bldg. 14, Apt. 2. His wife Mary David Sliwa, an employee with the Kiwan Hospital, was at work at the time. Sulaiman was retired from his work at Huzayran Bank.

<http://zenit.org/article-25597?l=english>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.285781.msg3752789.html#msg3752789>

<http://www.aina.org/news/2009040319921.htm>

April 2, 2009

Dora, Baghdad

Two women, Glawis Nissan and Hanaa Ishaq, were attacked and stabbed to death by unidentified persons inside their home in Dora this afternoon.

It is worth mentioning that there was another woman who was killed in March in the same manner.

<http://zenit.org/article-25597?l=english>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.286520.0.html>

<http://www.aina.org/news/2009040319921.htm>

April 2, 2009

Dora, Baghdad

Nimrod Khuder Moshi was murdered in front of his restaurant in Dora.

<http://zenit.org/article-25597?l=english>

<http://www.aina.org/news/2009040319921.htm>

April 4, 2009

Mosul

An unidentified group stormed the shop of Abd al-Aziz Elias Aziz, opened their fire and murdered him. Aziz ran his small electrical generators repairs shop.

<http://zenit.org/article-25597?l=english>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.287288.0.html>

April 26, 2009

Kirkuk

Two families were attacked simultaneously around 10:00 p.m. when gunmen broke into their homes. In Domas neighborhood, Mouna Latif Dauod and her daughter Susan Latif were killed and a third person was wounded. In the attack on the second family in the Wahid Huzeran neighborhood, Basim Yousif Shaba, an employee in Iraq's Northern Oil Company, was killed and his two sons, Basil and Samer, were injured.

[http://business.maktoob.com/20090000001882/Two\\_Christians\\_gunned\\_down\\_in\\_Iraq/Article.htm](http://business.maktoob.com/20090000001882/Two_Christians_gunned_down_in_Iraq/Article.htm)

<http://www.aina.org/news/20090426204130.htm>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.293709.0.html>

May 3, 2009

Nineveh Province

Tony Edward Shawil (5 years old) was kidnapped in front of his home in 'Ayn Sifni, Shaikha District by unknown party. The abductors initially demanded a ransom of \$50,000, but did not wait for the payoff. His body was found later dumped in near by Rofya, Aqra district.

<http://www.aliraqnews.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=24306>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.298208.msg3852918.html#msg3852918>

June 29, 2009

Nineveh Governorate

A car bomb exploded just before noon near the Hamdaniya (Also known as Baghdede or Qara Qosh) hospital killing seven people. Worth mentioning that Baghdede (30 km east of Mosul) is the largest Assyrian town in Iraq with close to 40,000 predominantly Assyrian inhabitants.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.314114.0.html>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.314117.0.html>

July 12, 2009

Kirkuk

An unidentified group of armed men shot and killed Aziz Rizqo, General Manager of Financial Control Bureau, in front of his home in Domeez neighborhood in central Kirkuk.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.318672.0.html>

July 12, 2009

Baghdad

A series of bombs targeted churches in Baghdad Sunday. Seven in all were reported bombed, killing 4, injuring 18 and causing great damage to some of them. The churches are:

1. The Church of St Mary on Palestine St., were four were killed
2. The Church of Saint George in the district at Madidi
3. The St. Joseph Church in Nafak, western Baghdad
4. The Church of the Sacred Heart
5. The church of St Peter and Paul
6. The Assyrian Church of Saint Mary
7. The St. James Church in Dora

as parishioners were inside during Sunday mass.

<http://ara.reuters.com/article/topNews/idARACAE56C0BW20090713?sp=true>

<http://www.aina.org/news/20090712165500.htm>

<http://www.ishtartv.com/news.8309.html>

<http://www.ipairaq.com/index.php?name=inner&t=politics&id=13301>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.318712.msg3997696.html#msg3997696>

July 13, 2009

Mosul

The Church of Virgin Fatima was bombed in Mosul.

The attacks came even though Assyrian Christian (also known as Chaldean and/or Syriac) sources warned of the impending attacks days ago. Assyrian sources received warnings of the impending attacks 5 days ago through text messages and immediately passed the information on to U.S. forces. Under new security arrangements, U.S. forces were unable to act themselves but ensured the Iraqi military was notified.

[www.iraqdemocracyproject.org](http://www.iraqdemocracyproject.org)

July 26, 2009

Mosul

'Alaa Bashir (30) was murdered at the family factory that is located midway between Mosul and Telkaif.

Gunmen driving four cars approached the soft drink factory owned by 'Alaa's brother, confronted the guard, beat him and asked the guard to see the owner. When 'Alaa came out to see what was going on, the gunmen pulled their guns and shot him to death.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.325182.msg4034575.html#msg4034575>

August 18, 2009

Kirkuk

This evening one Assyrian was killed while another abducted. Sabah Askar (father of three children), was killed when he tried to save a child in his neighborhood from being abducted.

Dr. Samir Giwargis was abducted by unknown gunmen while on his way home. Dr. Giwargis was a pediatrician.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,333641.0.html>

September 5, 2009

Mosul

After over a month and a half of abduction, the body of Saalim Barjo was found in Mosul.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,342417.0.html>

October 5, 2009

Kirkuk

The funeral of Imad Eliya (b. 1956) took place at the Church of the Holy Family. Eliya was abducted couple of days earlier and his body was found on Sunday with traces of gunshot wounds. Eliya was an employee (nurse) at Kirkuk's General Health Directorate.

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20091005/API/910051403?Title=Iraq-Christian-leader-denounces-latest-attacks>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=17331>

<http://www.startribune.com/world/63535607.html>

<http://www.ishtartv.com/news,9045.html>

October 12, 2009

Baghdad

Saamir al-Naqqar (b. 1974) was shot and killed for undisclosed reasons. He was a graduate of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. He attended the Christian Studies Institute of the Babil (Babylon) College of Theology, at its old location in Dora, Baghdad.

<http://www.ishtartv.com/news,9126.html>

November 13, 2009

Mosul

An unidentified group of men attacked and fired upon Rami Khacheek (16) while he was in front of his own home in al-Tahrir quarters and killed him immediately. Rami's family had escaped to Tellesqof after the attacks on Christians in Mosul, but returned lately with the relative peace. Rami's funeral was on Saturday. He was buried in Tellesqof.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,364823.msg4296645.html#msg4296645>

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic,365134.0.html>

November 26, 2009

Mosul

A bomb exploded near the Church of Mar Afram in Wadi al-'Ayn in Mosul al-Jadeeda (New Mosul). The bomb caused great damage to the church and the home of the priest attached to the church property. The church is not suitable for praying any longer. Another bomb ripped through the Santa Teresa Monastery, but none of the six nuns that live in it were hurt; however, the monastery's reception hall was damaged severely, in addition to other parts of the structure.

<http://www.middle-east-online.com/iraq/?id=86005>

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gVkeIHEzo5X2FvTzfWQFGYTADX3A>

<http://www.ishtartv.com/news,10140.html>

December 15, 2009

Mosul

Two churches (alTahira Orthodox and the al-Bishara Catholic) were bombed today in Mosul. Many children were injured at the school that is adjacent and belong to the al-Tahira Assyrian Orthodox Church. The two churches were damaged. One girl, baby Teba Sa'ad Yunis, eight days young was killed in the attack.

<http://ara.reuters.com/article/topNews/idARACAE5BE0DU20091215>  
<http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/eight-day-old-baby-killed-in-iraq-attack/story-e6frfku0-1225810810967>  
<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.372288.0.html>

December 17, 2009

Mosul

Zayd Najeeb Yousif (39) was killed by unidentified group of people in the 17 July quarters in Mosul.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.372787.msg4357029.html#msg4357029>  
<http://www.ishtartv.com/news.10305.html>

December 23, 2009

Mosul

The Church of Mar Toma (St. Thomas) for the Syrian (Assyrian) Orthodox in al-Sa'aa District in Mosul was a bomb target. The terrorists used a small wooden cart (normally used by persons selling fruits, vegetables, etc.) to hide the bombs in. The church is located on an old narrow alley that is not accessible by automobiles. One passing by was killed and four injured. Church windows and doors were damaged.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.373946.msg4364455.html#msg4364455>

December 24, 2009

Mosul

Basil Esho Youkhana (b. 1986) was murdered in front of his home in al-Tahrir quarters in Mosul.

Basil was attacked by an unidentified armed men. His body was transferred to Bartella where he is going to be buried.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.374124.0.html>

December 28, 2009

Mosul

An Assyrian student was kidnapped from Mosul University premises. Sara Edmond Youkhana was in her first year of Pedagogy Education at the university. A group claiming to represent the Islamic Republic of Iraq called the family and claimed responsibility for the kidnapping without making any demands.

<http://www.ankawa.com/forum/index.php/topic.374587.0.html>