

Persecution of Christians in Orissa, India

LIST OF ATTACKS SO FAR COLLECTED FROM MEDIA SOURCES

1. (25-08-08) Kandhamal Dist. Yesterday at 0430 to 0500 PM, around 1000 perpetrators of Sangh parivar chased and killed 4 Christians by dagger and sword on the road whose names are ; Bikram Naik(38), Dasaratha Pradhan(38), Surendra Naik (40) and another Christian brother whose name is still not reported. The deceased were trying to protect their Church when the radicals tried to fire it. Tiangia village.
2. (25-08-08) Rev. Prakash Naik's prayer house at Raikia is burnt. Raikia
3. (25-08-08) In Mandakia, Batingia villages the whole Christian Colony are bombed and destroyed this morning. In Raikia MP Dr. R.K.Nayaks house, Joy Mandal, Bro. Das, Santosh Naik and Santanu's houses are destroyed on bombing Yesterday at 10 PM Mandakia
4. (25-08-08) In many places till now when there is no police guard, the mob is furiously moving from one Christian village to another in C. Udayagiri area right now and damaging the Christian properties. Bodimunda, Gadhaguda, Telingia, Sukananda, Gracingia, Nuasahi, Kurmingia, Mallickpadi village of G. Udayagiri are under their attack right now.
5. (25-08-08) Pastor Khyamasila Bagh of Rudaangia of Raikia has been severely attacked and all his houses are damaged today. Rudaangia
6. (25-08-08) Many Christians in (1000 +)nos. in Phiringia are fled to the forest to save their lives but there they are under starvation now. Kandhamal
7. (25-08-08) In Jeypur, Koraput 2 Churches of Pastor Choudhury have been burnt by the radicals Yesterday. In Baipariguda, Koraput A Christian social welfare institute called 'SEARCH' where 150 orphans were staying, are totally ransacked Yesterday ad the Father in charge is severely beaten by them. All Christian houses and properties of the Christians at Narayanapatna, Koraput are completely destroyed Yesterday by the Bajrangies Koraput
8. (25-08-08) Believers Church (FA) Missionary Birendra Harijan (29) and his wife was kidnapped by the Bajrangies at Naka Pola, Dharmashala, Jajpur Dist Yesterday Night after having tortured and beaten. Dharmashala
9. (25-08-08) One Christian have been burnt alive along with the complete Christian colony set onto fire Yesterday night by the Hindu extremists at Papadhandi village of Nawarangapur Dist. Nawarangapur
10. (25-08-08) Loyola School at Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar is attacked & damaged Yesterday. Bhubaneswar
11. (25-08-08) The name of the lady staff carataker at Missionary Orphan Center at Khuntapalli, Padampur, Bargarh burnt alive is Rajani Majhi (29). Padampur, Bargarh.
12. In Balliguda at Divyo Jyoti Catholic Center at Kanjamindi, A Sister namely Mina Barua has been gang raped publicly and Father Thomas after he was beaten seriously, made naked also publicly and Petrol was put over him to burn him alive through matches by the perpetrators but it was not firing due to rain in the mean time, Police arrived and rescued
13. both of them. Baliguda

14. A village called Khuntipalli in an Orphanage at about 1230 Noon, radicals entered, ransacked and set fire to the same today where 22 orphan students were staying with a Hindu lady Caretaker named Rajani Majhi. Around 10 students fled to the nearby forest to save their lives. Bargarh Dist
15. Other 12 students have received burnt injuries and are admitted into the hospital at Bargarh town. But the Sister Rajani Majhi was locked by the radicals inside the kitchen and she was burnt alive there by the perpetrators. Bargarh Dist
16. Two Christians namely Jaka Naik (35) and Gapani Nayak (42) were killed in Budamaha village of Raikia. Their body is lying near Abasi Kupa road for the last 24 hours. From Budamaha village 400 Christians fled to the forest. Raikia
17. Lambar Pradhan of St. Pauls Orphanage, Kalhandi Mission, Udhitnagar was seriously injured in the attack Kalhandi
18. Dahalathadi Baliguda block 3 houses and Church burnt Baliguda
19. Bhagamunda 7 houses destroyed Bhagamunda
20. A Christian Nun was reported burnt alive by a group of Vishwa Hindu Parishad mob which stormed the orphanage she ran in the district of Bargarh (Orissa). Police Superintendent Ashok Biswall has told this to news reporters. A priest who was at the orphanage was also badly hurt and is now being treated in hospital for multiple burns. Bargarh
21. A young Catholic Nun of the Cuttack Bhubaneswar diocese working Jan Vikas Kendra, the Social Service Centre at Nuagaon in Kandhamal was reportedly gang raped on 24th August 2008 by groups of Hindutva extremists before the building itself was destroyed Nuagaon
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37. Kandhamal District are extremely volatile.
38. Houses attacked on forest hamlets of Balliguda, Kanjamandi Nuaguam (K.Nuaguam), Tiangia (G.Udayagiri), Padangiri, Tikabali.
39. Houses burnt even though the district is more than 300 kilometers from the place where Swami Lakshmanananda was killed. Kalahandi Dist.
40. Pastor Sikandar Singh of the Pentecostal Mission beaten up and his house burnt Bhawanipatna
41. 3 Christian shops were looted and burnt. Pastor Alok Das and Pastor I M Senapati beaten up Kharihar
42. Pastor David Diamond Pahar, Pastor Pravin Ship, Pastor Pradhan and Pastor Bank beaten up and chased away with their families. Aampani
43. Mob surrounds village to attack Christians. The government has sent forces, it is reported. Naktikani
44. Bikram Digal and Willium Digal —two believers have been detained by the Nuagaon Police. Radicals have planed knives and black masks (Naxalite gear) on them and dragged them to the police Nuagaon
45. Regional Superior Sister Suma of Congregation of Missionaries of Charities said that
46. MC sister of were going to participate Sunday mass, on their way to the parish they were blocked on the way and some of the youth who were protesting through stones to the vehicle, the glasses of the vehicle broken, they were also protected by the public and sent back to the convent. They are safe and no injury caused them. Dharmgard
47. 10 Shops belonging to Christians ransacked and destroyed Raikia
48. 25 Christian houses burnt at Rupagaon, Christians flee into the forest to save their lives Rupagaon
49. Christians shops burnt Paburia
50. Churches razed to the ground at Adaskupa and Sulesaru Churches

51. Christians are hiding in the forests, the trauma of the Dec '07 riots are being relived. The Women and children are starving there without food and water. Armed Radicals roaming on the village roads
52. Benagaberi village Church and believers houses are burnt Benagaberi
53. Amlapada street, the radicals are destroying the Christian houses. Bro Arup Jena, Journalist PTI's Mobike has been burnt along with few others in the neighboring houses in the mid night. Phulbani
54. Church and Christian houses have been destroyed this morning. Danguli's village
55. Church and Day Care Center have been burnt this morning. Lahabadi
56. Rashimundi Church burnt this morning.
57. Christian houses completely destroyed this morning. Keredi village
58. Church and Pastor's house destroyed this morning. Kambaguda
59. Tengeda padar village Church and Christian houses totally destroyed at midnight Tikabali
60. JEL Church and two nearby prayer houses at Talsara, Tentulipada, Sundergarh have been burnt few hours just after the death of Swamiji. Dumerguda
61. At Chiplima, Pastor S.P. Muna has been severely beaten in the midnight and his Moike has been burnt. .
62. Mission India slum Churches were attacked from this morning and the radicals were trying to destroy and on report
63. (24-08-08) One man, a handicapped believer namely Rasananda Pradhan at Rupa gaon, was burnt alive. He could not run to the forest when others rushed and saved their lives. As his two legs doesn't function, he could not run and save himself when radicals out of rampage set ablaze that whole village and 25 huts Christians houses together last midnight Kandhamal
64. (24-08-08) The radicals Hindu completely burnt two Churches called JEL Church and Fellowship Church. Narayanapatna
65. (24-08-08) The VHP radicals in 1000 nos. have created havock today Koraput
66. (24-08-08) They have forcefully detained the Pastor of the JEL Church Bro. Prabhudan Pangi (76) in captive in a locked room after firing the Church and beating him very badly with some injuries. Beside that all properties of the local Christians they found there like their vehicles, cycles etc are burnt by the radicals today.
67. (24.08-08) Houses of Adv. Pravat Kumar Bidika and his brother Bhaskar Bidika have completely demolished by the Sangh Parivar radicals. Narayanapatna.
68. In Bariniput, Kaligaon and Dhanpur villages 3 Churches are on fire. The believers houses are looted there. Koraput
69. Mission School is also ransacked by the same radicals today. Bramhani gaon
70. More than 11 nos of the Christian houses are completely ransacked and two Pastor's houses were also burnt today. Phulbani
71. This afternoon a Christian leader Ananda Pradhans house was totally ransacked along with the Christian Nua Sahi was also destroyed. All the Christian houses and Churches at Balliguda are destroyed by the radicals so far. Baliguda
72. The condition of the small Christian children during these rainy and dreadful days who are hiding are very precarious since Yesterday
73. In Mandakia village of Raikia, rampant damage has been done by the perpetrators to all the Christian families living there including which Kabita's native house is also there.

74. Tormentors are ransacking and destroying their Church and houses right now. Close to that in a forest, many small children along with their mothers and parents from Christian families are hiding since Yesterday to save their lives without food and water. Among them one pregnant sister is there whose time is just approaching and they are crying before me over a mobile to rescue them from that situation. They have not carried any clothes even when they hurriedly ran away to the forest Baiballi village
75. It is also reported that some riot expert executors of BHP and VHP are coming from Gujrat to Kandhamal to give it a final shape up to their satisfaction of completely smashing, destroying, ousting and killing the Christians there. Kandhamal
76. In the remote villages like Tiangia, Patangi of G. Udayagiri and many more where there is no Police force Tormentors are destroying and burning the Christians properties house by house right now. Situation tonight will be worst as reported. G. Udayagiri
77. The radicals had attacked the Pastor of Chiplima Church of Sambalpur Dist. and had burnt his mobike. Today they went back there and destroyed the same Church. Sambalpur
78. Bagibahal village Church at Deogarh Dist. has been burnt today. Deogarh
79. Main Baptist Church has been attacked and stoned today. Sambalpur
80. Kalinga Nagar, Jajpur Dist. Catholic Church has been ransacked today.
81. A small Believers Church at BDA, Chandrasekharpur, Siyon Sramika Slum at Bhubaneswar is ransacked today. The Christian families staying in the slum are threatened to bombed tonight. Bhubaneswar
82. Catholic Church of Bhubaneswar has been attacked and stoned twice during Bandh time today. Radicals were trying to enter by force but Police guards checked them. Satyanagar
83. IPC Faith Home Church at VSS Nagar, Bhubaneswar was stoned and front door damaged by the radicals today. Bhubaneswar
84. Actions Ministries State Coordinator Rev. Sangram Singhs rented house was ransacked today in his absence and his official papers and Christian literatures were burnt out side the house. His Hindu Landlord has been threatened to remove him soon from his house otherwise they will demolish the said house.
85. Congress Party during the course o Assembly session, has brought No Confidence motion against the BJD-BJP Govt. today. The CM is busy to clear that in their favor tomorrow hence not giving any appointment to discuss with him any more about the present situation getting to worst.
86. NISWASS, the institute of M.P. Dr. Radhakanta Nayak has been totally severely ransacked. Xavier Institute has also been partially damaged in Bhubaneswar today by the Sangh Parivar extremists. Bhubaneswar
87. An Independent Church in a slum behind May fair Hotel has been burnt by the radicals today.
88. Few Missnarries in Simar village, Baghamari of Nayagarh Dist. are hiding at present as they have been chased by the radicals to be killed.
89. The AG Pastor Pratyush Kumar Bank's rented house Church has been ransacked. The Land lord has been cautioned by the radicals to remove this Pastor's family at once. Many house Church Fellowships in Jagatsinghpur Dist. have been attacked and ransacked. Jagatsinghpur

90. Mission India Missionary Matthew Lima (28) at Jaraka Mission Field o Jajpur Dist. has been severely beaten in front of his wife by the Bajrangis this evening by 0530 to 0630PM. Finally they took them saying that they are taking him to the Police Station but ultimately it was found out that he has been kidnapped
91. Father Edward Seqira of Padampur Catholic Church, Deogarh Dist. has been brutally beaten and injured, admitted into local hospital, Doctor has referred him to Burla medical college due to the seriousness.
92. In Narla of Kalahandi Dist, a Christian Pastor called Lalit Pattnaik has been severely beaten up and his house ransacked today. Alok Christian, an Evangelist has fled to the forest to save his life. Kalahandi
93. William Carey School of Dr. S.N. Patro at Janla, Khurda has been attacked this afternoon. Partially damaged and 2 school Buses are also damaged by 20 Nos. of radicals today. Janla
94. In Govindapally, close to Boipariguda, protestors entered the Convent and damaged the grotto of Our Lady and the Cross of the Church yard. In the same district Fathers and Sisters in Koraput, Jeypore and Semiliguda are in hiding. Govindapaily
95. (26-08-08) Dr. Prabin Togadia stated before a Press Conference that VHP (world Hindu Council) will organize Anti Conversion Christian Rallies throughout Orissa.
96. (26-08-08) Another JEL Church at Panasa pada, Sundergarh was burnt at O400PM today. Radicals are planning and have threatened to destroy the main Church there tonight. Panasa Pada
97. (26-08-08) At present firing is going on at Barakhama in which around 6 persons are died already and 20 are injured as per Govt. report. But at actual the casualties are expected to be more. Barakhama is totally cut off from all other corners in all means. Barakhama
98. (26-08-08) A Seventh Day Pastor namely Samuel Nayak (45) at Bakingia village of Raikia block at about 0230 PM today, stood in between and did not allow around 500 radicals to enter into his Church to damage it. Then they cut his throat by a dagger and he died on the spot and after that they destroyed the Church. Raikia
99. (26-08-08) Pastor Akbar Digal(45) at Totomaha, Raikia has also been killed at sight today afternoon Raikia
- 100.(26-08-08) A non Christian called Sidheswar Digal is killed by the radicals also during this afternoon at Sulesaru village for the reason of giving shelter to his own Christian son in law in his house. Sulesaru, Kandhamal.
- 101.In Pandarani village of Loinsingha PS of Bolangir Dist, at 5 PM Yesterday Sangh Parivar radicals completely destroyed the church there.
- 102.In Manahira village of Bolangir Dist. the Church was totally burnt by them Yesterday evening.
- 103.Chichida village Church at Bargarh Dist. is burnt by the extremists. Madhupur and Sohela area of Bargarh Dist. Christians properties are totally damaged by the radicals Yesterday.
- 104.A Catholic Church at Sankarakhole, Kandhamal is destroyed. Badimunda Christian village at G. Udayagiri, Kandhamal is totally burnt Yesterday.
- 105.Breka Christian village near Tikaballi is being fired just now today.

106. In Dodingia Christian village ālose to Balliguda, just now the Hindu Extremists are destroying and firing the christian properties. No Police force is there protect the Christians there.

It occurred on 23rd August 2008. These numbers are official. But there are hundreds and thousands of victims are not included in this list.

Number of Deaths

1. Kandhamal District -12
2. Barakhama 6
3. Tiangia 2 (2 seriously injured)
4. Petapanga 1 (Raikia)
5. Tikaballi 1
6. Bodimunda 1
7. Bakingia 1
8. Bargard District 1
9. Padanpur 1 (Kantapali)

Number of Churches destroyed

1. Petapanga Church
2. Mondakia Church
3. Catholic Church Rotangia
4. Believers Church Ratingia
5. Diocese Church Ratingia
6. Believers Church Gimangia
7. Diocese Church Gimangia
8. Madhukia Church
9. Catholic Church Raikia
10. Catholic Church Badimunda
11. Pentecostal Church Badimunda
12. Catholic Church Breka
13. Pentecostal Church Breka
14. Catholic Church Pobingia
15. Catholic Church Srasanaanda
16. Catholic Church, Phulbani
17. Catholic Church, Betticola
18. Catholic Church Balliguda
19. Catholic Church Sankrakhol
20. Catholic Church
21. R.C. Church Kanjamedi
22. Diocese Church Kanjamedi
23. Pentecostal Church Kanjamedi
24. Pentecostal Church Jugapadar, Nuagam
25. Baptist Church Tumudiband

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27. Two Churches in Narayani patna
28. Catholic Church Muniguda
29. Catholic Church Padanpur
30. Church in Dhanpur
31. Catholic Church Tiangia
32. Baptist Church Tiangia
33. Catholic Church Gabindapali
34. Catholic Church Padua
35. Catholic Church Maliput
36. Catholic Church Duburi
37. Pentecostal Church, Tiangia
38. Catholic Church Modhupur
39. Catholic Church Nilungia
40. Pentecostal Church Nilungia
41. Catholic Church Boipariguda

Houses damaged

1. Balliguda Mundasahi
2. Raikia - 17 houses
3. Badimunda - 9
4. Gimangia - 3
5. Gumagarh - 25
6. Tiangia - Pdisuballi, Majumaha, Budedipada, Kolanaju, Mundanaju, Sipaeju, Laburi 160
7. Beticola – 10
8. Nilungia - 15
9. Balliguda Dumudisahi
10. Balliguda Hatpada Sahi
11. Raikia, Chunipalli
12. Mondakia, Bakingkia
13. Breaka (Sukanda)
14. Bodimunda
15. Rotingia
16. Sankharkhole
17. Tikaballi

Convents

1. St. Joseph's Convent, Sankharkhole
2. St. Anne's Convent, Pobinga
3. Mt. Carmel Convent, Balliguda
4. St. Anne's Convent, Padangi

Hostels

1. Padangi - 2
2. Pobigia - 2
3. Balliguda Convent -1

Institutions

1. Pastoral Centre, Konjamendi
2. Janavikas
3. Poly Shree, Paburia
4. Gramya Pragati, Balliguda
5. Ajka, Raikia
6. Xavier Institution of Mangament

NISWASS, Bhubaneswar & Phulbani

The List of Christians murdered

1. Ajuba Naik - Barakhama, Kandhamal
2. Prafulla Nayak - Barakhama, Kandhamal
3. Men Digal - Barakhama, Kandhamal
4. Other names are not yet reported. 5 Christians at Barakhama were shot dead and Men Digal was bombed. Other casualties are in the hospitals.
5. Ramesh Ch. Digal - Budamaha, Kandhamal
6. Trinath Digal - Tiangia, kandhamal
7. A school teacher namely Gulu - Kanbagiri, Kandhamal
8. One man name not known - Phiringia, Kandhamal
9. One man name not known – Parlakhemundi

Vehicles (innumerable)

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At least two churches were attacked in the districts of Bargarh and Jajpur, police said. 'Some churches have been attacked and there are reports of sporadic violence,' state Inspector General of Police Pradeep Kapoor told IANS.

Rail and road traffic was disrupted across the state and thousands of people staged demonstrations in several places. The protesters also burnt more than half a dozen vehicles in separate incidents, police said.

'Train services have been affected across the state,' J.P. Mishra, spokesperson of the east coast railway, told IANS. 'Neither passenger nor goods trains were allowed to move from stations.'

Road traffic was badly hit and many vehicles were attacked.

'Protesters damaged at least five vehicles, two in Rourkela and three in the coastal district of Balasore,' a police official said.

Thousands of protesters staged demonstrations and burnt tyres in several villages, towns and on national highways. Almost all shops and petrol pumps remained closed.

Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati, a member of VHP's central advisory committee, and four other people were killed at his Jalespata ashram, some 340 km from here in communally volatile Kandhamal district, Saturday evening after more than 30 suspected Maoist rebels opened fired on them.

According to Director General of Police Gopal Chandra Nanda, the attackers used 'sophisticated rifles and AK-47.'

Saraswati was leading a campaign against cow slaughter and religious conversion in the communally sensitive Kandhamal district. The district, with a population of around 600,000 including 150,000 Christians, has witnessed numerous clashes between Hindus and Christians in the past.

Saraswati's supporters have been holding protests since Saturday night, blocking trains and vehicles.

On Sunday, at least three prayer houses were burnt by a mob in Kandhamal and a police outpost was attacked. Ten houses in Rupagaon village were also set on fire.

The Orissa government Sunday ordered a judicial probe into the killings and announced compensation for the victims. Authorities also constituted a special police team to investigate the crime.

Source: India syndicate

[The Orissa Anti-Christian violence upto date Report as on 26 & 27th August 2008.](#)

[AFTERMATH OF SWAMI'S KILLING : THE CHRISTIAN VICTIMS LIST](#)

1) NUN BURNT ALIVE: A nun was burnt to death on 25th, Monday, after an orphanage was torched in at Phutpali in Bargarh district in Orissa during a bandh called by Hindu nationalist parties. Twenty children, who were at the orphanage, managed to escape but a priest suffered serious burn injuries in the attack.

2) RASANANDA PRADHAN TORCHED ALIVE: Another person, Rasananda Pradhan, was burnt to death when his house was set ablaze at Rupa village in Kandhamal district.

3) INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES TARGET CHRISTIANS: During the bandh inflammatory speeches spreading hatred against the Christian workers and the community were given by the VHP leaders. To gain the mass support, the activists have also carried the body of Swamiji throughout the town.

4) CHURCHES BURNT ALL ACROSS ORISSA STATE: Churches were attacked in Khurda, Bargarh, Sundergarh, Sambalpur, Koraput, Boudh, Mayurbhanj, Jagatsinghpur and Kandhamal districts as also in the state capital, police sources said, adding 40 houses were set ablaze in Phulbani town.

- 5) BUSES AND VEHICLES TORCHED: Mr. Mishra Digal was beaten up, while the motorcycles of Mr. R. K. Digal and Jitendra were burnt. Several buses at Gee Udaigiri in Baliguda were burnt.
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- 8) WORLD VISION STAFF FLED FOR SAFETY: World Vision India office ransacked and the Staff has also fled to jungle for protection.
- 9) CHRISTIANS TAKE SHELTER IN FOREST FOR PROTECTION: A police camp at Barakhama was also attacked by the Hindu fundamentalists. With several houses being burnt down and people being made homeless, many Christians, particularly from Nua Sahi, Munda Sahi and Suna Tonga have fled into forests for their lives.
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26) SMALL CHURCHES: Attempted violence on small churches in various districts, including Padampur, Sambalpur near GM College, Talsera, Dangsoroda, Narayanipatara, Muniguda, Tummiibandh, Tangrapada, Phulbani, Balliguda, Kalingia, Chakapad, Srasanranda.

27) VILLAGE CHRISTIAN HOUSES ATTACKED: Houses attacked on forest hamlets of Balliguda, Kanjamandi Nuaguam (K.Nuaguam), Tiangia (G.Udayagiri), Padangiri, Tikabali.

28) KALAHANDI DISTRICT: Houses burnt even though the district is more than 300 kilometers from the place where Swami Lakshmanananda was killed.

29) PASTORS' HOUSE BURNT: Pastor Sikandar Singh of the Pentecostal Mission beaten up and his house burnt in Bhawanipatna.

30) KHARIHAR: 3 Christian shops were looted and burnt. Pastor Alok Das and Pastor I M Senapati beaten up.

31) AAMPANI: Pastor David Diamond Pahar, Pastor Pravin Ship, Pastor Pradhan and Pastor Barik beaten up and chased away with their families.

32) NAKTIKANI: Mob surrounds village to attack Christians.

33) Except the walls, Church of Bethel Vision and Mission has been destroyed by the Hindu mobs in Khad kadimal village, Bargarh District.

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