



FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

NIGERIA

Introduction

These victim profiles are illustrative of those in the Frank R. Wolf Freedom of Religion or Belief Victims List database. Mandated by the amended International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, the Victims List documents individuals who are detained, imprisoned, tortured, disappeared, forced to renounce their faith, or subjected to house arrest due to their religious activity or religious freedom advocacy.

Religions of Individuals in Nigeria on the FoRB Victims List

Muslim – Sufi
Muslim – Unspecified/Other



Yahaya Sharif-Aminu

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sufi
Arrested: March 2020
Sentence: Originally death; Sentence overturned, pending new trial
Reason for Persecution: Religious expression deemed blasphemous



Abduljabar Nasiru Kabara

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sufi
Arrested: July 2021
Sentence: Death
Reason for Persecution: Giving sermons deemed blasphemous



Abdulazeez Inyass

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Sufi
Arrested: May 2015
Sentence: Death
Reason for Persecution: Religious expression deemed blasphemous



Isma'ila Sani Isah

Religion or Belief: Muslim - Unspecified
Arrested: July 2021
Reason for Persecution: Accused of making blasphemous posts on social media

BLASPHEMY CASES

Ever since some Nigerian states reintroduced Islamic or Shari'a law in 1999, authorities have arrested and imprisoned Muslims and non-Muslims alike for perceived blasphemy against Islam. Shari'a courts occasionally hand down death sentences for blasphemy. Incensed citizens and mobs have also accused individuals of blasphemy for expressing their own religious views or beliefs and burned their homes down or even killed them.



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NOT RELEASED

Abdulazeez Inyass
Abduljabar Nasiru Kabara
Isma'ila Sani Isah
Yahaya Sharif-Aminu

RELEASED

Ibrahim El Zakzaky
Luka Binniyat
Mubarak Bala
Rhoda Jatau
Zeenah Ibraheem