



# FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF VICTIMS

# MALAYSIA

## 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 Malaysia on the FoRB Victims List

- Christian – Protestant
- Christian – Unspecified/Other
- Muslim – Shi’a



### Raymond Koh

Religion or Belief: Christian – Protestant  
 Disappeared: February 13, 2017  
 Status: Unknown  
 Religious Leader: Yes  
 Reason for Persecution: Unsubstantiated allegations of seeking converts from Islam



### Amri Che Mat

Religion or Belief: Muslim – Shi’a  
 Disappeared: November 24, 2016  
 Status: Unknown  
 Reason for Persecution: Accused of spreading Shi’a Muslim teachings



### Joshua Hilmy

Religion or Belief: Christian – Unspecified/Other  
 Disappeared: November 30, 2016  
 Status: Unknown  
 Religious Leader: Yes  
 Reason for Persecution: Practicing Christianity as a convert and proselytizing activities



### Ruth Sitepu

Religion or Belief: Christian – Unspecified/Other  
 Disappeared: November 30, 2016  
 Status: Unknown  
 Reason for Persecution: Proselytizing activities with her husband, a Christian convert from Islam

## VICTIMS OF FORCED DISAPPEARANCE

There have been several cases of forced disappearance of individuals linked to religious activities outside Malaysia’s Sunni Islamic school of thought. Though the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) found evidence pointing to state agents' involvement in multiple cases, their conditions and whereabouts remain unknown.