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Latest: Six Christians Beheaded in Mozambique as Islamic State Attacks Kill 19 in Cabo Delgado

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Six Christians were beheaded in northern Mozambique in late October and early November 2026, as Islamic State Mozambique attacked at least seven communities across two districts and killed at least 19 people"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Six Christians were beheaded in northern Mozambique in late October and early November 2026, as Islamic State Mozambique attacked at least seven communities across two districts and killed at least 19 people. Three of the Christians were captured and killed on Sunday 1 November in Matambalale village, in Muidumbe District, and three others were beheaded in separate attacks in neighbouring Mueda District. The Islamic State claimed responsibility and described the victims as Christians, according to reports published on 10 to 13 November.

Among the dead were two cashew nut buyers, killed beneath a cashew tree, and young men who had been brewing napa, the local drink, to sell. They were not soldiers and they were not officials. They were villagers going about ordinary work in Cabo Delgado Province, some 1,500 kilometres north of the capital Maputo, near the border with Tanzania, when the attacks came.

The attacks ran from 21 to 31 October, sweeping through Mueda and Muidumbe districts in a single wave. All but one of the 19 people killed were civilians, and the death toll later rose to 22 as the full scale of the raids became clear. Thousands of people fled their homes as the fighters moved from village to village, and the displacement added to a crisis that has already uprooted around 1.3 Million people across the province.

Islamic State Mozambique, known as IS-M, has been the main armed group in the province since the insurgency began. Its fighters move fast, strike small villages, and melt back into the bush before security forces can respond.

The group's strength has grown this year - after a recruitment drive in the early months of 2026, it now counts an estimated 400 to 500 fighters. That growth helps explain why a single wave could hit seven communities in ten days.

Six Christians Beheaded In Mozambique: What Happened In Cabo Delgado

The six killings were reported by Barnabas Aid on 10 November and picked up by other outlets over the following days.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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