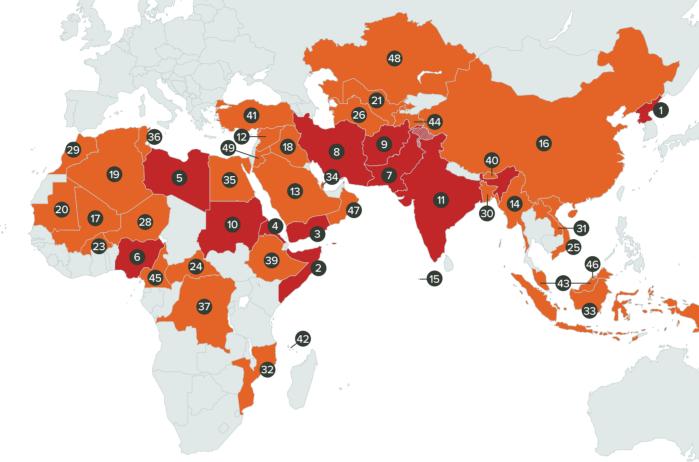


WORLD WATCH LIST 2023





ABOUT THE LIST

The World Watch List is compiled by Open Doors' analysts using real-world data from experts on the ground in 150 countries. Persecution in each country is recorded using a points system which tracks violence and pressure. This measures the number and severity of violent incidents against Christians and the degree of pressure exerted against the practice of their faith in 5 spheres of life.

VIOLENCE

PRIVATE LIFE

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FAMILY LIFE COMMUNITY LIFE NATIONAL LIFE CHURCH LIFE





PERSECUTION LEVELS

HIGH

VERY HIGH 61-80 points



EXTREME 81-100 points

For the third year in a row, every country on the list is ranked as having very high or extreme levels of persecution, showing the continued intensity of persecution against Christians.







North Korea Somalia Yemen 4 Eritrea 5 Libya 6 Nigeria 7 Pakistan 8 Iran 9 Afghanistan 10 Sudan 1 India 82 12 Syria 20 13 Saudi Arabia 80 14 Myanmar 15 Maldives 77 16 China 17 Mali 18 Iraq 19 Algeria 73 Mauritania 72 Uzbekistan 71 Colombia 71 Burkina Faso 71 Central African Rep. 70 Vietnam Turkmenistan 70 27 Cuba 70 28 Niger 70 Morocco Bangladesh 31 Laos 32 Mozambique 33 Indonesia 34 Qatar 35 Egypt 36 Tunisia 37 Congo DR (DRC) 67 38 Mexico 67 39 Ethiopia 40 Bhutan 41 Turkey Comoros 43 Malaysia 44 Tajikistan 45 Cameroon 46 Brunei 47 Oman 65 Kazakhstan 65 Jordan 65 Nicaragua 65

Maximum score for each is 16.7, maximum total of 100 when combined.

Each country's ranking is determined by its total score out of 100, giving an indication of severity of persecution.