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- The WWL 2023 reporting period was 1 October 2020 30 September 2021.
- The latest update of WWL Methodology together with various other background documents can be found on the <u>World Watch List Documentation</u><sup>1</sup> page of the Open Doors Analytical website.
- WWL 2023 Full Country Dossiers giving in-depth information on the situation of Christians in the 76 countries listed are available on the Open Doors Analytical website page under the heading <u>Full country dossiers – Open Doors Analytical.</u><sup>2</sup>
- The definition of persecution used in WWL analysis is: "Any hostility experienced as a result of one's identification with Christ. This can include hostile attitudes, words and actions towards Christians". This broad definition includes (but is not limited to) restrictions, pressure, discrimination, opposition, disinformation, injustice, intimidation, mistreatment, marginalization, oppression, intolerance, infringement, violation, ostracism, hostilities, harassment, abuse, violence, ethnic cleansing and genocide.
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Data on violence experienced by Christians in the countries scoring 41+ points in the reporting period 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022

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# Summary data of Questionnaire Block 6 questions 1-5 and WWL comparisons

**Please note:** As in all WWL reporting periods, the violence data reported and included below is an absolute minimum figure. In reality, it is very likely that the numbers listed here were higher.

Questions Block 6 Violence	WWL 2023	WWL 2022	WWL 2021	WWL 2020	WWL 2019	WWL 2018	WWL 2017	WWL 2016
6.1 Christians killed for faith-related reasons	5,621	5,898	4,761	2,983	4,305	3,066	1,207	7,106
6.2 Churches and other Christian buildings attacked	2,110	5,110	4,488	9,488	1,847	793	1,329	2,425
6.3 and 6.4 Christians detained without trial, arrested, sentenced and imprisoned	4,542	6,175	4,277	4,811	3,150	1,905	-	-
6.5 Christians abducted	5,259	3,829	1,710	1,052	-	-	-	-

## 2. Summary statements focusing on all WWL 2023 violence data

The statements below are based on the tables giving detailed violence data per country and region in Section 4 of this document. It is important to note that nearly all totals include the use of several 'symbolic numbers' (e.g., 10\*, 100\*, 1000\* or 10,000\*), and that the numbers presented are much lower than in reality.

- The total number of Christians killed for their faith <u>decreased</u> slightly from 5,898 recorded cases (WWL 2022) to 5,621 (WWL 2023).
- The total number of churches attacked in differing forms of severity, decreased from 5,110 recorded cases (WWL 2022) to 2,110 (WWL 2023). Reports showed a decrease in the number of churches attacked compared to WWL 2023. Influential in this drop was the number recorded for China, Nigeria and Bangladesh, among others. The reduction in China was due in large part i) to the fact that the authorities had already closed a large number of churches in the previous two WWL reporting periods (3,000 had already been closed in WWL 2022 and 3,800 in WWL 2021) and ii) the top priority of the authorities was to contain the spread of COVID, and as long as the churches kept a low profile and were conforming to the COVID measures, they were less likely to be targeted. For

Nigeria, the problem was that there were many jihadist-related attacks on Christian communities, leaving churches abandoned for shorter or longer periods, but it was difficult to give that a precise number. Therefore, the symbolic 100 is to be regarded as a very conservative estimate.

- The total number of Christians detained for their faith <u>decreased</u> from 4,765 recorded cases (WWL 2022) to 3,154 (WWL 2023).
- The total number of Christians sentenced for their faith <u>decreased</u> slightly from 1,410 recorded cases (WWL 2022) to 1,388 (WWL 2023).
- The total number of Christians abducted for faith-related reasons increased from 3,829 recorded cases (WWL 2022) to 5,259 (WWL 2023).
- The number of recorded cases of Christians raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons: 2,126 (WWL 2023). Reporting was particularly difficult because of issues of trauma, and cultural tabus.
- The same applies for recorded cases of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians: 717 (WWL 2023).
- The number of recorded cases of Christians who have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including beatings and death threats) was 29,411 (WWL 2023).
- There were 4,547 recorded cases of houses of Christians or other property (excluding shops) attacked (WWL 2023).
- There were also recorded cases of shops or businesses of Christians that were attacked: 2,210 (WWL 2023).
- Because of violence and also pressure (especially converts having to leave their homes and communities) – the recorded cases of Christians forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons was 124,310 (WWL 2023).
- Sometimes there was no choice for Christians but to leave their country because of persecution. The number of recorded cases of Christians forced to leave the country for faith-related reasons was 14,997 (WWL 2023).

# Introductory notes concerning detailed violence data per country and region

The WWL 2023 data presented in this document is based wherever possible on direct counting. In several cases, where it is very hard to know exact numbers and it is clear from indirect sources that there have been violent incidents occurring against Christians, numbers have been estimated. In such cases, the World Watch Research team has always estimated conservatively. (In connection with this, please see Section 2 of the WWR document "WWL – Discussion of key themes", published in October 2022, and the discussion below.)

The tables presented below do not pretend to give a complete picture. The exact details of what is happening to Christians in a country are difficult to obtain: For instance, especially in countries where there is conflict or a high level of secrecy, the media are often seriously curtailed by the regime or influenced by social actors. Please see the individual WWL 2023 Full Country Dossiers for more details. These are publicly available at:

- https://opendoorsanalytical.org/country-dossiers/ (password: freedom)
- https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/research-reports/country-dossiers/

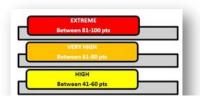
The data on violence presented is limited to all countries scoring 41 or more points in the WWL 2023 reporting period. There may be cases of violence in countries scoring 40 points or less, but these are not included here. For each question in Block 6, country data is shown.

For security reasons: There are 5 countries where the data on violence is presented but the names of those countries are not individually revealed. These countries are Afghanistan, Maldives, North Korea, Somalia and Yemen. The data for these 5 countries are indicated with "NN".

In the tables below, where there is an asterisk ("\*") beside the name of the country, this indicates that the number given is understood to be symbolic, meaning that the real number of incidents is certainly (much) higher. In cases where it has been impossible to count exactly, a symbolic round figure (10, 100, 1000, 10,000) is given. A symbolic number of 10 could in reality be much more than 10, but the real number is uncertain; the same applies for the other symbolic numbers.

A further disclaimer: Even where it was possible to count exact numbers, it has to be understood that what has been counted is very often the absolute minimum. Much violence against Christians goes unnoticed and/or unreported.

## 4. Detailed Block 6 violence data per country and region



Please note: In the tables below, the coloring (red, orange and yellow) corresponds to the coloring used in the WWL 2023 Table of scores and ranks denoting 'Extreme', 'Very high' and 'High levels' of overall persecution.

6.1 How many Christians have been killed for faith-related reasons (including state sanctioned executions)? TOTAL:5,621

Question 6.1 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	5014		16.7	6	88
2	NN			100	TRUE			
3	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
4	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
5	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	61		15.6	24	70
6	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	42		15.4	14	80
7	Colombia	Latin America	South America	21		15.4	22	71
8	India	Asia	South Asia	17		15.7	11	82
9	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	14		13.9	38	67
10	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	14		11.9	67	53
11	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	12		16.7	7	86
12	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
13	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	23	71
14	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.4	28	70
15	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10		12.8	33	68
16	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	15.9	45	65
17	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
18	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	14.8	69	51
19	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
20	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	7		13.3	51	64
21	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	7		11.7	64	56
22	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	5		7.0	35	68
23	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	5		7.6	60	58
24	NN			3				
25	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	3		11.3	12	80
26	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	3		10.7	30	69
27	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	3		6.7	73	46
28	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		12.2	4	89
29	NN			2				
30	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		10.6	39	66
31	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	1		4.6	18	76
32	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		6.9	25	70
33	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		2.0	59	59
34	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		11.1	65	55

6.2 How many churches or public Christian properties (schools, hospitals, cemeteries, etc.) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 2,110** 

Question 6.2 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	11.1	16	77
2	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	16.7	6	88
3	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	15.4	14	80
4	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
5	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
6	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	8.9	63	57
7	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	7.2	68	52
8	India	Asia	South Asia	67		15.7	11	82
9	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	42		13.9	38	67
10	Colombia	Latin America	South America	37		15.4	22	71
11	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	31		9.4	50	65
12	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	30		15.4	28	70
13	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	22		10.6	39	66
14	Iran	Asia	South Asia	15		10.7	8	86
15	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	15		13.3	51	64
16	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	14		11.7	64	56
17	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	11		15.6	24	70
18	NN			10	TRUE			
19	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
20	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	16.7	7	86
21	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	9.4	10	83
22	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	11.3	12	80
23	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
24	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	23	71
25	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	10		10.7	30	69
26	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	15.9	45	65
27	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
28	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
29	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	14.8	69	51
30	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
31	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	8	TROE	9.1	5	88
32	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	8		12.8	33	68
33	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	8		11.9	67	53
34	NN	Latin America	Central America	7		11.9	- 07	33
35	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	7		7.0	27	70
36			Western Asia	7		5.7	41	66
	Turkey	Asia						
37 38	Vietnam	Asia Africa	South-eastern Asia Western Africa	<u>5</u>		6.9 5.4	25 70	70 49
	Togo		Northern Africa	4				
39	Algeria	Africa				4.8	19	73
40	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia Northern Africa	4		5.0	31	68
41	Tunisia	Africa		4		6.5	36	67
42	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	4		4.4	55	61
43	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	4		3.9	62	57
44	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	4		6.7	73	46
45	NN			2				
46	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	2		4.8	29	69
47	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	2		3.9	43	66
48	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	2		7.6	60	58
49	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	2		3.3	74	44
50	Belarus	Europe	Eastern Europe	2		3.3	76	43
51	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	1		7.0	35	68
52	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	1		1.1	40	66
53	Tajikistan	Asia	Central Asia	1		1.1	44	66
54	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	1		2.0	61	57
55	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	1		3.0	71	48

# 6.3 How many Christians have been detained without trial for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 3,154**

Question 6.3 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	India	Asia	South Asia	1711		15.7	11	82
2	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	244		12.2	4	89
3	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	200		2.0	61	57
4	NN			100	TRUE			
5	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	15.4	14	80
6	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	11.1	16	77
7	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	8.9	63	57
8	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	80		7.0	27	70
9	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	63		6.7	73	46
10	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	54		16.7	6	88
11	Iran	Asia	South Asia	48		10.7	8	86
12	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	40		7.0	35	68
13	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	27		13.9	38	67
14	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	26		16.7	7	86
15	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	23		9.4	50	65
16	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	21		4.8	29	69
17	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	20		10.6	39	66
18	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	18		5.0	31	68
19	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	17		11.7	64	56
20	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	15		9.1	5	88
21	NN			10	TRUE			
22	NN			10	TRUE			
23	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	6.9	25	70
24	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	2.0	49	65
25	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
26	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
27	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.2	68	52
28	Belarus	Europe	Eastern Europe	10	TRUE	3.3	76	43
29	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	9		4.4	55	61
30	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	8		14.8	69	51
31	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	7		11.3	12	80
32	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	7		10.7	30	69
33	Colombia	Latin America	South America	6		15.4	22	71
34	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	5		6.5	36	67
35	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	4		9.4	10	83
36	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	4		3.9	62	57
37	NN			2				
38	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	2		1.3	20	72
39	Comoros	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		1.5	42	66
40	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	2		15.9	45	65
41	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	2		1.1	48	65
42	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	2		2.0	57	60
43	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	1		4.6	18	76
44	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1		12.8	33	68
45	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	1		1.1	40	66
46	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	1		13.3	51	64
47	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		2.0	59	59

6.4 How many Christians have been sentenced to jail, labor camp, sent to psychiatric hospital as punishment, or similar things for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 1,388** 

Question 6.4 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	NN			1000	TRUE			
2	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	12.2	4	89
3	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	11.1	16	77
4	India	Asia	South Asia	<b>3</b> 9		15.7	11	82
5	Iran	Asia	South Asia	32		10.7	8	86
6	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	25		16.7	7	86
7	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	19		4.8	19	73
8	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	12		7.0	27	70
9	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	16.7	6	88
10	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	6.9	25	70
11	Belarus	Europe	Eastern Europe	10		3.3	76	43
12	NN			5				
13	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	4		9.1	5	88
14	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	4		15.4	14	80
15	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	3		9.4	50	65
16	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	2		10.7	30	69
17	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	2		5.0	31	68
18	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	2		12.8	33	68
19	NN			1				
20	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	1		9.4	10	83
21	Colombia	Latin America	South America	1		15.4	22	71
22	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	1		4.8	29	69
23	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	1		7.0	35	68
24	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	1		6.5	36	67
25	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	1		5.7	41	66
26	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	1		2.0	49	65
27	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	1		4.4	55	61

6.5 How many Christians have been abducted for faith-related reasons (including Christians missing in a persecution context)? **TOTAL: 5,259** 

Question 6.5 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	4726		16.7	6	88
2	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
3	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
4	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	63		4.6	18	76
5	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	35		15.6	24	70
6	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	25		15.9	45	65
7	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	19		9.1	5	88
8	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	17		9.4	50	65
9	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	11		11.1	16	77
10	Colombia	Latin America	South America	11		15.4	22	71
11	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	11		4.8	29	69
12	NN			10	TRUE			
13	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
14	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	16.7	7	86
15	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
16	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	23	71
17	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	10		7.0	27	70
18	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
19	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
20	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
21	India	Asia	South Asia	9		15.7	11	82
22	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	5		11.3	12	80
23	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	5		15.4	28	70
24	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	5		6.5	36	67
25	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	5		7.6	60	58
26	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	4		13.9	38	67
27	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	3		7.0	35	68
28	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	3		13.3	51	64
29	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	3		6.7	73	46
30	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	2		10.7	30	69
31	NN			1				
32	Iran	Asia	South Asia	1		10.7	8	86
33	NN			1				
34	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	1		2.4	13	80
35	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	1		4.8	19	73
36	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	1		2.0	61	57
37	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	1		3.3	74	44

6.6 How many Christians have been raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 2,126** 

Question 6.6 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	16.7	6	88
2	NN			100	TRUE			
3	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	2.4	13	80
4	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	15.4	14	80
5	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	23	71
6	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
7	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.9	45	65
8	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	75		15.6	32	68
9	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	66		15.6	24	70
10	Colombia	Latin America	South America	57		15.4	22	71
11	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	14		9.1	5	88
12	NN			10	TRUE			
13	NN			10	TRUE			
14	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
15	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	16.7	7	86
16	Iran	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	10.7	8	86
17	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	9.4	10	83
18	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	11.3	12	80
19	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
20	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
21	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	4.6	18	76
22	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	4.8	19	73
23	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.4	28	70
24	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	10		4.8	29	69
25	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.5	34	68
26	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	7.0	35	68
27	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	6.5	36	67
28	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	10.6	39	66
29	Oman	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	0.6	47	65
30	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	2.0	49	65
31	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	13.3	51	64
32	Kuwait	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.1	52	64
33	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
34	United Arab Emirates	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.1	54	62
35	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
36	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	8.9	63	57
37	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
38	Bahrain	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	0.9	66	55
39	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10		14.8	69	51
40	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
41	India	Asia	South Asia	9		15.7	11	82
42	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	5		11.9	67	53
43	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	4		10.7	30	69
44	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	2		13.9	38	67
45	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	2		6.7	73	46
46	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	1		1.1	48	65
47	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	1		4.4	55	61

6.7 How many cases have there been of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians? **TOTAL: 717** 

Question 6.7 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	16.7	6	88
2	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
3	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
4	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	3.9	43	66
5	India	Asia	South Asia	34		15.7	11	82
6	Iran	Asia	South Asia	30		10.7	8	86
7	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	20		15.6	24	70
8	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	20		15.4	28	70
9	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	12		5.4	70	49
10	NN			10	TRUE			
11	NN			10	TRUE			
12	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
13	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	16.7	7	86
14	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	9.4	10	83
15	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
16	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
17	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	23	71
18	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	10.6	39	66
19	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	15.9	45	65
20	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	13.3	51	64
21	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	53	63
22	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
23	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	8.9	63	57
24	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
25	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	14.8	69	51
26	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
27	Gambia	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	1.1	75	44
28	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	5		4.8	29	69
29	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	4		9.1	5	88
30	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	4		3.3	74	44
31	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	3		6.5	36	67
32	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	2		7.0	35	68
33	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	2		4.4	55	61
34	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	1		3.0	71	48

6.8 How many Christians have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including beatings and death threats)? (Under mental abuse we only include death threats.) **TOTAL: 29,411** 

Question 6.8 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10000	TRUE	16.7	6	88
2	India	Asia	South Asia	10000	TRUE	15.7	11	82
3	NN			1000	TRUE			
4	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	15.4	14	80
5	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	32	68
6	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	12.8	33	68
7	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	37	67
8	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	8.9	63	57
9	Colombia	Latin America	South America	377		15.4	22	71
10	Iran	Asia	South Asia	212		10.7	8	86
11	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	200		9.1	5	88
12	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	12.2	4	89
13	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	100	TRUE	9.4	10	83
14	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	2.4	13	80
15	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	100	TRUE	11.1	16	77
16	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.0	17	76
17	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	23	71
18	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	24	70
19	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.4	28	70
20	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	10.6	39	66
21	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.9	45	65
22	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	13.3	51	64
23 24	Burundi Honduras	Africa Latin America	Eastern Africa Central America	100	TRUE TRUE	11.1 11.9	65 67	55 53
25	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	7.2	68	52
26	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	14.8	69	51
	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	5.4	70	49
28	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.0	72	46
29	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	100	TRUE	6.7	73	46
30	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	82	TROE	4.4	55	61
31	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	48		1.5	21	71
32	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	46		4.8	29	69
33	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	44		13.9	38	67
34	Azerbaijan	Asia	Western Asia	41		0.6	58	59
35	Tajikistan	Asia	Central Asia	37		1.1	44	66
36	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	34		6.5	36	67
37	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	32		3.9	43	66
38	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	32		9.4	50	65
39	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	32		2.0	61	57
40	Kazakhstan	Asia	Central Asia	25		1.1	48	65
41	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	23		15.6	53	63
42	Turkmenistan	Asia	Central Asia	22		0.6	26	70
43	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	21		3.9	62	57
44	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	20		10.7	30	69
	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	19		7.0	35	68
46	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	18		7.0	27	70
47	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	15		11.7	64	56
48	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	14	TDUE	16.7	7	86
49 50	NN NN			10 10	TRUE TRUE			
51	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	11.3	12	80
52	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	4.6	18	76
53	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	4.8	19	73
54	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	1.3	20	72
55	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	6.9	25	70
56	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	5.0	31	68
57	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.5	34	68
58	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	5.7	41	66

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59	Comoros	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	1.5	42	66
60	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	2.0	49	65
61	Kuwait	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.1	52	64
62	United Arab Emirates	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	1.1	54	62
63	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	10		2.0	59	59
64	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
65	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.0	71	48
66	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.3	74	44
67	Gambia	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	1.1	75	44
68	Belarus	Europe	Eastern Europe	10	TRUE	3.3	76	43
69	NN			8				
70	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	5		2.0	57	60
71	Djibouti	Africa	Eastern Africa	2		0.6	56	60
72	Bahrain	Asia	Western Asia	2		0.9	66	55

6.9 How many houses of Christians or other property (excluding shops) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down or confiscated for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 4,547** 

Question 6.9 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	16.7	6	88
2	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	1000	TRUE	15.4	14	80
3	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	24	70
4	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	211		12.8	33	68
5	India	Asia	South Asia	180		15.7	11	82
6	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	12.2	4	89
7	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	11.3	12	80
8	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	4.6	18	76
9	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	23	71
10	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.4	28	70
11	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
12	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
13	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.9	45	65
14	Iran	Asia	South Asia	35		10.7	8	86
15	Colombia	Latin America	South America	33		15.4	22	71
16	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	30		10.7	30	69
17	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	18		3.9	43	66
18	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	16		15.6	53	63
19	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	12		16.7	7	86
20	NN			10	TRUE			
21	NN			10	TRUE			
22	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	9.4	10	83
23	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
24	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
25	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	6.9	25	70
26	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	10.6	39	66
27	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	13.3	51	64
28	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
29	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
30	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	14.8	69	51
31	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	5.4	70	49
32	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.0	71	48
33	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
34	Belarus	Europe	Eastern Europe	10	TRUE	3.3	76	43
35	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	9		5.0	31	68
36	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	7		7.0	35	68
37	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	7		6.5	36	67
38	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	6		9.1	5	88
39	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	5		11.9	67	53
40	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	4		4.8	29	69
41	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	3		7.0	27	70
42	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	3		13.9	38	67
43	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	3		9.4	50	65
44	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	3		3.9	62	57
45	NN			2				-
46	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	2		2.0	57	60
47	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	2		2.0	59	59
48	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	2		6.7	73	46
49	NN		0 1 1 4 1	1				7.
50	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	1		1.5	21	71
51	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	1		5.7	41	66
52	Jordan	Asia	Western Asia	1		2.0	49	65

6.10 How many shops or businesses of Christians have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?

TOTAL: 2,210

Question 6.10 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	16.7	6	88
2	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	11.3	12	80
3	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100	TRUE	15.4	14	80
4	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	4.6	18	76
5	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	23	71
6	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	24	70
7	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.4	28	70
8	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	32	68
9	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	37	67
10	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.9	45	65
11	India	Asia	South Asia	37		15.7	11	82
12	Colombia	Latin America	South America	25		15.4	22	71
13	Iran	Asia	South Asia	21		10.7	8	86
14	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	16		15.6	53	63
15	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	12		9.4	50	65
16	NN			10	TRUE			
17	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
18	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	10	TRUE	16.7	7	86
19	NN			10	TRUE			
20	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	9.4	10	83
21	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
22	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	17	76
23	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	12.8	33	68
24	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	10.6	39	66
25	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	13.3	51	64
26	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
27	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	8.9	63	57
28	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
29	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	14.8	69	51
30	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.0	71	48
31	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.0	72	46
32	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.3	74	44
33	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	9		5.0	31	68
34	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	7		6.9	25	70
35	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	3		10.7	30	69
36	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	2		9.1	5	88
37	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	2		6.5	36	67
38	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	2		11.7	64	56
<b>3</b> 9	NN			1				
40	NN			1				
41	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	1		5.7	41	66
42	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	1		2.0	57	60

6.11 How many Christians have been forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons?

TOTAL: 124,310

#### From high to low:

Question 6.11 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	100000	TRUE	15.4	14	80
2	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	10000	TRUE	16.7	6	88
3	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	5000		15.6	23	71
4	NN			1000	TRUE			
5	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	24	70
6	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	1000	TRUE	15.4	28	70
7	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	32	68
8	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	37	67
9	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.9	45	65
10	India	Asia	South Asia	834		15.7	11	82
11	Indonesia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	600		12.8	33	68
12	Ethiopia	Africa	Eastern Africa	350		10.6	39	66
13	Bangladesh	Asia	South Asia	230		10.7	30	69
14	Colombia	Latin America	South America	124		15.4	22	71
15	Iran	Asia	South Asia	100	TRUE	10.7	8	86
16	Sudan	Africa	Northern Africa	100	TRUE	9.4	10	83
17	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	11.3	12	80
18	Mali	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.0	17	76
19	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	4.6	18	76
20	South Sudan	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	15.0	72	46
21	Mexico	Latin America	Central America	71		13.9	38	67
22	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	50		16.7	7	86
23	Kenya	Africa	Eastern Africa	40		13.3	51	64
24	Laos	Asia	South-eastern Asia	35		5.0	31	68
25	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	33		3.9	43	66
26	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	32		6.9	25	70
27	Morocco	Africa	Northern Africa	27		4.8	29	69
28	Uganda	Africa	Eastern Africa	22		14.8	69	51
29	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	21		6.5	36	67
30	Ivory Coast	Africa	Western Africa	20		3.3	74	44
31	Nepal	Asia	South Asia	16		4.4	55	61
32	Tanzania	Africa	Eastern Africa	15		15.6	53	63
33	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	12		11.7	64	56
34	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	11		9.1	5	88
35	NN			10	TRUE			
36	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	12.2	4	89
37	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	2.4	13	80
38	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
39	Comoros	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	1.5	42	66
40	Chad	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.6	60	58
41	Rwanda	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	8.9	63	57
42	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
43	Angola	Africa	Middle Africa	10	TRUE	7.2	68	52
44	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	5.4	70	49
45	Guinea	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	3.0	71	48
46	Sri Lanka	Asia	South Asia	9		3.9	62	57
47	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	8		11.9	67	53

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48	NN			6			
49	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	5	5.7	41	66
50	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	5	2.0	57	60
51	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	5	6.7	73	46
52	Kyrgyzstan	Asia	Central Asia	4	2.0	59	59
53	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	3	4.8	19	73
54	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	3	1.5	21	71
55	Bhutan	Asia	South Asia	3	1.1	40	66
56	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	3	9.4	50	65
57	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	2	7.0	35	68
58	Djibouti	Africa	Eastern Africa	1	0.6	56	60

6.12 How many Christians have been forced to leave the country for faith-related reasons? **TOTAL: 14,997** 

## From high to low:

Question 6.12 Rank	Country	Region	Sub-Region	Number	Symbolic Round Number	Block 6 Score in total	WWL 2023 Rank	Total WWL 2023 Score
1	Myanmar	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10000	TRUE	15.4	14	80
2	Iran	Asia	South Asia	1000	TRUE	10.7	8	86
3	NN			1000	TRUE			
4	Central African Republic	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	24	70
5	Congo DR (DRC)	Africa	Middle Africa	1000	TRUE	15.6	37	67
6	Pakistan	Asia	South Asia	250		16.7	7	86
7	Eritrea	Africa	Eastern Africa	100	TRUE	12.2	4	89
8	Nigeria	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	16.7	6	88
9	Iraq	Asia	Western Asia	100	TRUE	4.6	18	76
10	Burkina Faso	Africa	Western Africa	100	TRUE	15.6	23	71
11	Cameroon	Africa	Middle Africa	100	TRUE	15.9	45	65
12	Cuba	Latin America	Caribbean	55		7.0	27	70
13	Nicaragua	Latin America	Central America	41		9.4	50	65
14	NN			10	TRUE			
15	Syria	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	11.3	12	80
16	Saudi Arabia	Asia	Western Asia	10	TRUE	2.4	13	80
17	China	Asia	Eastern Asia	10	TRUE	11.1	16	77
18	Niger	Africa	Western Africa	10	TRUE	15.4	28	70
19	Mozambique	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	15.6	32	68
20	Tunisia	Africa	Northern Africa	10	TRUE	6.5	36	67
21	Malaysia	Asia	South-eastern Asia	10	TRUE	3.9	43	66
22	Burundi	Africa	Eastern Africa	10	TRUE	11.1	65	55
23	Libya	Africa	Northern Africa	8		9.1	5	88
24	Mauritania	Africa	Western Africa	7		1.3	20	72
25	Egypt	Africa	Northern Africa	7		7.0	35	68
26	Uzbekistan	Asia	Central Asia	6		1.5	21	71
27	Vietnam	Asia	South-eastern Asia	5		6.9	25	70
28	Brunei	Asia	South-eastern Asia	5		0.4	46	65
29	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	4		4.8	19	73
30	Colombia	Latin America	South America	4		15.4	22	71
31	Turkey	Asia	Western Asia	3		5.7	41	66
32	NN			2				
33	Qatar	Asia	Western Asia	2		1.5	34	68
34	Palestinian Territories	Asia	Western Asia	2		2.0	57	60
35	Togo	Africa	Western Africa	2		5.4	70	49
36	Russian Federation	Europe	Eastern Europe	1		2.0	61	57
37	Venezuela	Latin America	South America	1		11.7	64	56
38	Honduras	Latin America	Central America	1		11.9	67	53
39	El Salvador	Latin America	Central America	1		6.7	73	46

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