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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.



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.

PERSECUTION LEVELS

HIGH
41-60 points

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.



	TOTAL SCORE
North Korea	98
Somalia	92
Yemen	89
Eritrea	89
Libya	88
Nigeria	88
Pakistan	86
Iran	86
Afghanistan	84
Sudan	83
India	82
Syria	80
Saudi Arabia	80
Myanmar	80
Maldives	77
China	77
Mali	76
Iraq	76
Algeria	73
Mauritania	72
Uzbekistan	71
Colombia	71
Burkina Faso	71
Central African Rep.	 70
Vietnam	70
Turkmenistan	70
Cuba	70
Niger	70
Morocco	69
Bangladesh	69
Laos	68
Mozambique	68
Indonesia	68
Qatar	68
Egypt	68
Tunisia	67
Congo DR (DRC)	67
Mexico	67
Ethiopia	66
Bhutan	66
Turkey	66
Comoros	66
Malaysia	66
Tajikistan	66
Cameroon	65
Brunei	65
Oman	65
Kazakhstan	65
Jordan	65
Nicaragua	
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