

WORLD WATCH LIST 2017



WWL RANKING



TOTAL SCORE

1	North Korea	92
2	Somalia	91
3	Afghanistan	89
4	Pakistan	88
5	Sudan	87
6	Syria	86
7	Iraq	86
8	Iran	85
9	Yemen	85
10	Eritrea	82
11	Libya	78
12	Nigeria	78
13	Maldives	76
14	Saudi Arabia	76
15	India	73
16	Uzbekistan	71
17	Vietnam	71
18	Kenya	68
19	Turkmenistan	67
20	Qatar	66
21	Egypt	65
22	Ethiopia	64
23	Palestinian Terr.	64
24	Laos	64
25	Brunei	64
26	Bangladesh	63
27	Jordan	63
28	Myanmar	62
29	Tunisia	61
30	Bhutan	61
31	Malaysia	60
32	Mali	59
33	Tanzania	59
34	CAR	58
35	Tajikistan	58
36	Algeria	58
37	Turkey	57
38	Kuwait	57
39	China	57
40	Djibouti	57
41	Mexico	57
42	Comoros	56
43	Kazakhstan	56
44	UAE	55
45	Sri Lanka	55
46	Indonesia	55
47	Mauritania	55
48	Bahrain	54
49	Oman	53
50	Colombia	53

PRESSURE

Degree of pressure in 5 spheres of Christian life

Private life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Family life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Community life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

National life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

Church life
MAX SCORE = 16.7

VIOLENCE

Amount of violent incidents against Christians and Church

Violence
MAX SCORE = 16.7

MAX SCORE = 83.3 + MAX SCORE = 16.7 = **RANK #**
MAX SCORE = 100

PRESSURE TOP 10

VIOLENCE TOP 10

HIGH VERY HIGH EXTREME
PRESSURE PERSECUTION VIOLENCE

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Islamic Oppression remains the top persecution engine in the 2017 World Watch List (WWL), especially in Middle Eastern and North African countries. There's also been an overall intensification of persecution across a majority of Asian countries, due to an increase in nationalism.

Once again, North Korea tops the list at #1, with Somalia just one point behind at #2. Buddhist nationalism boosted Sri Lanka back into the top 50 at #45. And Pakistan rose to its highest ranking ever at #4, with levels of violence that even exceed northern Nigeria.

The Open Doors World Watch List is released every January and ranks the top 50 countries where Christians face the worst form of persecution. Persecution is understood to be any hostility experienced because of one's identification with Christ. The list looks at how Christians are persecuted for their faith in the spheres of private, family, community, national and church life. The methods for arriving at country scores and their transnational comparison have been independently audited by the International Institute for Religious Freedom and their proper application checked on some sample countries. Additional statements and interpretations by Open Doors based on or associated with the publication of the WWL remain outside the scope of this audit.

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