

# WORLD WATCH LIST

## 2018

**OpenDoors**  
Serving persecuted Christians worldwide

### 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

Number of violent  
incidents against  
Christians and the Church

**Violence**  
MAX SCORE = 16.7



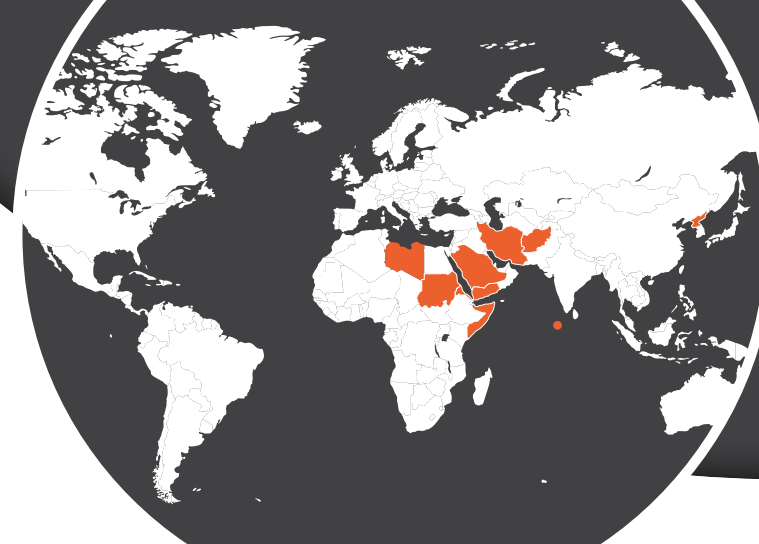
MAX SCORE  
= 83.3

MAX SCORE  
= 16.7

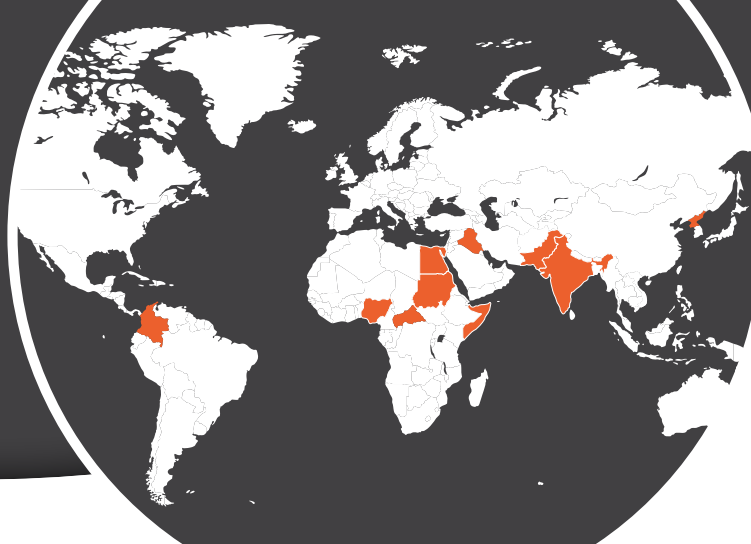
**RANK**  
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MAX SCORE  
= 100

#### PRESSURE TOP 10



#### VIOLENCE TOP 10



#### WWL RANKING

1	North Korea	94
2	Afghanistan	93
3	Somalia	91
4	Sudan	87
5	Pakistan	86
6	Eritrea	86
7	Libya	86
8	Iraq	86
9	Yemen	85
10	Iran	85
11	India	81
12	Saudi Arabia	79
13	Maldives	78
14	Nigeria	77
15	Syria	76
16	Uzbekistan	73
17	Egypt	70
18	Vietnam	69
19	Turkmenistan	68
20	Laos	67
21	Jordan	66
22	Tajikistan	65
23	Malaysia	65
24	Myanmar	65
25	Nepal	64
26	Brunei	64
27	Qatar	63
28	Kazakhstan	63
29	Ethiopia	62
30	Tunisia	62
31	Turkey	62
32	Kenya	62
33	Bhutan	62
34	Kuwait	61
35	Central African Republic	61
36	Palestinian Territories	60
37	Mali	59
38	Indonesia	59
39	Mexico	59
40	United Arab Emirates	58
41	Bangladesh	58
42	Algeria	58
43	China	57
44	Sri Lanka	57
45	Azerbaijan	57
46	Oman	57
47	Mauritania	57
48	Bahrain	57
49	Colombia	56
50	Djibouti	56

HIGH VERY HIGH EXTREME PERSECUTION

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On the 2018 World Watch List (WWL), persecution is driven mainly by the Islamist revolutionary movement, and religious and ideological nationalism. Christians in East, West and North Africa face increased persecution with the global rise and spread of the Islamist movement. In Asia there has been an increase in Islamic militancy as well as religious and ideological nationalism.

Please pray for Christians living in these Top 50 countries. As the most persecuted believers in the world, they need encouragement and support to stand strong in their faith.

The Open Doors World Watch List (WWL) is released every January and ranks the Top 50 countries where Christians face the worst forms of persecution. Persecution is defined as any hostility experienced because of one's identification with Christ. The WWL takes into account all spheres of life and incidents of violence. 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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