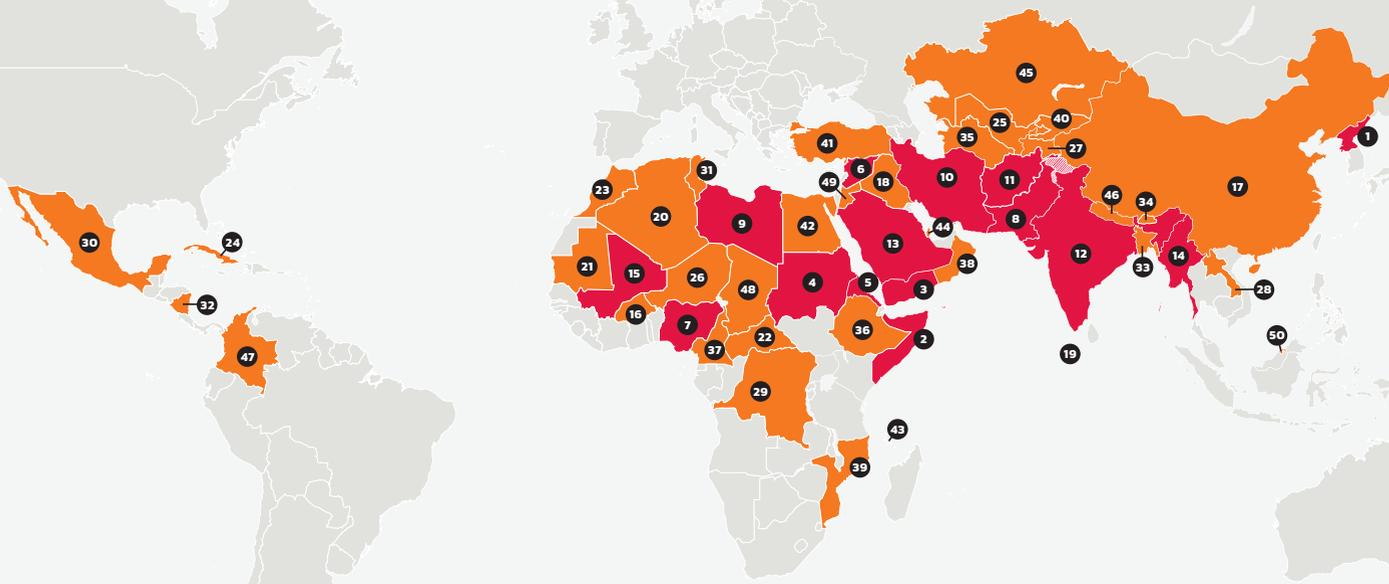


WORLD WATCH LIST 2026



THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IS MOST SEVERE IN THESE FIFTY COUNTRIES

Open Doors compiles the World Watch List using research data from experts in 150 countries. These experts use a points system to record the level of violence and pressure that Christians face because of their faith in Jesus Christ. The violence score shows the number and severity of violent incidents against Christians. The pressure score indicates the degree of oppression of their religion Christians experience in five areas of life (private life, family life, community life, national life and church life).



The maximum score for each area is 16.7, adding up to a maximum total score of 100. Each country's ranking is determined by its total score. This indicates the intensity of persecution.

For the sixth consecutive year, every country on the list has a total score higher than 60, indicating 'very high' or 'extreme' persecution. This shows that the intensity of persecution remains indiminished high.

Rank	Country	Total Score
1	North Korea	97
2	Somalia	94
3	Yemen	93
4	Sudan	92
5	Eritrea	90
6	Syria	90
7	Nigeria	89
8	Pakistan	87
9	Libya	87
10	Iran	87
11	Afghanistan	86
12	India	84
13	Saudi Arabia	82
14	Myanmar	81
15	Mali	81
16	Burkina Faso	80
17	China	79
18	Iraq	79
19	Maldives	79
20	Algeria	77
21	Mauritania	76
22	CAR	75
23	Morocco	75
24	Cuba	73
25	Uzbekistan	73
26	Niger	72
27	Tajikistan	72
28	Laos	72
29	DR Congo	72
30	Mexico	71
31	Tunisia	71
32	Nicaragua	71
33	Bangladesh	71
34	Bhutan	71
35	Turkmenistan	71
36	Ethiopia	70
37	Cameroon	70
38	Oman	70
39	Mozambique	69
40	Kyrgyzstan	68
41	Türkiye	68
42	Egypt	68
43	Comoros	68
44	Qatar	67
45	Kazakhstan	67
46	Nepal	67
47	Colombia	66
48	Chad	66
49	Jordan	66
50	Brunei	65