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WORLD WATCH LIST 2023



		TOTAL SCORE
1	North Korea	98
2	Somalia	92
3	Yemen	89
4	Eritrea	89
5	Libya	88
6	Nigeria	88
7	Pakistan	86
8	Iran	86
9	Afghanistan	84
10	Sudan	83
11	India	82
12	Syria	80
13	Saudi Arabia	80
14	Myanmar	80
15	Maldives	77
16	China	77
17	Mali	76
18	Iraq	76
19	Algeria	73
20	Mauritania	72
21	Uzbekistan	71
22	Colombia	71
23	Burkina Faso	71
24	Central African Rep.	70
25	Vietnam	70
26	Turkmenistan	70
27	Cuba	70
28	Niger	70
29	Morocco	69
30	Bangladesh	69
31	Laos	68
32	Mozambique	68
33	Indonesia	68
34	Qatar	68
35	Egypt	68
36	Tunisia	67
37	Congo DR (DRC)	67
38	Mexico	67
39	Ethiopia	66
40	Bhutan	66
41	Turkey	66
42	Comoros	66
43	Malaysia	66
44	Tajikistan	66
45	Cameroon	65
46	Brunei	65
47	Oman	65
48	Kazakhstan	65
49	Jordan	65
50	Nicaragua	65

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.

VIOLENCE | PRIVATE LIFE | FAMILY LIFE | COMMUNITY LIFE | NATIONAL LIFE | CHURCH 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.

