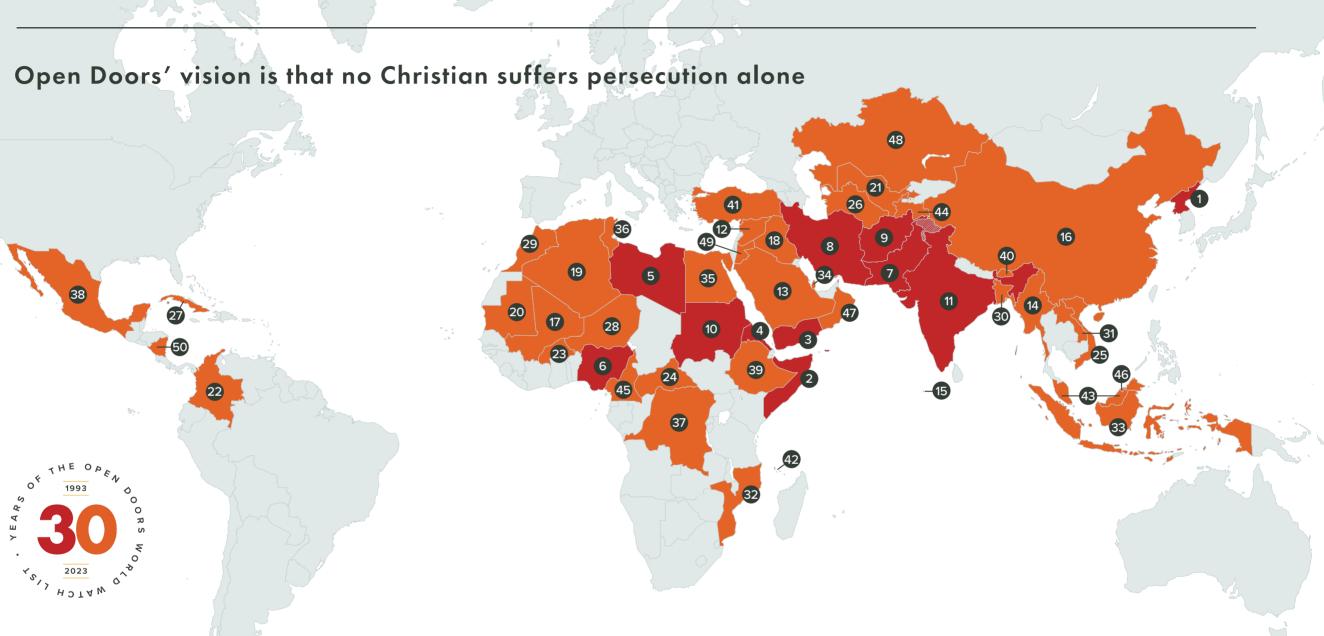
# WORLD WATCH LIST 2023





#### **PERSECUTION LEVELS**

- HIGH
- VERY HIGH
- EXTREME

- 1 North Korea
- 2 Somalia
- Eritrea
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- 8 Iran

- Yemen
- Libya

- Afghanistan
- 10 Sudan

- 11 India
- Syria
- Saudi Arabia
- Myanmar
- Maldives
- 16 China
- Mali
- 18 Iraq
- 4 Algeria 20 Mauritania
- - Niger Morocco
  - 30 Bangladesh

Cuba

Uzbekistan

Colombia

Vietnam

Burkina Faso

Turkmenistan

Central African Republic

- Mozambique
- Indonesia
- Qatar
- Egypt
- 36 Tunisia
- Congo DR (DRC)
- Mexico
- Ethiopia
- 40 Bhutan

- Turkey
- Comoros
- Malaysia
- Tajikistan
- Cameroon
- Brunei
- Oman
- Kazakhstan
- Jordan
- 50 Nicaragua

## **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.



#### **PRESSURE**

Degree of pressure in 5 spheres of Christian life

**PRIVATE** 

**FAMILY** 

LIFE

COMMUNITY NATIONAL

LIFE









CHURCH

Maximum score for each section: 16.7



### VIOLENCE

Number and severity of violent incidents against **Christians and church** 



score: 16.7



**MAX SCORE** 

= 83.3







= 16.7















**MAX SCORE** = 100

#### PERSECUTION LEVELS



41-60 points



**VERY HIGH** 61-80 points



For the second 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.

