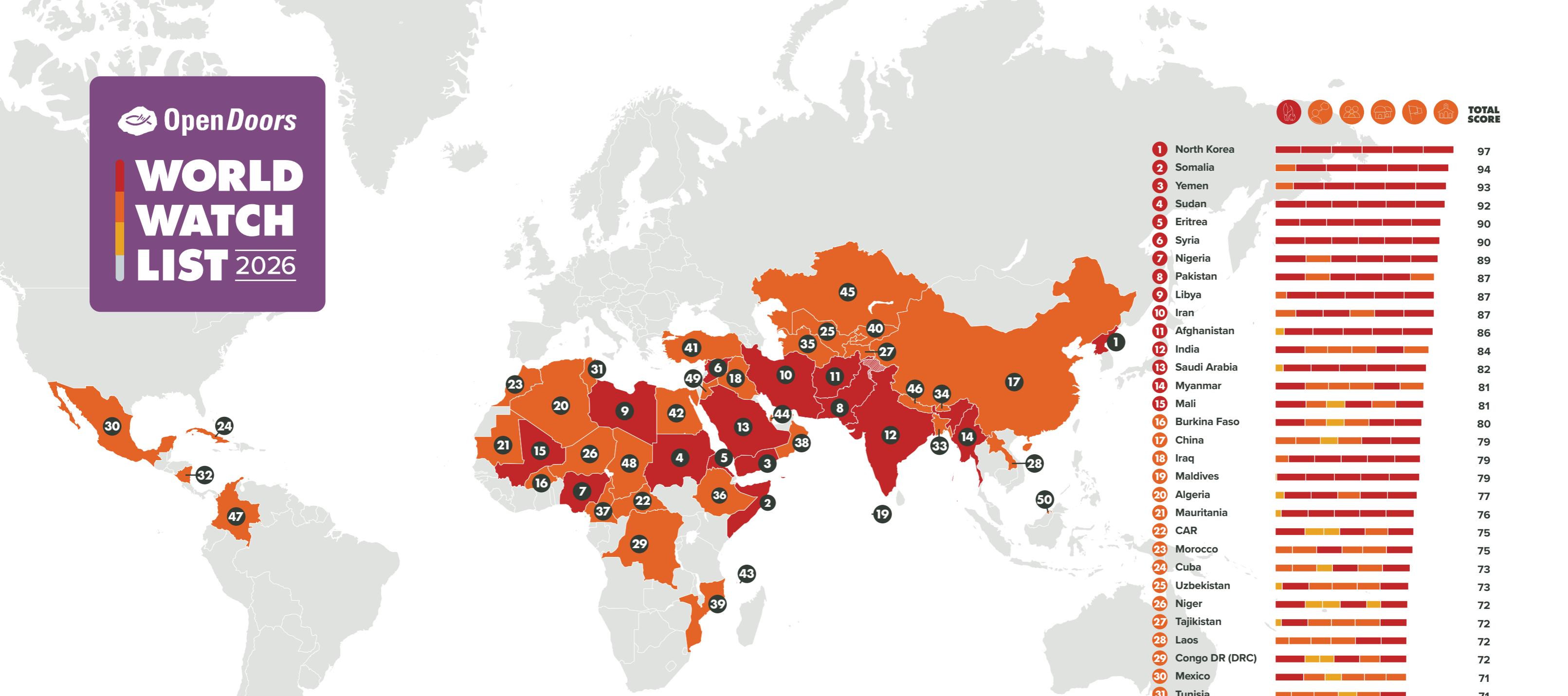


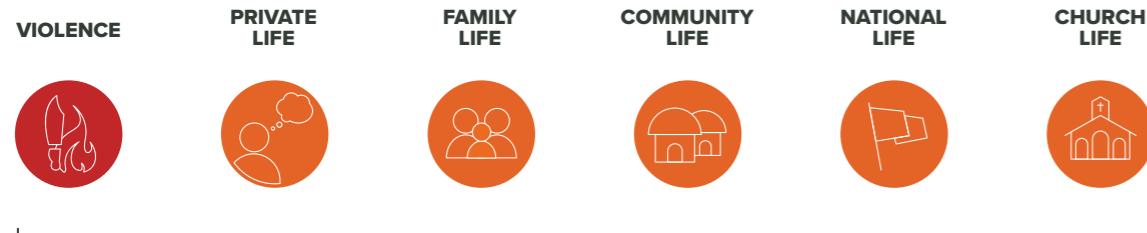


WORLD WATCH LIST 2026



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.



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

Every country on the list is ranked as having very high or extreme levels of persecution, showing the intensity of persecution against Christians.



1	North Korea
2	Somalia
3	Yemen
4	Sudan
5	Eritrea
6	Syria
7	Nigeria
8	Pakistan
9	Libya
10	Iran
11	Afghanistan
12	India
13	Saudi Arabia
14	Myanmar
15	Mali
16	Burkina Faso
17	China
18	Iraq
19	Maldives
20	Algeria
21	Mauritania
22	CAR
23	Morocco
24	Cuba
25	Uzbekistan
26	Niger
27	Tajikistan
28	Laos
29	Congo DR (DRC)
30	Mexico
31	Tunisia
32	Nicaragua
33	Bangladesh
34	Bhutan
35	Turkmenistan
36	Ethiopia
37	Cameroon
38	Oman
39	Mozambique
40	Kyrgyzstan
41	Türkiye
42	Egypt
43	Comoros
44	Qatar
45	Kazakhstan
46	Nepal
47	Colombia
48	Chad
49	Jordan
50	Brunei

