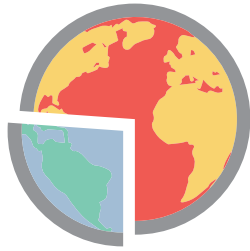


# INTERNATIONAL PERSECUTION



**74%**  
of the World faces  
High to Very High  
**PERSECUTION**



## PERSECUTION INDEX - MOST SEVERE COUNTRY BY REGION

GOVERNMENT RESTRICTION (GRI)

### MIDDLE EAST-NORTH AFRICA

**8.3**  
**Egypt**

GDP: \$11,800 (Per Capita)  
Population: 88.4 Million  
-Minority faiths are not recognized  
-Environment of impunity leads to mob violence



### ASIA-PACIFIC

**8.6**  
**China**

GDP: \$14,000 (Per Capita)  
Population: 1.36 Billion  
-Churches forced to go underground  
-Organ Harvesting of prisoners of conscience



### SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

**6.5**  
**Eritrea**

GDP: \$1,300 (Per Capita)  
Population: 6.5 Million  
-Government killings and torture widespread  
-Up to 3000 prisoners on religious grounds



### EUROPE

**6.7**  
**Russia**

GDP: \$25,400 (Per Capita)  
Population: 142 Million  
-Barriers for foreign missionaries  
-Controversial Blasphemy and Extremism Laws



### AMERICAS

**4.5**  
**Mexico**

GDP: \$17,500 (Per Capita)  
Population: 121 Million  
-Discrimination at State and Local level  
-Religious groups must register with government



SOCIAL HOSTILITY (SHI)

**9.1**  
**Israel**

GDP: \$33,700 (Per Capita)  
Population: 8.04 Million  
-Illegal to build Churches  
-Illegal to proselytize  
-High Terrorism & Violence



**8.1**  
**Pakistan**

GDP: \$5,000 (Per Capita)  
Population: 199 Million  
-Sharia Law and Blasphemy Laws  
-Destruction of Churches  
-High Terrorism & Violence



**7.4**  
**Nigeria**

GDP: \$6,100 (Per Capita)  
Population: 181 Million  
-Christians face severe persecution  
-Killings by Boko Haram & Fulani Militants



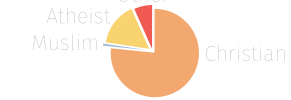
**6.6**  
**Russia**

-Rising xenophobia  
-Violence against Jews & Muslims often occurs with impunity  
-Churches targeted in illegally-annexed Crimea



**5.2**  
**U.S.A.**

GDP: \$55,800 (Per Capita)  
Population: 321 Million  
-Rising Intolerance  
-Religion-related crimes on the rise



## QUICK FACTS

The Government Restrictions Index measures government laws, policies and actions that restrict religious beliefs and practices. The GRI is comprised of 20 measures of restrictions, including efforts by government to ban particular faiths, prohibit conversion, limit preaching or give preferential treatment to one or more religious groups.

The Social Hostilities Index measures acts of religious hostility by private individuals, organizations or groups in society. This includes religion-related armed conflict or terrorism, mob or sectarian violence, harassment over attire for religious reasons or other religion-related intimidation or abuse. The SHI includes 13 measures of social hostilities.

Index scores from Pew Research Institute, National Data from CIA World Factbook, and facts from USCIRF.

## TESTIMONY

"I can't understand even though I am trying to make sense of it. I am so shocked, they are too young to defend themselves. I have to give it up to God, there's nothing I can do."

**-Djibrilla - 4 of his 5 children were kidnapped by Boko Haram in Chad**

"My simplest right as an Egyptian should be to pray in a church, not the street. I feel oppression every time I come here to pray, I dream that we open a church where we can bring the women and children to pray."

**-Nashat Saed - Copt whose church was burned down by a mob in Egypt**

"I'd like to fly like a bird back to Myanmar, but there is no peace and security there...I don't want any peace and happiness for myself in this lifetime. But I am thinking about my children's future."

**-Hasinah Izhar - Rohingya Muslim persecuted by Buddhist nationalists and now separated from one of her children in Malaysia**