

World Watch List Methodology

Appendices – Part 2

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For instance, if all four categories exist, each category stands for ¼ (= 0.25). If a certain situation concerns two of those four in the application of the scoring grid, the answer would be 2/4 (= 0.5) and thus produce a sub-score for this element of 2 points ("Yes, significantly"). If there is only one category of Christianity in a country, and a specific situation concerns this category of Christianity (e.g. MBBs in Somalia), the answer is immediately 1/1 (= 1) and makes a sub-score of 4 points ("Yes, absolutely").

There could also be only two or three different categories of Christianity in a country. The respondent will then act according to the method mentioned above.

Example: For every question all four factors are important. See the following scoring grid. The yellow shading represents a fictitious example for Country X, using the question "Have burials of Christians been hindered or coercively performed with non-Christian rites?"

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Christianity affected by					(all 3 categories of
persecution					Christianity in the country
					are affected)
(2) Proportion of general	None	up to 25% (mainly in the	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
population living in the territory		hard-core Sharia states)			
affected by persecution					
(3) Intensity of persecution	None	Low	Medium	High	very high
				(when it happens, the intensity is	
				high; it is really difficult to find a	
				way out of that situation)	
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				(it happens frequently)	

For this example, the net result would be (4+1+3+3)/4=2.75. The explanation would be given in the comments column added to the question.

Please note that more information on all explanations above can be found in the complete WWL Methodology document. The document can be accessed through "The Analytical" (http://theanalytical.org/world-watch-list-methodology/; password **freedom**).

Due to the complexity of the scoring grid, we strongly advise you to only use the online version of the questionnaire (if at all possible) which does the calculations automatically for you.

1 Persecution engines

The WWL methodology distinguishes eight different persecution engines. The main identified persecution engines cover religious and cultural systems, inner-Christian conflicts, ideological systems, flaws of human nature driven by power or greed and are listed in that order. They can be pursued by the same drivers of persecution or appear as independent parallel phenomena. Therefore mark as many as you deem relevant. Please note that there is a final category "other" in case you can identify a different persecution engine. Please indicate which engines are active, and how strong they are (very weak to very strong, or not at all).

Which persecution engines were active in the country:	Not at all	Very weak	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very Strong	Please provide information to clarify your answers
Islamic oppression							
Tries to bring the country or the world under the 'House of Islam'	0	0	0	0	0	0	
through violent and/or non-violent actions.							
Religious nationalism							
Tries to conquer the nation for one's religion. Mainly Hinduism and	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Buddhism, but also orthodox Judaism or other religions.							
Ethnic antagonism							
Tries to force the continuing influence of age-old norms and values	0	0	0	0	0	0	
shaped in a tribal context. Can be in the 'package' of traditional religion	O		U	U	U		
or other.							
Denominational protectionism							
Tries to maintain one's Christian denomination as the only legitimate or	0	0	0	0	0	0	
dominant expression of Christianity in the country. In most cases this		O		O			
Christian denomination is the majority Christian denomination.							
Communist and post-Communist oppression							
Tries to maintain communism as a prescriptive ideology and/or controls	0	0	0	0	0	0	
the Church through a system of registration and oversight that has		J					
come from communism.							

Secular intolerance Tries to eradicate religion from the public domain, if possible even out of the hearts of people, and imposes an atheistic form of secularism as a new governing ideology.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dictatorial paranoia Does everything to maintain power, not particularly aiming to realize a specific vision.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Organized corruption and crime Tries to create a climate of impunity, anarchy and corruption as a means for self-enrichment.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2 Drivers of persecution

It is important to realize which people or groups are driving the persecution engine(s) in the country. The WWL methodology distinguishes eleven different drivers. Here we seek to identify the people and groups who are driving discrimination, harassment or other forms of persecution of Christians. Please indicate which drivers are active, and how strong they are (very weak to very strong, or not at all).

	Not at all	Very weak	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very strong	Please provide information to clarify your answers
Have government officials at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have ethnic group leaders been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have non-Christian religious leaders at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have religious leaders of other churches at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for (other) Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have fanatical movements been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have the citizens (people from the broader society), including mobs, been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Has one's own (extended) family been a source of persecution for Christians?	0	0	О	0	0	0	
Have political parties at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have revolutionaries or paramilitary groups been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have organized crime cartels or networks been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have multilateral organizations been sources of discrimination or other forms of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have there been other drivers of persecution? Please specify!	0	0	0	0	0	0	

3 Categories of Christians and churches persecuted

It is important to realize which categories of Christianity are present, and which of them are persecuted in the country. The WWL methodology distinguishes four different Categories of Christianity. Please indicate which categories are present, and if they are present also indicate how strong persecution of each category is (very weak to very strong, or not at all). Also provide details of the denominations you consider to belong to the different Categories of Christianity.

Categories of Christianity	Present in			Persec	ution level			Please indicate which denominations you
	the country	Not at all	-	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very	consider to come under this Category of Christianity in the country
			weak				strong	
Communities of expatriate Christians. This category								
only applies when these communities are involuntarily								
isolated from other categories of Christianity.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Historical Christian communities.								
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Communities of converts to Christianity from majority								
religion or ideology, traditional religion, mafia, etc. This								
can also refer to converts from other categories of	_		_		_		_	
Christianity. They might be absorbed by one of the	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
other categories of churches but often gather in 'house'								
churches or 'underground' churches.								

Non-traditional Christian communities (such as								
Evangelicals, Baptists, Pentecostals) and/or other								
Christian communities not included in the above three	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
groups. Sometimes they also gather in 'house' churches								
or 'underground' churches.								

Block 1: Private life

Private life is defined as the inner life of a Christian, the *forum internum*, the freedom of thought and conscience.

The guiding question asked is: "How free has a Christian been to relate to God one-on-one in his/her own space?" This is not limited to the private home but can also apply to prison or a walk in the woods, etc. This is irrespective of who the agent challenging this freedom might be.

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
1.2	Has it been risky for Christians to conduct acts of Christian worship by themselves (e.g. prayer, Bible reading, etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
1.3	Has it been dangerous to privately own or keep Christian materials?	0	0					0	0	
1.7	Has it been risky for Christians to speak about their faith with immediate family members?	0	0					0	0	
1.9	Has it been risky for Christians to meet with other Christians?	0	0					0	0	
1.10	Have Christians been isolated from other family members or other likeminded Christians (e.g. house arrest)?	0	0					0	0	

Block 2: Family life

Family life is defined as pertaining to the nuclear and extended family of a Christian.

The guiding question asked is: "How free has a Christian been to live his/her Christian convictions within the circle of the family, and how free have Christian families been to conduct their family life in a Christian way?" It also asks: "How much have Christians been discriminated against, harassed or in any other way persecuted by their own families?"

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2.1	Have babies and children of Christians automatically been registered under the state or majority religion?	0	0					0	0	
2.3	Have Christians been hindered in celebrating a Christian wedding for faith-related reasons?	0	0					0	0	
2.6	Have Christian couples been hindered in adopting children or serving as foster parents because of their faith?	0	0					0	0	
2.7	Have parents been hindered in raising their children according to their Christian beliefs?	0	0					0	0	
2.10	Have Christian spouses and/or children of Christians been subject to separation for prolonged periods of time by circumstances relating to persecution?	0	0					0	0	
2.11	Have spouses of converts been put under pressure (successfully or unsuccessfully) by others to divorce?	0	0					0	0	

Block 3: Community life

Community life is defined as the interaction of Christians with their respective local communities beyond the family level and below any supra-local level. (Supra-local means above the local level.) This community life includes the workplace, business, health care, education, and local public life and civic order. A mobile person can have several local communities regarding different aspects of community life, e.g. origin or residence in one place and education or work in another.

The guiding question asked is: "How free have Christians been individually and collectively to live out their Christian convictions within the local community (beyond church life), and how much pressure has the community put on Christians by acts of discrimination, harassment or any other form of persecution?"

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3.1	Have Christians been harassed, threatened or obstructed in their daily lives for faith-related reasons (e.g. for not meeting majority religion or traditional dress codes, beard codes etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
3.4	Have Christians been hindered in sharing community resources because of their faith (e.g. clean drinking water)?	0	0					0	0	
3.8	Have Christians had less access to health care because of their faith?	0	0					0	0	
3.9	Have Christians faced disadvantages in their education at any level for faith-related reasons (e.g. restrictions of access to education)?	0	0					0	0	
3.11	Have Christians been hindered in the operation of their businesses for faith-related reasons (e.g. access to loans, subsidies, government contracts, client boycotts)?	0	0					О	0	
3.13	Have Christians been interrogated or compelled to report to the local vigilante/police for faith-related reasons?	0	0					0	0	

Block 4: National life

National life is defined as the interaction between Christians and the nation they live in. This includes rights and laws, the justice system, national public administration and public life.

The guiding question asked is: "How free have Christians been individually and collectively to live their Christian convictions beyond their local community, and how much pressure has the legal system put on Christians, and how much pressure have agents of supra-local national life put on Christians by acts of misinformation, discrimination, harassment or any other form of persecution?"

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
4.1	Does the Constitution or comparable national or state law limit freedom of religion as formulated in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? Please note it may well be that there are contradictions in laws.	0	0					0	0	
4.4	Have Christians been hindered in travelling for faith-related reasons?	0	0					0	0	
4.5	Have Christians been discriminated against when engaging with the authorities (local administration, government, army, etc.) for faith-related reasons?	0	0					0	0	
4.7	Have Christians been hindered in running their own businesses without interference for faith-related reasons (e.g. personnel policy, client admission policy)?	0	0					O	0	
4.9	Have Christian civil society organizations or political parties been hindered in their functioning or forbidden because of their Christian convictions?	0	0					0	0	
4.14	Have those who caused harm to Christians deliberately been left unpunished?	0	0					0	0	

4.16	Has international monitoring been hindered	0	0			0	0	
	when Christians had to stand trial?					U		

Block 5: Church life

Church life is defined as the collective exercise by Christians of freedom of thought and conscience, particularly with regards to uniting with fellow Christians in worship, life, service and public expression of their faith without undue interference. It also pertains to properties held or used by Christians for these purposes.

The guiding question asked is: "How have restrictions, discrimination, harassment or other forms of persecution infringed upon these rights and this collective life of Christian churches, organizations and institutions?"

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5.1	Have activities of churches been monitored, hindered, disturbed, or obstructed?	0	0					0	0	
5.3	Have Christian communities been hindered in building or renovating church buildings or in claiming historical religious premises and places of worship which had been taken from them earlier?	0	0					0	0	
5.8	Have Christian preaching, teaching and/or published materials been monitored?	0	0					0	0	
5.10	Have Christians been hindered in training their own religious leaders?	0	0					0	0	
5.12	Have churches or Christian organizations been hindered in printing Christian materials or owning printing presses?	0	0					0	0	

5.14	Has openly selling or distributing Bibles and other Christian materials been hindered?	0	0		0	0	
5.18	Have churches been hindered in establishing, managing, maintaining and conducting schools, or charitable, humanitarian, medical, social or cultural organizations, institutions and associations?	0	0		0	0	

Block 6: Violence

Violence is defined as the deprivation of physical freedom or as bodily harm to Christians or damage to their property. It includes severe threats (mental abuse).

The guiding question asked is: "How many cases of such violence have there been?"

		Number of verified cases:	Score based on verified cases:	Number of estima-ted cases:			Please provide information to clarify your answers		
6.1	How many Christians have been killed for faith- related reasons (including state sanctioned executions)?				weighs 3 poil more mart	artyr up to ten nts. Thus ten or tyrs make 30 ints.			
6.2	How many churches or Christian buildings (schools, hospitals, cemeteries, etc.) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?				NB: Every incident up to ten weighs 3 points. Thus ten or more buildings make 30 points.		weighs 3 points. Thus ten or more buildings make 30		
		More than 10 cases (3 points)	2-9 cases (2 points)	1 case (1 point)	No (0 points)	Unknown	Please provide information to clarify your answers		
6.3	How many Christians have been detained without trial for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0			
6.4	How many Christians have been sentenced to jail, labor camp, sent to psychiatric hospital as punishment, or similar things for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0			

6.5	How many Christians have been abducted for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	О	
6.6	How many Christians have been raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	
6.7	How many cases have there been of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians?	0	О	О	0	0	
6.8	How many Christians have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including torture and mistreatment)?	0	0	0	0	0	
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6.11	How many Christians have been forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	
6.12	How many Christians have been forced to leave their country for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	

BLOCK 7: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS (not included in scores but meant for additional information)

7.1 As to changes that you are observing in this country

	Worsening rapidly	Worseni ng	No change	Worsened in some parts, but improved in others	Impro- ving	Improving rapidly	Please clarify your answer
In which direction have changes occurred in this country regarding the treatment of Christians and/or the churches, compared to the previous year?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

7.2 As to the growth of the Church

	Growing rapidly	Growing slowly	No signify- cant change	Growth in some parts, decrease in others	Shrin- king slowly	Shrin-king rapidly	Please clarify your answer
How would you describe the growth of the Church in this country over the past 12 months?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

7.6 As to the evolution of the level of fear among Christians

	Growing rapidly	Growing slowly	No change	Shrinking slowly	Shrinking rapidly	Please clarify your answer
How would you describe the evolution in						
the level of fear among Christians in this country over the past 12 months?	0	0	0	0	0	

7.7 Are there any "early warning" signs in this country indicating that the churches or individual Christians may suffer more persecution in the future than at present? Please give your thoughts!

7.9 Do you have any detailed information on non-Christian religious minorities in the country who have been marginalised or persecuted? Which other groups in the country have been persecuted on the same level or even harder than Christians?

Please give your thoughts!

7.10 What have been the most important general changes in the country?

The structure of your answer could follow these questions:

- What have been the most important political changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important economic changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important social changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
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7.11 Comments room.

This is the place to leave any comments when you did not have enough space for in the rest of the document. Please provide the appropriate question number the comment belongs to. This place can also be used to provide information that you couldn't put anywhere else in the questionnaire.

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>1/4 - 2/4	2 out of 4 categories affected	1 out of 3 categories affected	1 out of 2 categories affected	-
>2/4 - 3/4	3 out of 4 categories affected	2 out of 3 categories affected	-	-
>3/4 – 1	4 out of 4 categories affected	3 out of 3 categories affected	2 out of 2 categories affected	1 categories affected

For instance, if all four categories exist, each category stands for ¼ (= 0.25). If a certain situation concerns two of those four in the application of the scoring grid, the answer would be 2/4 (= 0.5) and thus produce a sub-score for this element of 2 points ("Yes, significantly"). If there is only one category of Christianity in a country, and a specific situation concerns this category of Christianity (e.g. MBBs in Somalia), the answer is immediately 1/1 (= 1) and makes a sub-score of 4 points ("Yes, absolutely").

There could also be only two or three different categories of Christianity in a country. The respondent will then act according to the method mentioned above.

Example: For every question all four factors are important. See the following scoring grid. The yellow shading represents a fictitious example for Country X, using the question "Have burials of Christians been hindered or coercively performed with non-Christian rites?"

	No	Yes, somewhat or rarely	Yes, significantly	Yes, very significantly	Yes, absolutely
	0 points	1 point	2 points	3 points	4 points
(1) Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution	None	up to 1/4	>1/4 - 2/4	>2/4 – 3/4	>3/4 – 1 (all 3 categories of Christianity in the country are affected)
(2) Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution	None	up to 25% (mainly in the hard-core Sharia states)	26-50%	51-75%	76-100%
(3) Intensity of persecution	None	Low	Medium	High (when it happens, the intensity is high; it is really difficult to find a way out of that situation)	very high
(4) Frequency of persecution	None	Sporadic	Quite frequent	Frequent (it happens frequently)	permanent

For this example, the net result would be (4+1+3+3)/4=2.75. The explanation would be given in the comments column added to the question.

Please note that more information on all explanations above can be found in the complete WWL Methodology document. The document can be accessed through "The Analytical" (http://theanalytical.org/world-watch-list-methodology/; password **freedom**).

Due to the complexity of the scoring grid, we strongly advise you to only use the online version of the questionnaire (if at all possible) which does the calculations automatically for you.

1 Persecution engines

The WWL methodology distinguishes eight different persecution engines. The main identified persecution engines cover religious and cultural systems, inner-Christian conflicts, ideological systems, flaws of human nature driven by power or greed and are listed in that order. They can be pursued by the same drivers of persecution or appear as independent parallel phenomena. Therefore mark as many as you deem relevant. Please note that there is a final category "other" in case you can identify a different persecution engine. Please indicate which engines are active, and how strong they are (very weak to very strong, or not at all).

Which persecution engines were active in the country:	Not at all	Very weak	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very Strong	Please provide information to clarify your answers
Islamic oppression							
Tries to bring the country or the world under the 'House of Islam'	0	0	0	0	0	0	
through violent and/or non-violent actions.							
Religious nationalism							
Tries to conquer the nation for one's religion. Mainly Hinduism and	0	0	0	О	0	0	
Buddhism, but also orthodox Judaism or other religions.							
Ethnic antagonism							
Tries to force the continuing influence of age-old norms and values	0	0	0	0	0		
shaped in a tribal context. Can be in the 'package' of traditional religion		U	U	U	0	0	
or other.							
Denominational protectionism							
Tries to maintain one's Christian denomination as the only legitimate or	0	0	0	0	0	0	
dominant expression of Christianity in the country. In most cases this		U		U			
Christian denomination is the majority Christian denomination.							
Communist and post-Communist oppression							
Tries to maintain communism as a prescriptive ideology and/or controls	0	0	0	0	0	0	
the Church through a system of registration and oversight that has		U		U			
come from communism.							

Secular intolerance Tries to eradicate religion from the public domain, if possible even out of the hearts of people, and imposes an atheistic form of secularism as a new governing ideology.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dictatorial paranoia Does everything to maintain power, not particularly aiming to realize a specific vision.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Organized corruption and crime Tries to create a climate of impunity, anarchy and corruption as a means for self-enrichment.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	

2 Drivers of persecution

It is important to realize which people or groups are driving the persecution engine(s) in the country. The WWL methodology distinguishes eleven different drivers. Here we seek to identify the people and groups who are driving discrimination, harassment or other forms of persecution of Christians. Please indicate which drivers are active, and how strong they are (very weak to very strong, or not at all).

	Not at all	Very weak	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very strong	Please provide information to clarify your answers
Have government officials at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have ethnic group leaders been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have non-Christian religious leaders at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have religious leaders of other churches at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for (other) Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have fanatical movements been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have the citizens (people from the broader society), including mobs, been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Has one's own (extended) family been a source of persecution for Christians?	0	О	О	О	0	0	
Have political parties at any level from local to national been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have revolutionaries or paramilitary groups been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have organized crime cartels or networks been sources of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have multilateral organizations been sources of discrimination or other forms of persecution for Christians?	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Have there been other drivers of persecution? Please specify!	0	0	0	0	0	0	

3 Categories of Christians and churches persecuted

It is important to realize which categories of Christianity are present, and which of them are persecuted in the country. The WWL methodology distinguishes four different Categories of Christianity. Please indicate which categories are present, and if they are present also indicate how strong persecution of each category is (very weak to very strong, or not at all). Also provide details of the denominations you consider to belong to the different Categories of Christianity.

Categories of Christianity	Present in			Persec	ution level		Please indicate which denominations you				
	the country	Not at all	Very	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very	consider to come under this Category of Christianity in the country			
	•		weak					Christianity in the country			
Communities of expatriate Christians. This category											
only applies when these communities are involuntarily											
isolated from other categories of Christianity.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Historical Christian communities.											
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Communities of converts to Christianity from majority											
religion or ideology, traditional religion, mafia, etc. This											
can also refer to converts from other categories of					•						
Christianity. They might be absorbed by one of the	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
other categories of churches but often gather in 'house'											
churches or 'underground' churches.											

Non-traditional Christian communities (such as								
Evangelicals, Baptists, Pentecostals) and/or other								
Christian communities not included in the above three	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
groups. Sometimes they also gather in 'house' churches								
or 'underground' churches.								

Block 1: Private life

Private life is defined as the inner life of a Christian, the *forum internum*, the freedom of thought and conscience.

The guiding question asked is: "How free has a Christian been to relate to God one-on-one in his/her own space?" This is not limited to the private home but can also apply to prison or a walk in the woods, etc. This is irrespective of who the agent challenging this freedom might be.

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
1.1	Has conversion been opposed, forbidden, or punishable, including conversion from one type of Christianity to another?	0	0					0	0	
1.2	Has it been risky for Christians to conduct acts of Christian worship by themselves (e.g. prayer, Bible reading, etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
1.3	Has it been dangerous to privately own or keep Christian materials?	0	0					0	0	
1.4	Has it been risky for Christians to reveal their faith in written forms of personal expression (including expressions in blogs and Facebook etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
1.5	Has it been risky for Christians to display Christian images or symbols?	0	0					0	0	

1.6	Has it been risky for Christians to access Christian radio or TV, or Christian material on the Internet?	0	0			0	0	
1.7	Has it been risky for Christians to speak about their faith with <i>immediate</i> family members?	0	0			0	0	
1.8	Has it been risky for Christians to speak about their faith with those other than immediate family (extended family, others)?	0	0			0	0	
1.9	Has it been risky for Christians to meet with other Christians?	0	0			0	0	
1.10	Have Christians been isolated from other family members or other likeminded Christians (e.g. house arrest)?	0	0			0	0	

Block 2: Family life

Family life is defined as pertaining to the nuclear and extended family of a Christian.

The guiding question asked is: "How free has a Christian been to live his/her Christian convictions within the circle of the family, and how free have Christian families been to conduct their family life in a Christian way?" It also asks: "How much have Christians been discriminated against, harassed or in any other way persecuted by their own families?"

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
2.1	Have babies and children of Christians automatically been registered under the state or majority religion?	0	0					0	0	

2.2	Has registering the birth, wedding, death, etc. of Christians been hindered or made impossible?	0	0		0	0	
2.3	Have Christians been hindered in celebrating a Christian wedding for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	
2.4	Have Christian baptisms been hindered?	0	0		0	0	
2.5	Have burials of Christians been hindered or coercively performed with non-Christian rites?	0	0		0	0	
2.6	Have Christian couples been hindered in adopting children or serving as foster parents because of their faith?	0	0		0	0	
2.7	Have parents been hindered in raising their children according to their Christian beliefs?	0	0		0	0	
2.8	Have Christian children been pressured to attend anti-Christian or majority religion teaching at any level of education?	0	0		0	0	
2.9	Have children of Christians been harassed or discriminated against because of their parents' faith?	0	0		0	0	
2.10	Have Christian spouses and/or children of Christians been subject to separation for prolonged periods of time by circumstances relating to persecution?	0	0		0	0	
2.11	Have spouses of converts been put under pressure (successfully or unsuccessfully) by others to divorce?	0	0		0	0	
2.12	Have Christian spouses of non-Christians been excluded from the right or opportunity to claim custody of the children in divorce cases?	0	0		0	0	
2.13	Have Christians lost their inheritance rights because of their conversion to Christianity or (if a person already was a Christian) other types of Christianity?	0	0		0	0	

Block 3: Community life

Community life is defined as the interaction of Christians with their respective local communities beyond the family level and below any supra-local level. (Supra-local means above the local level.) This community life includes the workplace, business, health care, education, and local public life and civic order. A mobile person can have several local communities regarding different aspects of community life, e.g. origin or residence in one place and education or work in another.

The guiding question asked is: "How free have Christians been individually and collectively to live out their Christian convictions within the local community (beyond church life), and how much pressure has the community put on Christians by acts of discrimination, harassment or any other form of persecution?"

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
3.1	Have Christians been harassed, threatened or obstructed in their daily lives for faith-related reasons (e.g. for not meeting majority religion or traditional dress codes, beard codes etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
3.2	Have Christians been monitored by their local communities or by private groups (this includes reporting to police, being shadowed, telephone lines listened to, emails read/censored, etc.)?	0	0					0	0	
3.3	Have Christians been under threat of abduction and/or forced marriage?	0	0					0	0	
3.4	Have Christians been hindered in sharing community resources because of their faith (e.g. clean drinking water)?	0	0					0	0	
3.5	Have Christians been put under pressure to take part in non-Christian religious ceremonies or community events?	0	0					0	0	
3.6	Have Christians been hindered in participating in communal institutions, forums, etc., for faith-related reasons?	0	0					0	0	
3.7	Have Christians been pressured by their community to renounce their faith?	0	0					0	0	

3.8	Have Christians had less access to health care because of their faith?	0	0		0	0	
3.9	Have Christians faced disadvantages in their education at any level for faith-related reasons (e.g. restrictions of access to education)?	0	0		0	0	
3.10	Have Christians been discriminated against in public or private employment for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	
3.11	Have Christians been hindered in the operation of their businesses for faith-related reasons (e.g. access to loans, subsidies, government contracts, client boycotts)?	0	0		0	0	
3.12	Have Christians been fined for faith-related reasons (e.g. jizya tax, community tax, protection money)?	0	0		0	0	
3.13	Have Christians been interrogated or compelled to report to the local vigilante/police for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	

Block 4: National life

National life is defined as the interaction between Christians and the nation they live in. This includes rights and laws, the justice system, national public administration and public life.

The guiding question asked is: "How free have Christians been individually and collectively to live their Christian convictions beyond their local community, and how much pressure has the legal system put on Christians, and how much pressure have agents of supra-local national life put on Christians by acts of misinformation, discrimination, harassment or any other form of persecution?"

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
4.1	Does the Constitution or comparable national or state law limit freedom of religion as formulated	0	0					0	0	

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	in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of						
	Human Rights? Please note it may well be that						
	there are contradictions in laws.						
4.2	Have officials at any level refused to recognise an individual's conversion as recorded in government administration systems, identify cards, etc.?	0	0		0	0	
4.3	Have Christians been forced by law or in practice to act against their conscience, e.g. regarding military service or in certain professions?	0	0		0	0	
4.4	Have Christians been hindered in travelling for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	
4.5	Have Christians been discriminated against when engaging with the authorities (local administration, government, army, etc.) for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	
4.6	Have Christians been barred from public office, or has promotion been hindered for faith-related reasons?	0	0		0	0	
4.7	Have Christians been hindered in running their own businesses without interference for faith-related reasons (e.g. personnel policy, client admission policy)?	0	0		0	0	
4.8	Have Christians been hindered in expressing their views or opinions in public?	0	0		0	0	
4.9	Have Christian civil society organizations or political parties been hindered in their functioning or forbidden because of their Christian convictions?	0	О		0	0	
4.10	Has media reporting been incorrect or biased against Christians?	0	0		0	0	
4.11	Have Christians been subject to smear campaigns or hate speech?	0	0		0	0	
4.12	Have Christians, churches or Christian organizations been hindered in publicly displaying religious symbols?	0	0		0	0	

4.13	Have Christians been accused of blasphemy or insulting the majority religion, either by state authorities or by pressure groups?	0	0		0	0	
4.14	Have those who caused harm to Christians deliberately been left unpunished?	0	0		0	0	
4.15	Have Christians accused in court been deprived of equal treatment?	0	0		0	0	
4.16	Has international monitoring been hindered when Christians had to stand trial?	0	0		0	0	

Block 5: Church life

Church life is defined as the collective exercise by Christians of freedom of thought and conscience, particularly with regards to uniting with fellow Christians in worship, life, service and public expression of their faith without undue interference. It also pertains to properties held or used by Christians for these purposes.

The guiding question asked is: "How have restrictions, discrimination, harassment or other forms of persecution infringed upon these rights and this collective life of Christian churches, organizations and institutions?"

<u>Please note</u> that "churches" also refers to 'house' churches or 'underground' churches.

		No	Yes	Proportion of categories of Christianity affected by persecution (1-4)	Proportion of general population living in the territory affected by persecution (1-4)	Intensity of persecution (1-4)	Frequency of persecution (1-4)	Unknown	N/A	Please provide information to clarify your answers
5.1	Have activities of churches been monitored, hindered, disturbed, or obstructed?	0	0					0	0	
5.2	Has it been difficult to get registration or legal status for churches at any level of government?	0	0					0	0	
5.3	Have Christian communities been hindered in building or renovating church buildings or in claiming historical religious premises and places of worship which had been taken from them earlier?	0	0					0	0	

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5.4	Have churches been hindered from organizing Christian activities <i>inside</i> their place of worship?	0	0	О	0	
5.5	Have churches been hindered from organizing Christian activities <i>outside</i> church buildings?	0	0	О	0	
5.6	Has work among youth in particular been restricted?	0	0	0	0	
5.7	Have churches been hindered from openly integrating converts?	0	0	0	0	
5.8	Have Christian preaching, teaching and/or published materials been monitored?	0	0	0	0	
5.9	Have Christians experienced interference when choosing their own religious leaders?	0	0	0	0	
5.10	Have Christians been hindered in training their own religious leaders?	0	0	О	0	
5.11	Have pastors or other Christian leaders, or their family members, been special targets of harassment for faith-related reasons?	0	0	О	0	
5.12	Have churches or Christian organizations been hindered in printing Christian materials or owning printing presses?	0	0	0	0	
5.13	Have churches been hindered in importing Christian materials from abroad?	0	0	О	0	
5.14	Has openly selling or distributing Bibles and other Christian materials been hindered?	0	0	0	0	
5.15	Have Bibles and other religious materials held by churches been confiscated or their possession punished?	0	0	О	0	
5.16	Have churches, Christian organizations, institutions or groups been prevented from using mass media to present their faith (e.g. via local or national radio, TV, Internet, social media, cell phones)?	0	0	0	0	
5.17	Have churches, Christian organizations or institutions been hindered in expressing or putting into practice their convictions on marital and family arrangements?	0	0	0	0	

5.18	Have churches been hindered in establishing, managing, maintaining and conducting schools, or charitable, humanitarian, medical, social or cultural organizations, institutions and associations?	0	0			0	0	
5.19	Have churches been hindered in their interaction with the global church (both foreigners visiting and nationals being able to visit Christians in other countries, attend conferences etc.)	0	0			0	0	
5.20	Has it been risky for churches or Christian organizations to speak out against instigators of persecution?	0	0			0	0	

Block 6: Violence

Violence is defined as the deprivation of physical freedom or as bodily harm to Christians or damage to their property. It includes severe threats (mental abuse).

The guiding question asked is: "How many cases of such violence have there been?"

		Number of verified cases:	Score based on verified cases:	Number of estima-ted cases:			Please provide information to clarify your answers		
6.1	How many Christians have been killed for faith- related reasons (including state sanctioned executions)?				weighs 3 poil more mart	artyr up to ten nts. Thus ten or tyrs make 30 ints .			
6.2	How many churches or Christian buildings (schools, hospitals, cemeteries, etc.) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?				NB: Every incident up to ten weighs 3 points. Thus ten or more buildings make 30 points.		weighs 3 points. Thus ten or more buildings make 30		
		More than 10 cases (3 points)	2-9 cases (2 points)	1 case (1 point)	No (0 points)	Unknown	Please provide information to clarify your answers		
6.3	How many Christians have been detained without trial for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0			
6.4	How many Christians have been sentenced to jail, labor camp, sent to psychiatric hospital as punishment, or similar things for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0			
6.5	How many Christians have been abducted for faith-related reasons?	0	О	0	0	0			
6.6	How many Christians have been raped or otherwise sexually harassed for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0			
6.7	How many cases have there been of forced marriages of Christians to non-Christians?	0	0	0	0	0			
6.8	How many Christians have been otherwise physically or mentally abused for faith-related reasons (including torture and mistreatment)?	0	0	0	0	0			

6.9	How many houses of Christians or other property (excluding shops) have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down or confiscated for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	
6.10	How many shops or businesses of Christians have been attacked, damaged, bombed, looted, destroyed, burned down, closed or confiscated for faith-related reasons?	0	0	0	0	0	
6.11	How many Christians have been forced to leave their homes or go into hiding in-country for faith-related reasons?	0	0	О	0	0	
6.12	How many Christians have been forced to leave their country for faith-related reasons?	0	0	О	О	0	

BLOCK 7: ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS (not included in scores but meant for additional information)

7.1 As to changes that you are observing in this country

	Worsening rapidly	Worseni ng	No change	Worsened in some parts, but improved in others	Impro- ving	Improving rapidly	Please clarify your answer
In which direction have changes occurred in this country regarding the treatment of Christians and/or the churches, compared to the previous year?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

7.2 As to the growth of the Church

	Growing rapidly	Growing slowly	No signify- cant change	Growth in some parts, decrease in others	Shrin- king slowly	Shrin-king rapidly	Please clarify your answer
How would you describe the growth of the Church in this country over the past 12 months?	0	0	0	0	0	0	

7.3 As to the numbers of Christians killed for their faith

	More killed	Less killed	No significant change	Please clarify your answer
How would you summarise changes to the				
number of Christians killed in the country,	0	0	0	
compared to the previous year?				

7.4 As to the imprisonment of Christians

	More imprisoned	Less imprisoned	No significant change	Please clarify your answer
How would you summarise changes to the number of imprisoned Christians in the country, compared to the previous year?	0	0	0	

7.5 As to the level of fear among Christians

	Very high	High	Moderate	Low	Very low	Please clarify your answer
How would you describe the level of fear among Christians in this country?	0	0	0	0	0	

7.6 As to the evolution of the level of fear among Christians

	Growing rapidly	Growing slowly	No change	Shrinking slowly	Shrinking rapidly	Please clarify your answer
How would you describe the evolution in						
the level of fear among Christians in this	0	0	0	0	0	
country over the past 12 months?						

7.7 Are there any "early warning" signs in this country indicating that the churches or individual Christians may suffer more persecution in the future than at present? Please give your thoughts!

7.8 Are there any issues regarding persecution that are specific to this country and are not covered by any of the questions in this questionnaire? Please give your thoughts!

7.9 Do you have any detailed information on non-Christian religious minorities in the country who have been marginalised or persecuted? Which other groups in the country have been persecuted on the same level or even harder than Christians?

Please give your thoughts!

7.10 What have been the most important general changes in the country?

The structure of your answer could follow these questions:

- What have been the most important political changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important economic changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important social changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important technological changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important religious changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?
- What have been the most important legal changes in the country, and how have these changes influenced religious freedom or persecution of Christians?

7.11 Comments room

This is the place to leave any comments when you did not have enough space for in the rest of the document. Please provide the appropriate question number the comment belongs to. This place can also be used to provide information that you couldn't put anywhere else in the questionnaire.