



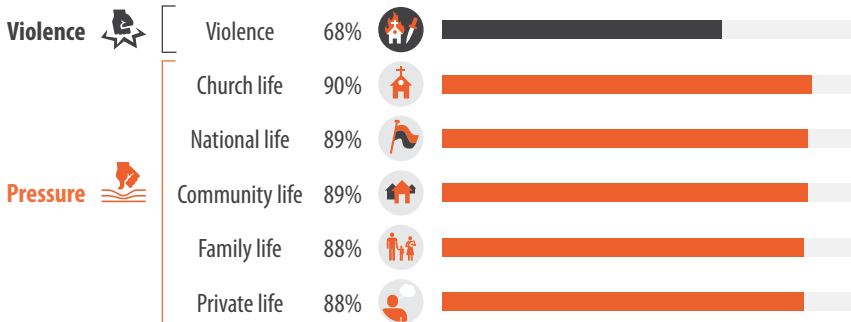
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Iraq

Source of Persecution Islamic Oppression
Population 38,654,000
Christians 258,000
Main Religion Islam
Government Federal Parliamentary Republic
Leader Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi

Profile of Persecution

Based on World Watch List 2018 Data



Islamic Extremism in Society and Family Life

In Iraq, numerous groups contribute to the persecution of Christians. Radical movements such as ISIS often target Christians and other religious minorities for kidnappings and killings. Government officials, both national and local, have threatened Christians, “encouraging” them to leave the country. Christians from Muslim backgrounds face serious pressure from their clans, families and communities, who will sometimes go so far as to try to kill them.

Prayer Points

- Many encouraging messages report people coming to Christ in the southern parts of Iraq. Please pray for God to provide good shepherds for His people in this region.
- Thank God for the many Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who have been able to return to their villages in the Nineveh Plain since forces drove out ISIS.
- Pray for priests and pastors ministering in Iraq, that they might be living examples of Christ’s presence.