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Eritrea

Source of Persecution Dictatorial Paranoia

Population 5,482,000

Christians 2,540,000

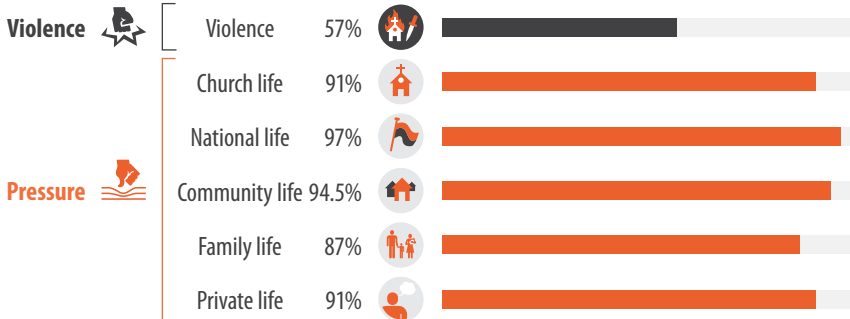
Main Religion Islam

Government Presidential Republic

Leader President Isaias Afwerki

Profile of Persecution

Based on World Watch List 2018 Data



Authoritarianism, Harassment and Vulnerability

Both the government and the cultural climate in Eritrea contribute to the persecution of Christians in this country in the Horn of Africa. President Afwerki's regime is known for absolute authoritarianism. The arrest, harassment and murder of Christians accused of being agents of the West is commonplace.

At the same time, Muslims—who make up roughly half the population—are becoming more radicalized, resulting in increased vulnerability for Christians living in their vicinity.

Prayer Points

- Thousands of Christians have been imprisoned in Eritrea, some of whom still remain in prison after more than 10 years. Pray for endurance for brothers and sisters under these horrific conditions, and ask God to give them perseverance in their faith.
- Pray for God's abundant grace to those who are filling the positions of imprisoned church leaders. Ask the Lord to equip them for the task of leading the church.