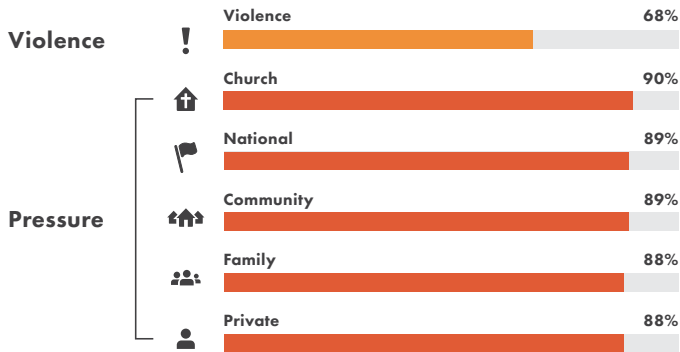




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Iraq

Region	Middle East
Source of Persecution	Islamic Oppression
Population	38,654,000
Christians	258,000
Main Religion	Islam
Leader	President Fuad Masum
Score	86/100



Persistent Extremism

Even before the rise of the Islamic State, Christians were regularly kidnapped and attacked. Now as the Islamic State is being driven out, the same old persecution returns. Many Christians have fled but some are returning to rebuild their homes. The Iraqi church has existed since the birth of Christianity but its numbers have been decreasing since the 1990s.

Prayer Points

- Pray for many who are coming to faith in Iraq. Pray they will learn to walk with Jesus, even through hardships.
- Pray for God to help returning Christians rebuild the church.
- Pray for the worldwide body of Christ to support Christian workers who are keeping hope alive in Iraq.