

**WORLD REPORT
ON FREEDOM OF
THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background Information is meant to provide a demographic picture of the country in which religions or beliefs reside. The country reports will make selective use of statistics as appropriate.

1. General

1.1 Population

1.11 Current population. 1.12 Projected population rate. 1.13 Urban population as % of country. 1.14 Population per square mile or kilometer. 1.15 Life expectancy at birth. 1.16 Infant mortality rate. 1.17 Literacy as % of total population. 1.18 Physicians per 100,000 population.

1.2 Ethnic composition

1.21 Nationalities (nouns). 1.22 Breakdown by ethnic groups as % of total population.

1.3 Economic structure

1.31 Type of economic system. 1.32 Gross National Product (GNP). 1.33 Unemployment rate. 1.34 Income per capita. 1.35 Inflation forecast. 1.36 Import/Export figures. 1.37 External debt. 1.38 Government budget. 1.39 Organization of labor.

2. Socio-Political

2.1 System of government

2.11 Type of government system. 2.12 Executive branch departments. 2.13 Legislative branch structure. 2.14 Head of State. 2.15 Foreign Minister. 2.16 UN Representative. 2.17 Name, title and address of person responsible for human rights. 2.18 Name, title and address of person responsible for cooperation with religions or beliefs.

2.2 Ethnic and cultural dimension

2.21 Statement on ethnic and cultural dimension of the system of government. 2.22 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on impact of ethnicity on socio-political events.

2.3 Ideological spectrum

2.31 Statement on ideological spectrum. 2.32 Type of political system. 2.33 Political parties. 2.34 Percent of population voting. 2.35 Suffrage. 2.36 Names of political leaders. 2.37 Political parties % of votes in last election. 2.38 Date of next elections. 2.39 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on ideological spectrum.

3. Constitutional-Legal

3.1 Type of legal system

3.11 Type of legal system. 3.12 Relationship of federal to state and local laws. 3.13 Name judicial branches. 3.14 Names of judicial leadership. 3.15 Dates Constitution passed and revised.

3.2 Relationship to political system

3.21 Statement on separation of powers or combined powers in political and legal system. 3.22 Relationship of federal politics to local politics. 3.23 Authority of government in international treaties. 3.24 Memberships in international organizations.

4. Religions-Beliefs

4.1 Types of religions or beliefs

4.11 List religions or beliefs registered in country. 4.12 List religions or beliefs in the country but not recognized by government.

4.2 Percentages and demographics

4.21 Percent of country population of each religion or belief. 4.22 Percent of growth or decline of each religion or belief. 4.23 Patterns of growth and or decline of each religion or belief.

4.3 Ethnic dimension

4.31 List religions or beliefs indigenous to the country. 4.32 List religions or beliefs introduced to the country and dates when introduced. 4.33 Identify cultural/language dimensions of the country from which the religion or belief immigrated. 4.34 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on ethnic dimension of religions or beliefs.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

The Current Situation will show the state of compliance with the 1981 UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief. Section five refers to Articles 4 and 7 of the Declaration. Section six refers to Articles 1- 3 and 5-6 of the Declaration.

5. Legal and Policy

5.1 Legal provisions for the protection of religions or beliefs under domestic law

5.11 Statement on legal protection for freedom of religion in the country. 5.12 Index by dates: Constitutional provisions and laws that serve to protect freedom of thought, conscience religion or belief. 5.13 Statement on any changes made as a result of 1981 UN Declaration.

5.2 Legal provisions endangering the principle of freedom of religion or belief which hamper implementation of the 1981 UN Declaration

5.21 Statement on laws that endanger or hamper freedom of religion or belief in the country. 5.22 Index by dates: Constitutional provisions and laws that serve to hamper or endanger freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief. 5.23 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports that document legislative provisions contrary to 1981 UN Declaration.

5.3 Policies and practice of governments and government authorities

5.31 Statement on policies and practices of government which promote or contradict principles found in the Declaration (use section 8.1 to elaborate on positive government efforts). 5.32 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports that document these policies and practices.

5.4 Policies and practice of religious and other communities

5.41 Statement on policies and practices of religions or beliefs which promote or contradict principles found in the Declaration (use section 8.2 to elaborate on positive efforts by religions or beliefs). 5.42 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports that document these policies and practices.

5.5 Effect of political, economic and cultural factors

5.51 Statement on past and current effect of political, economic and cultural factors which form basis of legal and policy expressions of tolerance or intolerance and discrimination. 5.52 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports which describe these conditions.

6. Expressions of Intolerance

6.1 Infringements on the right to have, to manifest and to practice the religion or belief of one's choice

6.11 Index by place and time and describe infringements on the following grounds; a) to worship or assemble, b) to establish charitable or humanitarian institutions, c) to make acquire and use articles and materials related to rites or customs, d) to write, issue and disseminate relevant publications, e) to teach in places suitable for these purposes, f) to solicit and receive voluntary financial and other contributions, g) to train, appoint, elect or designate appropriate leaders, h) to observe days of rest and celebrate holidays, i) to establish and maintain communications with individuals and communities at national and international levels.

6.2 Discriminatory treatment on the grounds of religion or belief

6.21 Index by place and time and describe discriminatory treatment by; a) government, b) institutions, c) religions or beliefs, d) groups of persons, e) persons. 6.22 Statement on themes or overall trends. 6.23 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports, on incidents of discriminatory treatment on grounds of religion or belief.

6.3 Infringements on the right to bring up children in accordance with the religion or belief chosen by parents or guardians

6.31 Index by place and time and describe infringements on the following grounds; a) policies or practices that prevent parents or legal guardians to organize family life in accordance with their religion or belief for benefit of children, b) the child's right to have access to education in matters of religion or belief in accordance with parents or legal guardian's wishes, c) lack of protection of child from discrimination based on religion or belief, d) due protection of parents or guardians wishes for the child if the child is not under their care, e) protection against policies or practices injurious to child's physical or mental health. 6.32 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on infringements of rights of parents and/or rights of children.

6.4 Intolerance of religion or belief and infringements of other human rights

6.41 Statement on intolerance and discrimination of other human rights based on religion or belief. 6.42 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports or incidents of the infringement of other human rights based on religion or belief.

OTHER INDICATIONS OF TOLERANCE/INTOLERANCE

Other Indications of Tolerance/Intolerance highlights major areas of concern inadequately covered by the 1981 UN Declaration and describes efforts by governments, religions or beliefs and others to promote tolerance, understanding and respect between organizations and people of diverse beliefs.

7. Media Rights, Women's Rights, Military Service Rights

7.1 Degree of freedom accorded to religion or belief in communications media

7.11 Statement on degree of freedom allowed media to report on issues of religion or belief. 7.12 List religion or belief newspapers, radio and television stations. 7.13 Index by place and time and describe infringements of media freedom to report on religion or belief. 7.14 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on incidents of intolerance and discrimination toward media presentations of religions or beliefs.

7.2 Women's equality in matters of religion or belief

7.21 Statement on women's equality in matters of religion or belief. 7.22 Index by place and time and describe infringements of women's rights in matters or religion or belief. 7.23 List programs by a) government, b) religions or beliefs, c) other organizations to promote women's equality in matters of religion or belief in the country. 7.24 Bibliography: articles, books, papers reports on incidents of intolerance and discrimination against women based on religion or belief.

7.3 Respect for religion or belief in the military service

7.31 Statement on religion or belief in military service. 7.32 List Constitutional provisions and laws relating to conscientious objection to military service. 7.33 List rules regarding dress, holidays, rites and other observances allowed to individuals conscientiously following their religion or belief while in the military. 7.34 Index by place and time and describe infringements of rights of military personnel based on 1981 UN Declaration. 7.35 Bibliography: articles, books, papers reports on incidents of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief in the military service.

8. Encouraging Tolerance, Understanding and Respect for Diversity of Belief

8.1 Efforts by government in fields of law, education, arts, development

8.11 Statement on government efforts to promote tolerance, understanding and respect within, between and among people of diverse religions or beliefs. 8.12 List programs started by governments at the federal, state and local levels in the following fields: a) law, b) education, c) arts, d) development. 8.13 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on attempts or lack of thereof by government to promote tolerance, understanding and respect for diversity of religion or belief.

8.2 Efforts by religions or beliefs in fields of law, education, arts, development

8.21 Statement on efforts by religions or beliefs to promote tolerance, understanding and respect within, between and among people of diverse religions or beliefs. 8.22 List programs started by religions or beliefs at the federal, state and local levels in the following fields: a) law, b) education, c) arts, d) development. 8.23 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on attempts or lack thereof by religions or beliefs to promote tolerance, understanding and respect for diversity of religion or belief.

8.3 Efforts by others in fields of law, education, arts, development

8.31 Statement on efforts by human rights organizations, refugee organizations, social organizations and others to promote tolerance, understanding and respect within, between and among people of diverse religions or beliefs. 8.32 List programs started by others organizations at the federal, state and local levels in the following fields: a) law, b) education, c) arts, d) development. 8.33 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on attempts or lack thereof by others to promote tolerance, understanding and respect for diversity of religion or belief.

DEGREE OF CONFLICT

Degree of Conflict reports on the linkage between intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief and any international, internal or civil conflicts involving the country.

9. Country Conflicts

9.1 International armed conflict

9.11 Statement on armed international conflicts and the role of religion or belief. 9.12 Index by place and time describe role of religion or belief in the following issues: a) territory, b) ethnicity, c) political power, d) rites and observances, e) other. 9.13 Bibliography of papers, reports, books on incidents of international armed conflicts based entirely or in part on religion or belief.

9.2 Internal armed conflict

9.21 Statement on internal armed conflicts and the role of religion or belief. 9.22 Index by place and time and describe role of religion or belief in the following issues: a) territory, b) ethnicity, c) political power, d) rites and observances, e) other. 9.23 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on incidents of internal armed conflicts based entirely or in part on religion or belief.

9.3 Civil unrest

9.31 Statement on civil unrest and the role of religion or belief. 9.32 Index by place and time and describe role of religion or belief in the following issues: a) territory, b) ethnicity, c) political power, d) rites and observances, e) other. 9.33 Bibliography: articles, books, papers, reports on incidents of civil unrest based entirely or in part on religion or belief.

CONCLUSIONS

Statement on positive approaches underway to bring about increased tolerance, understanding and respect for freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief and suggested measures to bring the country into compliance with the 1981 UN Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.