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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE WORLD REPORT 2021

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN 196 COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD

IN **62 COUNTRIES** THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM (31.6%)



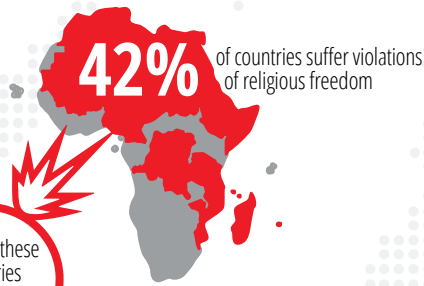
1 in every 3 countries in the world suffer violations of religious freedom

67% of the world's population - **5.2 billion** - live in countries* where grave violations of freedom religious occur



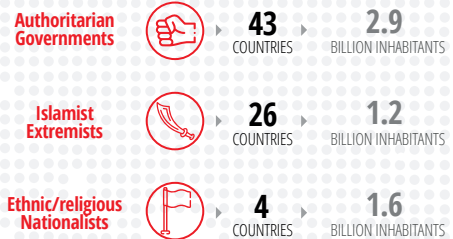
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VIOLATIONS IN 23 OF 54 AFRICAN COUNTRIES



In **12** of these countries persecution is **extreme**

WHO IS VIOLATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM?*



* Some of these countries are included in more than one group

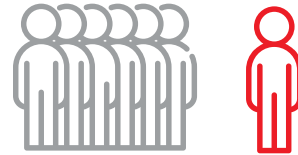


In **30 countries** people have been **killed in acts of religious hatred** since the middle of 2018

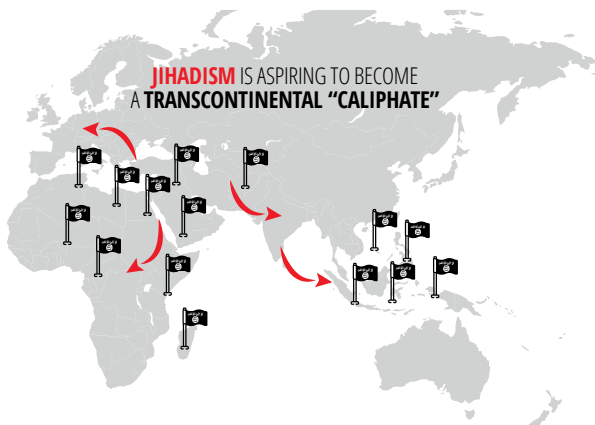
Changing or renouncing your religion can have **grave** legal and/or social consequences in

21% of countries

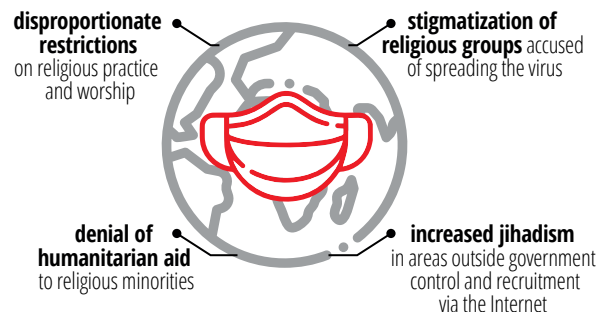
42 COUNTRIES



JIHADISM IS ASPIRING TO BECOME A **TRANSCONTINENTAL "CALIPHATE"**



IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM





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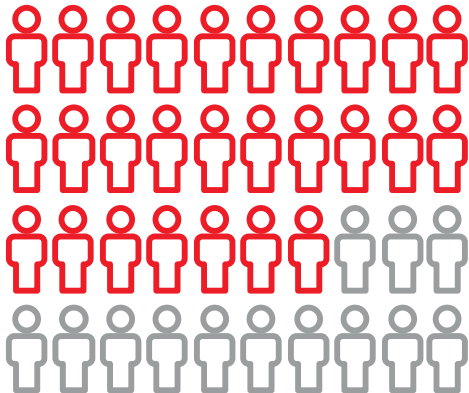


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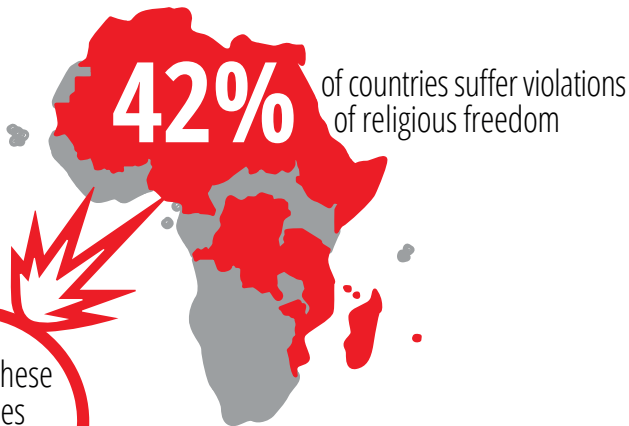


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**Authoritarian
Governments**



▶ **43** ▶
COUNTRIES

2.9
BILLION INHABITANTS

**Islamist
Extremists**



▶ **26** ▶
COUNTRIES

1.2
BILLION INHABITANTS

**Ethnic/religious
Nationalists**



▶ **4** ▶
COUNTRIES

1.6
BILLION INHABITANTS

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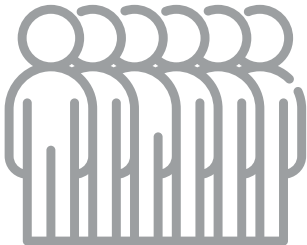
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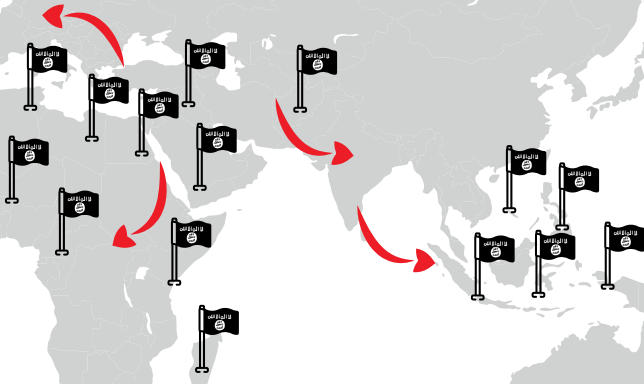


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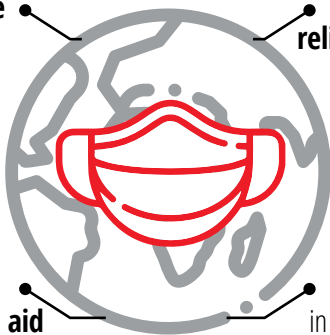
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**disproportionate
restrictions**
on religious practice
and worship



**stigmatization of
religious groups** accused
of spreading the virus

**denial of
humanitarian aid**
to religious minorities

increased jihadism
in areas outside government
control and recruitment
via the Internet