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WASHINGTON — An independent federal panel on religious freedom has added two countries to its list of "countries of particular concern" — Iraq and Nigeria — and six others to its watch list.

The **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** released its 2009 report on Friday (May 1). It sends an annual set of recommendations to the president, secretary of state and Congress.

Commissioners had already announced in December that Iraq is now among its "countries of particular concern," which are those designated as having "systemic" or "ongoing" violations of religious freedom.