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Nigeria has risen to the top tier of the world's worst violators of religious freedom, according to an annual report to be released Thursday by the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom** .

The independent bipartisan governmental agency, whose report details abuse in 28 nations, singled out Nigeria for not punishing religiously motivated violence, such as what took place in January when 500 Christians near the city of Jos were hacked to death by Muslims.