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Turkey remains on a US panel's watch list of 11 countries for the third year in a row for its violations of religious freedom, according to the annual country report released by the **United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)**.

This year, according to the **USCIRF** report, 14 countries were designated as countries of particular concern (CPC) since "those governments have engaged in -- or tolerated -- particularly severe violations of religious freedom." Burma, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Egypt, Eritrea, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, the People's Republic of China, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Vietnam are on the CPC list.