

3.6. Religious minorities

COMMON ANALYSIS

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The analysis below is based on the following EUAA COI report and query: [Country Focus 2024](#), 4.8; [COI Human Rights](#), 1.4. Country Guidance should not be referred to as source of COI.

According to Article 13 of the Iranian Constitution of 1979, 'Zoroastrian, Jewish, and Christian Iranians are the only recognised religious minorities, who, within the limits of the law, are free to perform their religious rites and ceremonies, and to act according to their own canon in matters of personal affairs and religious education'. Religious freedom continues to be restricted, even for these groups.

Proselytising in Iran is considered as a crime against the internal and external security of the State and is 'punishable by death'.

This chapter on religious minorities should be read in conjunction with [Individuals perceived to have committed blasphemy and/or apostasy, including converts and atheists](#).

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