

Human Rights In The Middle East

POLITICAL RIGHTS

Country	Free & Fair Elections	Opposition Parties Legal	Minority Participation	Freedom House Rating* Scale 1-7
Egypt	Minimal	Minimal	NO	6
Iran	NO	Minimal	NO	6
Iraq	NO	NO	NO	7
Jordan	Limited	Limited	Limited	4
Lebanon	NO	Limited	Limited	6
Libya	NO	NO	NO	7
Palestinian Authority	NO	Minimal	NO	5
Saudi Arabia	NO	NO	NO	7
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	7
Syria	NO	NO	NO	7
Israel	YES	YES	YES	1

* Freedom House, founded in 1940, is a non-partisan, broad-based non-profit organization that monitors and evaluates democracy and freedom around the world. It ranks nations on a scale of 1 to 7

1 is an open democratic society with fair and free political life

6 is an autocratic regime with minimal political rights

7 is an autocrat regime with severe oppression

See the 1999-2000 Freedom House Annual Report at www.freedomhouse.org/ratings.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Country	Free Speech and Assembly	Fair and Open Trials	Religious Freedom Protected	Freedom House Rating* Scale 1-7
Egypt	Minimal	NO	NO	5
Iran	NO	NO	NO	6
Iraq	NO	NO	NO	7
Jordan	Limited	Limited	Limited	4
Lebanon	Limited	NO	Limited	5
Libya	NO	NO	NO	7
Palestinian Authority	NO	NO	Limited	6
Saudi Arabia	NO	NO	NO	7
Sudan	NO	NO	NO	7
Syria	NO	NO	NO	7
USA	YES	YES	YES	1
United Kingdom	YES	YES	YES	2
Israel	YES	YES	YES	2

Facts about Arabs living in Israel

- 1.2 million Arab-Israelis live within Israel.
- Arab-Israelis make up 18-20% of the total population.
- Arabic is an official language and on equal footing with Hebrew.
- Arabs hold 12 of 120 seats in the Israeli parliament.
- There are 5 official Arab parties.
- All Arab municipalities receive government funding for education and infrastructure.

For more information, see www.knesset.gov.il, www.cbs.co.il, www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/mideast/israel.htm, www.state.gov/g/drl/hr/c1470.htm

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