

Trump convenes UN meeting on religious freedom



US President Donald Trump became the first American leader to convene a meeting at the United Nations on religious freedom. Trump kicked off the UN General Assembly's annual session with what he underlined was a "Global Call to Protect Religious Freedom."

In an address that was greeted with satisfaction by many religious leaders, Trump said "...No right is more fundamental to a peaceful, prosperous, flourishing society than religious freedom, yet it is rare around the world. As we speak, many people of faith are being jailed, murdered — often at the hands of their own government."

According to the WSJ, which quotes the Pew Research Center, more than 80 percent of the world's population lived in countries which restrict religious freedom, as of 2009, and the situation has not improved.