

Human Security Report 2005 Fact Sheet

Which are the Least Secure Countries?

(see Part II)

The *Human Security Report* considered developing a “human security index”, comparable to the UN’s widely-quoted Human Development Index that is published in the annual *Human Development Report*. Any such index would need to include measures of criminal violence, and of war-related deaths from disease and malnutrition. No such global country-by-country annual figures currently exist.

Instead, the *Human Security Report 2005* has listed three core indicators from established sources. The eight least-secure countries in each list are shown below (for full list, see Fig 2.11)

Three countries (Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia and Sudan) appear in the top eight of all three lists, and four countries (Burundi, Colombia, Iraq and Israel) appear in the top eight of two of the lists. The considerable degree of overlap demonstrates the interrelated nature of human security threats.

Three measures of the world’s least secure countries

Deaths from political violence		Political Terror Scale		Political Instability/Violence	
Recorded deaths per 100,000 population, 2003 (Uppsala Conflict Data Program)		Core human rights abuse from 5 (worst) to 1 (best), 2003 (University of North Carolina)		Risk of government destabilisation or overthrow from 0 (worst) to 100 (best), 2002 (World Bank)	
Liberia	59.4	Colombia	5	DRC	0.0
Iraq	35.1	DRC	5	Liberia	0.5
Burundi	16.2	Iraq	5	Afghanistan	1.1
Sudan	8.5	Sudan	5	Burundi	1.6
Uganda	6.5	Algeria	4.5	Cote d’Ivoire	2.2
Israel/Palestinian Ter.	5.8	Indonesia	4.5	Sudan	2.7
Nepal	4.4	Israel	4.5	Somalia	3.2
DRC	4.2	Liberia	4.5	Colombia	3.8