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Macedonia ranked 83rd in Institute for Economics & Peace report

Macedonia is ranked 83rd out of 149 countries according to the Global Peace Index, assuming 15th spot out of 27 states in the Central and Eastern Europe region. The Institute for Economics & Peace, which published the 2010 report, says respect of human rights in Macedonia has improved, but the country cannot be ranked higher due to crime and easy access to weapons. The report shows global peace has worsened for the second year running. Best ranked are New Zealand, Iceland, Japan, Austria and Norway, whereas the bottom is occupied by Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan and Pakistan.

The Institute's stated aim of the GPI is to "provide insight on how countries, businesses and international organizations can help the world move towards peace."

Using a system of averages, the GPI report concludes that Western Europe is "markedly the most peaceful region", followed by North America then Central and Eastern Europe.

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