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List of Theocratic States and Their Leaders

As at January 2018

DI'ISH: *sad-Dawlah al-Islāmīyah fī al-'Irāq wash-Shām (aka: Islamic State in Iraq and as-Sham)*

Caliph: Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

Note: State existed as a territory-holding entity essentially until late 2017; still claims some territory in Iraq and Syria, and with adherent state in Northern Nigeria (Boko Haram), but essentially unable by January 2018 to function as a state.

Vatican City

Pope Francis I

Iran

Supreme Leader *Ayatollah* Ali Hoseini-Khamene'i

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Grand Master Robert Matthew Festing

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