

**Short Note on 40 Countries with Highest  
Military Expenditure 2019 and Armed Forces  
as % of Total Labor Force**

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Table 1 below shows that Total Military Expenditure as % of World Share in 2019 that of Top 5 (including India with Rank 3 in 2019 spending 71.1 \$billion with 3.7% of World Share), USA is on Top (Rank 1) with the Highest Military Expenditure (732 \$billion with 38% of World Share) and Denmark with Lowest Rank 40 (spending 4.6 \$billion with 0.2% of World Share), Top 10 and Top 15 countries is 62%, 75% and 81% respectively. Where as Armed Forces Personnel as % of Total Labor Force for these Top 15 countries is generally less than 1% except for Israel (more than 4%), Russia and Saudi Arabia nearly 2% and Italy and France nearly 1% for 2017 and 2018.

Total Highest Military Expenditure of all 9 Muslim Countries in 2019 (out of these 40 Countries with the Highest Military Expenditure 1771 \$billion with 92% of World Share in 2019) is 145.1 \$billion with 7.6% of World Share.

**Table 1: 40 Countries with Highest Military Expenditure 2019 and Armed Forces as % of Total Labor Force**

40 Countries with the Highest Military Expenditure in 2019							Armed Forces Personnel as % of Total Labor Force			
S. No.	Rank		Country	Spending (\$ b.)	Change (%)	Spending as a Share of GDP (%)	World Share (%)	Country	Armed Forces Personnel as % of Total Labor Force	
	2019	2018		2019	2018-19	2019	2019		2017	2018
1	1	1	USA	732	5.3	3.4	38	USA	0.83	0.83
2	2	2	China	261	5.1	1.9	14	China	0.34	0.34
3	3	4	India	71.1	6.8	2.4	3.7	India	0.63	0.62
4	4	5	Russia	65.1	4.5	3.9	3.4	Russian	1.96	1.97
5	5	3	Saudi Arabia	61.9	-16	8	3.2	Saudi Arabia	1.82	1.80
<b>Sub Total Top 5</b>				<b>1 191</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
6	6	6	France	50.1	1.6	1.9	2.6	France	1.01	1.00
7	7	9	Germany	49.3	10	1.3	2.6	Germany	0.42	0.42
8	8	7	UK	48.7	0	1.7	2.5	UK	0.44	0.43
9	9	8	Japan	47.6	-0.1	0.9	2.5	Japan	0.39	0.38
10	10	10	South Korea	43.9	7.5	2.7	2.3	South Korea	-	-
<b>Sub Total Top 10</b>				<b>1 430</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
11	11	11	Brazil	26.9	-0.5	1.5	1.4	Brazil	0.70	0.72
12	12	12	Italy	26.8	0.8	1.4	1.4	Italy	1.34	1.31
13	13	13	Australia	25.9	2.1	1.9	1.4	Australia	0.45	0.44
14	14	14	Canada	22.2	-2	1.3	1.2	Canada	0.36	0.36
15	15	15	Israel	20.5	1.7	5.3	1.1	Israel	4.42	4.33
<b>Sub Total Top 15</b>				<b>1 553</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

40 Countries with the Highest Military Expenditure in 2019								Armed Forces Personnel as % of Total Labor Force		
16	16	16	Turkey	20.4	5.8	2.7	1.1	Turkey	1.60	1.56
17	17	17	Spain	17.2	0.9	1.2	0.9	Spain	0.85	0.85
18	18	20	Iran	12.6	-15	2.3	0.7	Iran	2.05	2.34
19	19	21	Netherlands	12.1	12	1.3	0.6	Netherlands	0.45	0.45
20	20	18	Poland	11.9	2.5	2	0.6	Poland	-	-
21	21	22	Singapore	11.2	3.9	3.2	0.6	Singapore	2.32	1.69
22	22	23	Taiwan	10.4	1.1	1.7	0.5	Taiwan	-	-
23	23	25	Algeria	10.3	7.8	6	0.5	Algeria	2.54	2.52
24	24	19	Pakistan	10.3	1.8	4	0.5	Pakistan	1.33	1.31
25	25	24	Colombia	10.1	6.5	3.2	0.5	Colombia	1.86	1.83
26	26	28	Kuwait	7.7	4.7	5.6	0.4	Kuwait	1.07	1.03
27	27	27	Indonesia	7.7	-2.3	0.7	0.4	Indonesia	0.52	0.51
28	28	31	Iraq	7.6	21	3.5	0.4	Iraq	2.13	3.31
29	29	30	Thailand	7.3	1.4	1.3	0.4	Thailand	1.18	1.17
30	30	29	Norway	7	4.7	1.7	0.4	Norway	0.83	0.83
31	31	26	Oman	6.7	-12	8.8	0.4	Oman	1.83	1.80
32	32	32	Mexico	6.5	7.9	0.5	0.3	Mexico	0.61	0.62
33	33	34	Sweden	5.9	10	1.1	0.3	Sweden	0.56	0.28
34	34	33	Greece	5.5	-0.4	2.6	0.3	Greece	3.03	3.08
35	35	41	Ukraine	5.2	9.3	3.4	0.3	Ukraine	1.44	1.45
36	36	35	Chile	5.2	0.3	1.8	0.3	Chile	1.32	1.30
37	37	37	Switzerland	5.2	12	0.7	0.3	Switzerland	-	-
38	38	40	Romania	4.9	17	2	0.3	Romania	1.38	1.40
39	39	36	Belgium	4.8	3.4	0.9	0.3	Belgium	0.64	0.62
40	40	38	Denmark	4.6	4.2	1.3	0.2	Denmark	0.51	0.49
<b>Total of Top 40</b>				<b>1 771</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>..</b>	<b>92</b>			
<b>World</b>				<b>1 917</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>100</b>			
<b>Total of Muslim Countries</b>				<b>145.2</b>			<b>7.6</b>			

In Green: Muslim Countries; In Blue: India; In Yellow: Israel

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