

HATE MONITOR

APRIL 2024

Hate-motivated incidents are often violent manifestations of intolerance which instil fear and divide communities. Tackling underlying prejudice is essential in combating the spread of these divisive actions. The OSCE Mission to BiH supports the work of government institutions, the criminal justice system, local authorities and civil society to effectively respond to these incidents. The Hate Monitor provides a monthly update on incidents and responses throughout BiH.

HATE INCIDENTS

HATE-MOTIVATED
INCIDENTS
THIS MONTH

18

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

1
Physical violence

5
Property damage

3
Offensive graffiti

8
Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards

0
Verbal assault

0
Displaying symbols

1
Insulting phone, Internet and sms messages

0
Other

Incidents can consist of several acts. A single incident may be reported under multiple categories.

RESPONSES

RESPONSES
TO HATE INCIDENTS
THIS MONTH

6

TYPES OF RESPONSES

5
Public condemnation by officials

1
Public condemnation by religious leaders

0
Public condemnation by civil society

0
Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Cleanup action

0
Peaceful gathering / March

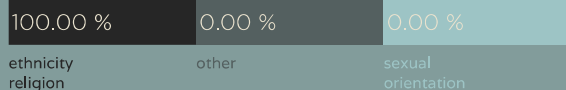
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Other

PREVENTION

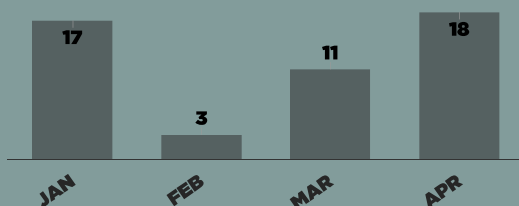
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Local activities against hate

31
Local strategies to prevent hate to date

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:



HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2024: 49



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30 : 12

responses

hate incidents with at least one response

HATE CRIME CASES

Trials Ongoing	18
Convictions in 2024	0
Acquittals in 2024	0

INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

Banja Luka 4/0
Gornji Vakuf 1/0
Maglaj 1/0
Srbac 1/0
Tešanj 1/0
Visoko 1/0

Brčko Distrikt 1/1
Kakanj 3/0
Mostar 1/0
Srebrenica 1/1
Usora 2/0
Žepče 1/0



Highlighted

In April, the City Council of Mostar adopted its first three-year Community Cohesion Action Plan, to foster unity and combat hatred through community-driven initiatives. This achievement, in which city institutions, civil society organizations, cultural and religious associations, as well as law enforcement and judicial institutions were involved, indicates an effort to transcend division and create an effective foundation for a more cohesive and inclusive future.

The Hate Monitor provides an update on all potential hate-motivated incidents and responses known to the OSCE Mission to BiH at the time of publishing the report.