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**

- 1 Physical violence
- 1 Property damage
- 5 Offensive graffiti
- 2 Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards
- 2 Verbal assault
- 1 Displaying symbols
- 3 Insulting phone, internet and sms messages

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

**RESPONSES**

**RESPONSES TO HATE INCIDENTS THIS MONTH**

- 0 Public condemnation by officials
- 0 Public condemnation by religious leaders
- 3 Public condemnation by civil society
- 2 Repairs to damaged properties / Removal / Cleanup action
- 0 Peaceful gathering / March
- 1 Other

**PREVENTION**

- 3 Actions by local coalitions against hate
- 5 Local strategies to prevent hate to date

**VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:**

- 92.86% ethnicity
- 7.14% religion
- 0.0% sexual orientation

**HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2015:**

- 11 responses
- 35 hate incidents with at least one response

**INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH**

- Banja Luka: 1 / 1
- Brčko District: 2 / 1
- Novi Grad Saraj: 2 / 1
- Stolac: 1 / 0
- Velika Kladusa: 1 / 1
- Bratunac: 1 / 0
- Doboj: 1 / 2
- Stari Grad Saraj: 1 / 0
- Travnik: 1 / 0
- Vlasenica: 2 / 0

**HATE CRIME CASES**

- Trials Ongoing: 8
- Convictions in 2015: 2
- Acquittals in 2015: 0

Highlighted:

On 28 April, twenty coalitions against hate from all parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued a joint statement to condemn the deadly attack at the Zvornik police station, demonstrating a united voice for tolerance and stability.

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