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 16

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

- Physical violence: 1
- Damage to religious facilities/Desecration of graveyards: 2
- Verbal assault: 3
- Displaying symbols: 4
- Property damage: 4
- Insulting phone, Internet and SMS messages: 1

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

TYPES OF RESPONSES

- Public condemnation by officials: 3
- Public condemnation by religious leaders: 0
- Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Glueup action: 0
- Peaceful gathering/March: 0
- Public condemnation by civil society: 0
- Other: 2

PREVENTION

- Local activities against hate: 0
- Local strategies to prevent hate to date: 30

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:

- 87.50% ethnicity
- 6.25% religion
- 6.25% sexual orientation

HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2022: 107

INCEDETS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

- Bratunac 1/0
- Vijećak 1/0
- Neum 2/0
- Tešanj 3/5
- Zenica 1/0
- Zvornik 1/0
- Centar Sarajevo 2/0
- Mostar 2/0
- Srebrenica 1/0
- Trebinje 1/0
- Žepče 1/0

HATE CRIME CASES

- Trials Ongoing: 14
- Convictions in 2022: 1
- Acquittals in 2022: 0

Since January 2022:

- 29 responses
- 16 hate incidents with at least one response

In July, two women’s associations in Janja (near Slavonice) launched an inter-ethnic initiative to tackle the shared priorities of all female members of the community. Alongside promoting tolerance and co-existence, the initiative aims to help change the negative perception of Janja being an ethnically divided community.

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.

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