HATE-RELATED INCIDENTS AND RESPONSES IN BIH: JUNE 2022

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

- Physical violence: 1
- Damage to religious facilities/desecration of graveyards: 2
- Insulting phone, internet and similar messages: 3
- Other: 1

Types of Incidents

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

RESPONSES

RESPONSES TO HATE INCIDENTS THIS MONTH

- Public condemnation by officials: 0
- Public condemnation by religious leaders: 0
- Repairing damaged property/graffiti removal/cleanup action: 0
- Peaceful gathering/monthly event: 0
- Other: 1

Types of Responses

Prevention

- Local activities against hate: 3
- Local strategies to prevent hate to date: 30

SINCE JANUARY 2022:

- Hate incidents: 91
- Hate-related crimes: 24:13

HATE-CRIME CASES

- Trials Ongoing: 13
- Convictions in 2022: 1
- Acquittals in 2022: 0

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.

Highlighted

In June, two coalitions against hate from Tuzla and Gradske worked together on the theater play “Under the Dragon’s Wing”, performed by members of Gradske Theater at the Tuzla National Theater. This performance emphasized the open approach of Huselin Captain Gradskevic towards different communities, thus promoting tolerance, inter-ethnic respect and mutual understanding throughout BiH.

Incidents / Responses This Month

- Banja Luka: 1/0
- Brcko District: 1/0
- Vitez: 1/0
- Zenica: 1/1
- Bijeljina: 2/0
- Mostar: 2/0
- Vogošća: 1/0