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 10

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

- Physical violence: 3
- Property damage: 1
- Offensive graffiti: 1
- Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards: 2
- Verbal assault: 1
- Displaying symbols: 1
- Insulting phone, Internet and text messages: 0
- Other: 0

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

RESPONSES

RESPONSES TO HATE INCIDENTS THIS MONTH 24

TYPES OF RESPONSES

- Public condemnation by officials: 18
- Public condemnation by religious leaders: 0
- Public condemnation by civil society: 2
- Reparating damaged property / Graffiti removal / Cleanup action: 0
- Peaceful gathering / March: 0
- Other: 4

PREVENTION

- Local activities against hate: 2
- Local strategies to prevent hate to date: 30

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:

- 88.89% ethnicity
- 11.11% religion
- 0.00% sexual orientation

HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2023: 65

INCREMENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

- Bihac: 1/0
- Cazin: 2/0
- Mostar: 2/1
- Zavidovic: 1/0
- Brela: 2/12
- Center Sarajevo: 1/11
- Vitez: 1/0

SINCE JANUARY 2023:

54: 14 responses
54: 14 hate incidents with at least one response

HATE CRIME CASES

- Trials Ongoing: 15
- Convictions in 2023: 0
- Acquittals in 2023: 0

Highlighted

In June, representatives from the City of Sarajevo actively participated in a workshop on crisis management and the creation of a response protocol for bias-related incidents and hate crimes, corroborating their commitment to condemning acts driven by hatred, prejudice, and stereotypes. After adopting the Protocol and a Crisis Management Plan, city officials will receive guidance regarding making informed decisions before utilizing the Protocol.

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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