HATE MONITOR

OCTOBER 2026

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

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

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

RESPONSES

RESPONSES TO HATE INCIDENTS THIS MONTH **18**

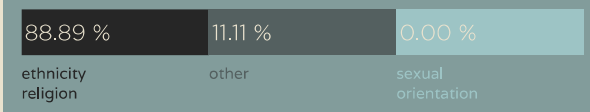
TYPES OF RESPONSES

- 9 Public condemnation by officials
- 1 Public condemnation by religious leaders
- 3 Public condemnation by civil society
- 0 Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Cleanup action
- 0 Peaceful gathering / March
- 5 Other

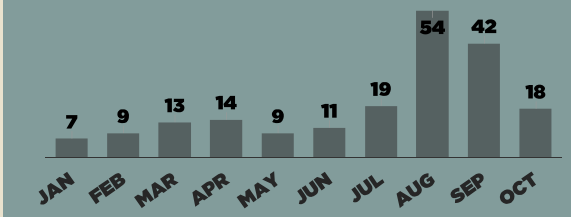
PREVENTION

- 0 Local activities against hate
- 31 Local strategies to prevent hate to date

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:



HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2026: 196



SINCE JANUARY 2026:

88 responses : 51 hate incidents with at least one response

HATE CRIME CASES

Trials Ongoing	8
Convictions in 2026	1
Acquittals in 2026	0

INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

Banja Luka 1/0
Brčko Distrikt 1/1
Istočna Ilidža 1/1
Kiseljak 1/0
Livno 1/0
Pale 1/0
Žepče 1/3
Bijeljina 2/0
Centar Sarajevo 2/4
Istočno Novo Sarajevo 3/2
Kladanj 1/0
Novi Travnik 1/4
Prijedor 1/0
Zvornik 1/0



Highlighted

On 7 October, in Novi Travnik, the Mayor Mr. Stjepan Dujo paid tribute to nine Bosniak civilians killed at the Mobilija building by members of the Croat Defence Council. This act of remembrance demonstrated respect for the victims and contributed to acknowledging the suffering of all communities, fostering mutual understanding and reconciliation.

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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