

HATE MONITOR

FEBRUARY 2025

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

5

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

1
Physical violence

3
Property damage

1
Offensive graffiti

3
Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards

0
Verbal assault

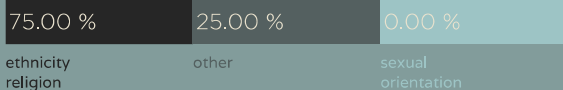
1
Displaying symbols

0
Insulting phone, Internet and sms messages

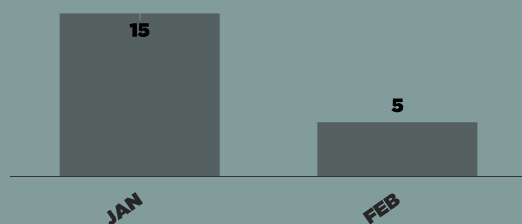
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Other

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

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:



HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2025: 20



RESPONSES

RESPONSES
TO HATE INCIDENTS
THIS MONTH

1

TYPES OF RESPONSES

0
Public condemnation by officials

0
Public condemnation by religious leaders

0
Public condemnation by civil society

1
Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Cleanup action

0
Peaceful gathering / March

1
Other

PREVENTION



SINCE JANUARY 2025:

4
responses

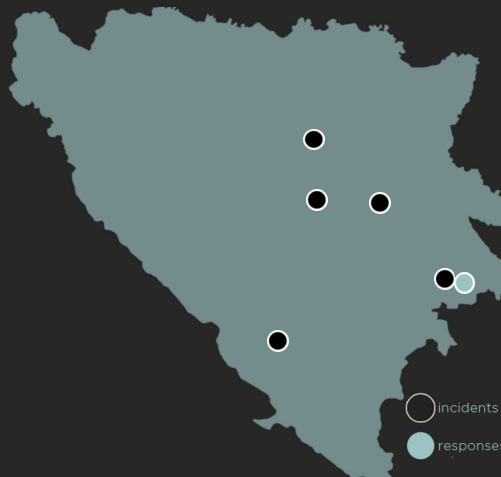
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hate incidents with at least one response

HATE CRIME CASES

Trials Ongoing	21
Convictions in 2025	2
Acquittals in 2025	0

INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

Kakanj 1/0
Novo Goražde 1/1
Zavidovići 1/0
Mostar 1/0
Olovo 1/0



Highlighted

In February, the Mission and Genesis Banja Luka presented research on citizens' perceptions of social cohesion in Novi Travnik and Kakanj to authorities and CSO representatives. Moderate social cohesion was identified with socio-cultural cohesion above economic. Concerns about citizen participation and beliefs lowered political cohesion. The results will provide essential baseline data for Community Cohesion Action Plans in these communities.

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.