

HATE MONITOR

JANUARY 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

7

TYPES OF INCIDENTS

1
Physical violence

1
Property damage

0
Offensive graffiti

1
Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards

1
Verbal assault

0
Displaying symbols

1
Insulting phone, Internet and sms messages

2
Other

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

RESPONSES

RESPONSES
TO HATE INCIDENTS
THIS MONTH

0

TYPES OF RESPONSES

Public condemnation by officials

Public condemnation by religious leaders

Public condemnation by civil society

Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Cleanup action

Peaceful gathering / March

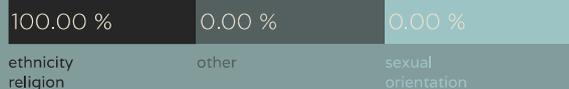
Other

PREVENTION

0
Local activities against hate

31
Local strategies to prevent hate to date

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:



HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2026: 7



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responses



hate incidents with at least one response

HATE CRIME CASES

Trials Ongoing	16
Convictions in 2026	0
Acquittals in 2026	0

INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

Brčko Distrikt 1/0
Mostar 1/0
Tuzla 1/0
Čapljina 1/0
Srebrenica 2/0
Žepče 1/0



Highlighted

In January, the youth NGO ZUM mobilized volunteers to support the Zornik City Administration in responding to severe weather impacting the community, including heavy snowfall and floods. In doing so, ZUM demonstrated its readiness, as a partner of the Mission, to strengthen community cohesion by supporting affected communities regardless of their ethnic background.

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.