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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2018 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Bulgaria regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Bulgaria implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme from 2012 until 2017. Bulgaria also took part in ODIHR's project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crime", helping to develop a joint training programme for police and prosecutors that was piloted in the country. Bulgaria has also made efforts to improve hate crime identification, recording and data collection systems through ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT) programme. ODIHR completed a review of Bulgaria's hate crime legislation in 2018.

Hate crime data collection in Bulgaria
Support for hate crime victims in Bulgaria
Hate crime capacity building in Bulgaria
Bulgaria's hate crime legislation

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Bulgaria have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes.

Official Data

The numbers recorded by the police refer to cases registered under substantive offences, many of which are hate speech provisions, and specific penalty enhancements in the Bulgarian Criminal Code. As such, all official numbers include hate crimes committed out of "hooligan motives," which falls outside of the OSCE's hate crime definition. The number of sentencing judgments refers to hate crimes proper.

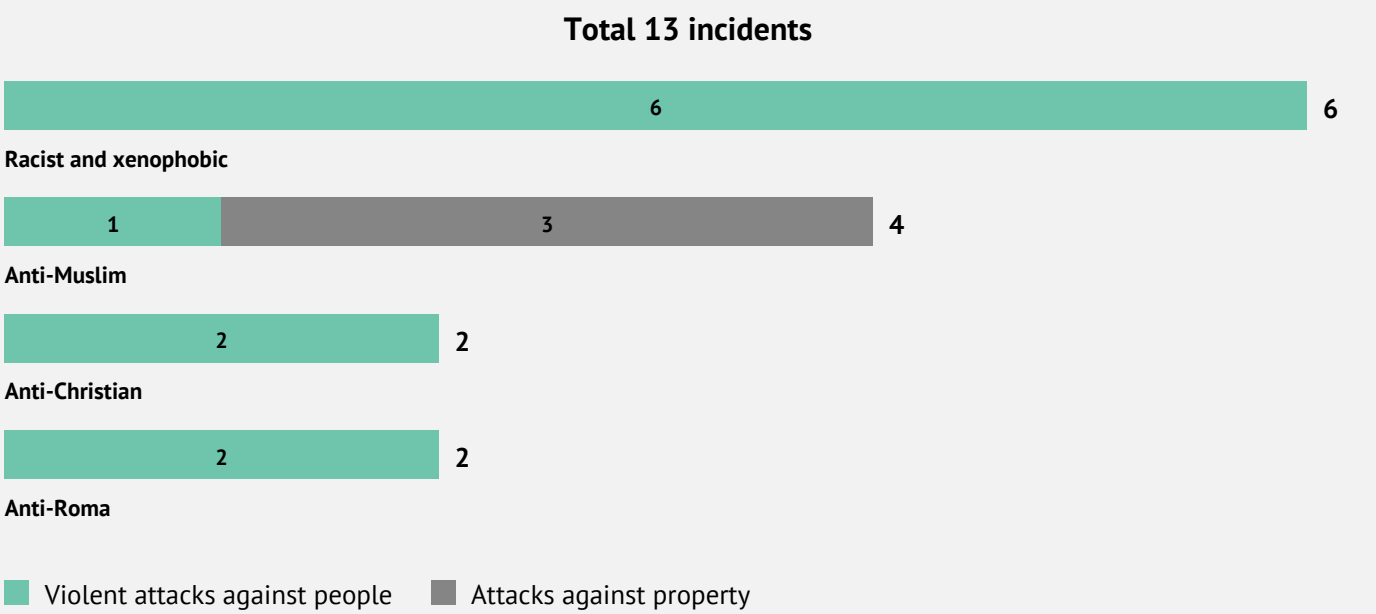
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2018	46	6	158

National Developments

As part of ODIHR's EU-funded project on "Building a Comprehensive Criminal Justice Response to Hate Crimes", the Prosecutor's Office partnered with ODIHR to develop and pilot a manual on delivering joint training events to police officers and prosecutors from the same jurisdiction. Three such pilot training events were delivered and the Manual was launched in June.

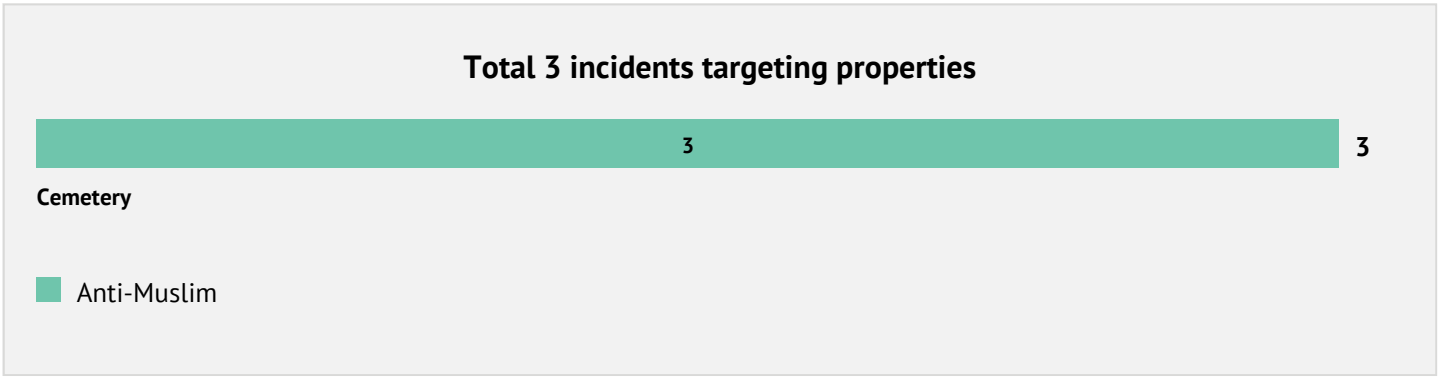
Under ODIHR's "Turning Words into Action to Address Anti-Semitism" project, a workshop was organized that brought together police officers, the Jewish Community and other criminal justice and security experts to discuss anti-Semitic hate crimes and measures needed to increase the security of Bulgaria's Jewish community.

Incidents reported by civil society



Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



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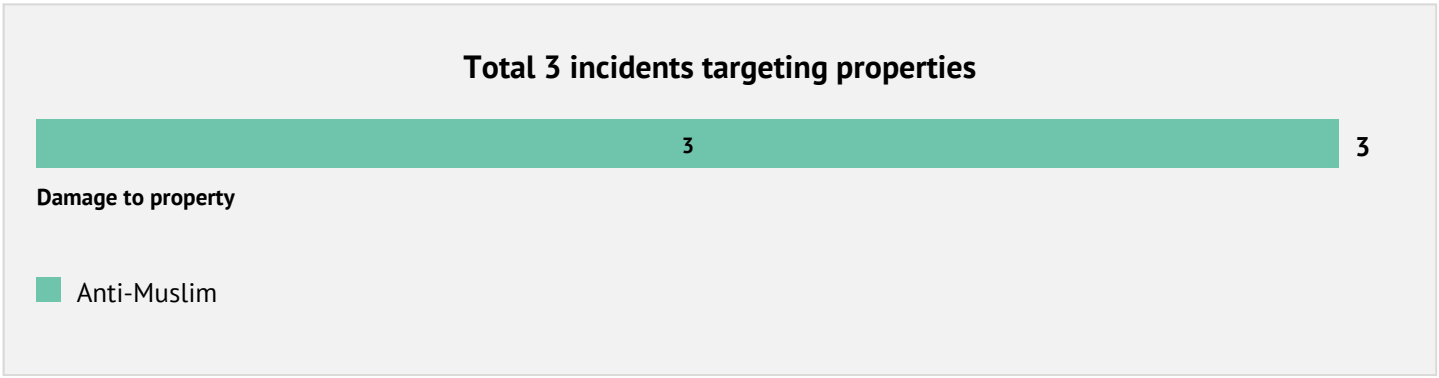

View civil society incidents for Bulgaria, 2018