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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2022 Hate Crime Report.
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For more information about ODIHR's Hate Crime Report, visit: hatecrime.osce.org/our-methodology

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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 recognizes Bulgaria's efforts to report information on hate crimes to ODIHR. However, it observes that Bulgaria has not reported statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Bulgaria would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

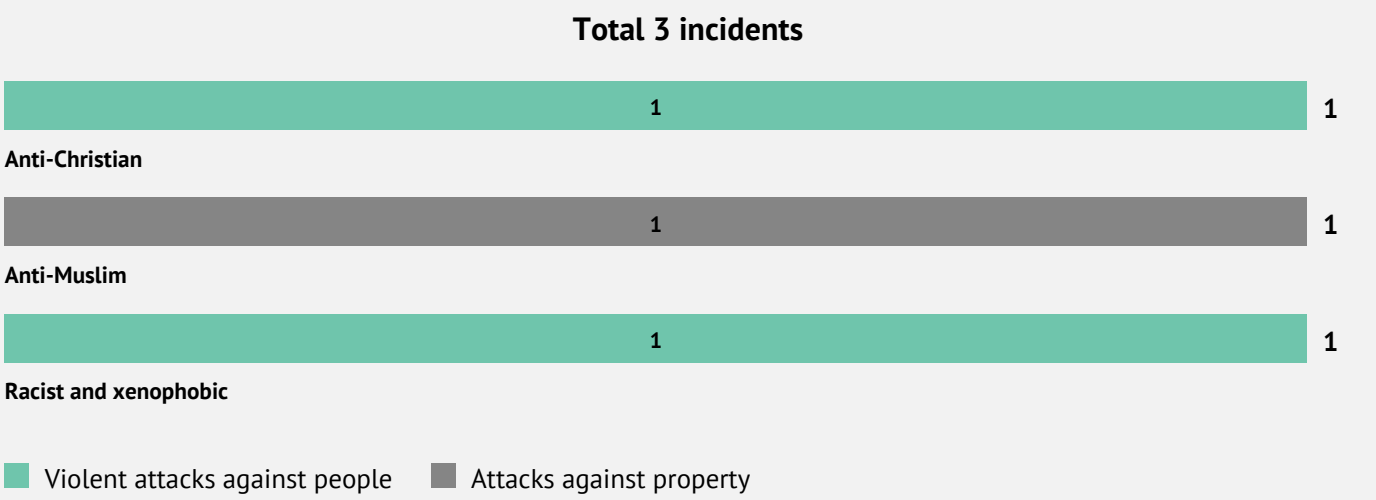
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2022	not available	not available	not available

No data reported to ODIHR.

National Developments

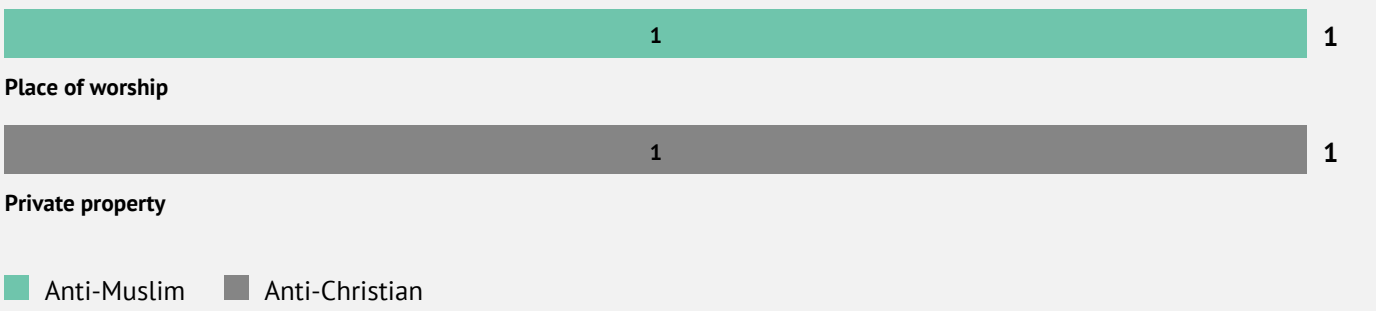
The General Directorate National Police (GDNP) has been implementing a project on "Improving co-ordination and dialogue between the police and the Roma community", funded by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism. The project aims to create informal networks at the national and regional levels for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and good practices on countering radicalization and violent extremism, and to support joint initiatives with the participation of public institutions and civil society organizations working with Roma communities.

Incidents reported by civil society

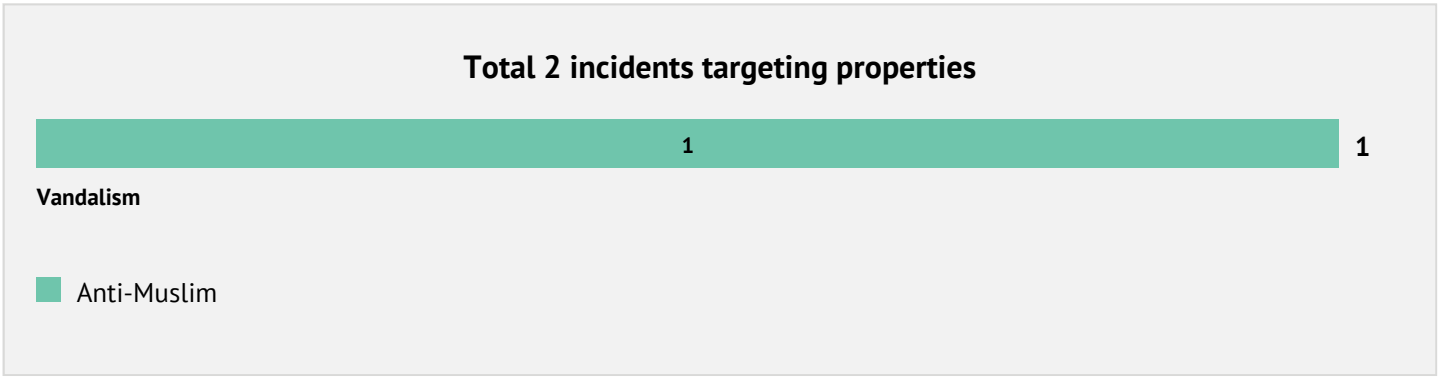


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Bulgaria, 2022