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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2020 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Cyprus has regularly reported hate crime data to ODIHR since 2018. In February 2022, the Cyprus Police and Ministry of the Interior organized a workshop on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection in co-operation with ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. The workshop was based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT), and resulted in a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

Hate crime data are collected annually and published online by the Cyprus Police and its Human Rights and Combating Discrimination Office.

In 2017, the Cyprus Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights with 14 civil society organizations. The purpose of the Memorandum was to further improve and deepen co-operation between the parties for the protection and promotion of human rights.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR observes that Cyprus has not reported information and statistics on hate crimes to ODIHR since 2019. In addition, ODIHR observes that Cyprus would benefit from raising the awareness and building the capacity of criminal justice officials in relation to hate crimes.

Official Data

The numbers presented here include hate speech offences, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime. The records were submitted to ODIHR after the deadline and, therefore, not included in the Key Observations on 2020.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	41	7	0

Police data by bias motivation

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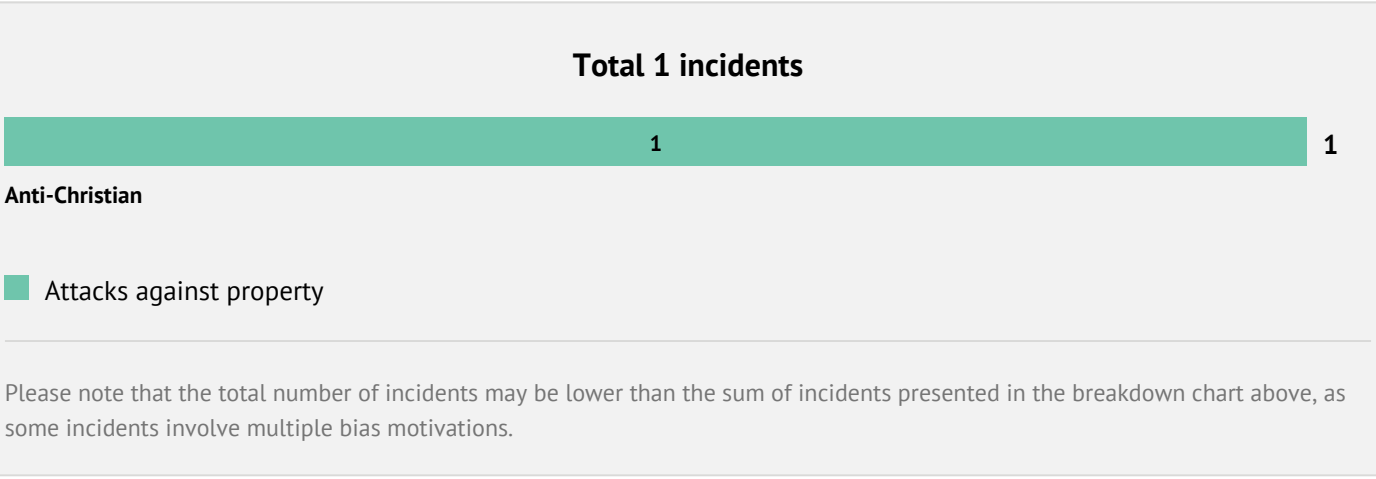
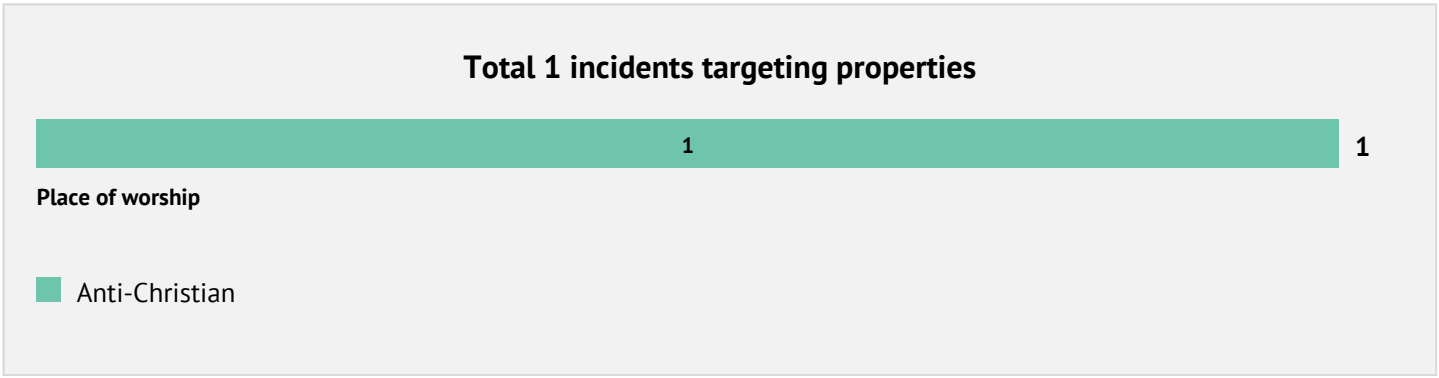
Unspecified crime type

Incidents reported by civil society

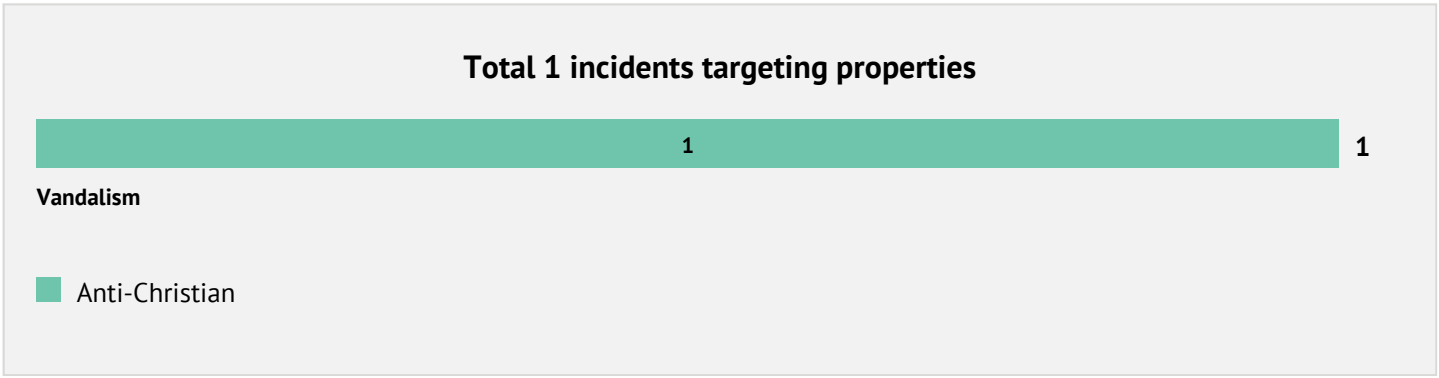


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Cyprus, 2020