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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

Moldova regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2017, ODIHR and the OSCE Mission to Moldova co-organized a workshop for police, prosecutors and civil society on understanding and improving hate crime recording and data collection, which led to a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

Following a request by Moldova's Ministry of Justice, in 2016 ODIHR provided a legal opinion on draft amendments related to bias-motivated offences. ODIHR's recommendations were largely reflected in amendments to the Criminal Code adopted by the Moldovan Parliament and published on 3 June 2022. In 2024, ODIHR held a national hate crime data workshop in Moldova.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Moldova's efforts to address hate crime data collection mechanisms. Continuing in the same vein is encouraged in the area of hate crime recording as, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that the law enforcement agencies of Moldova have not been recording the bias motivations behind hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Moldova would benefit from reviewing its existing legal framework in order to ensure that bias motivation can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties can be imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

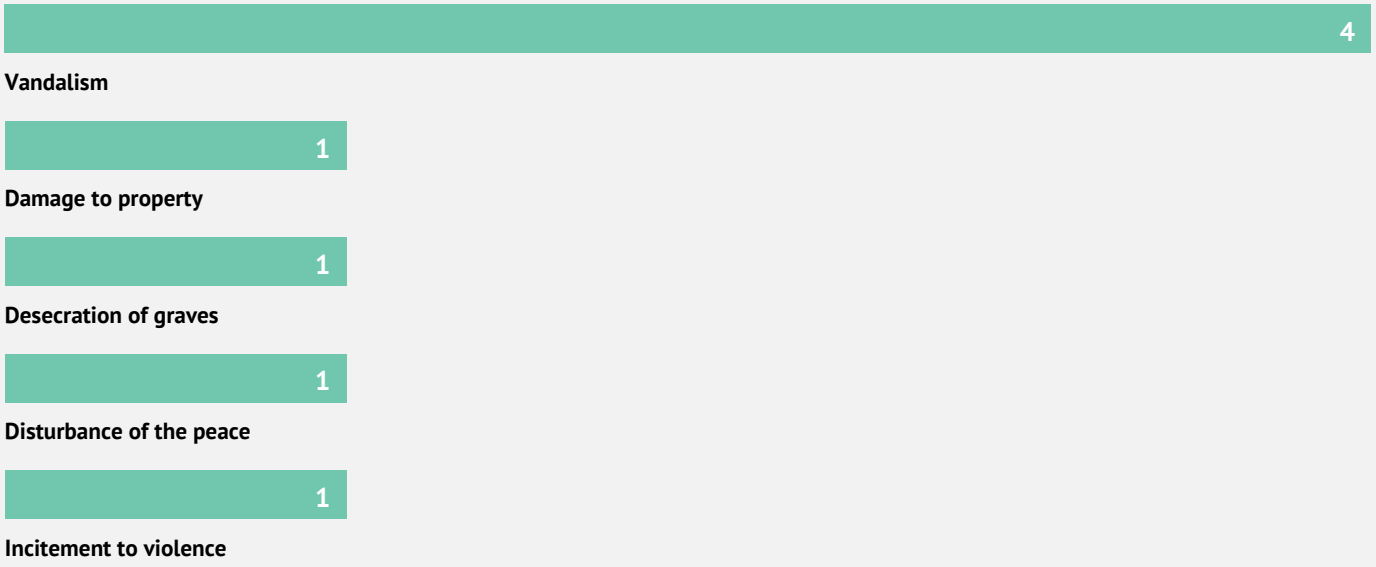
Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	8	2	2

Police data by bias motivation



Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

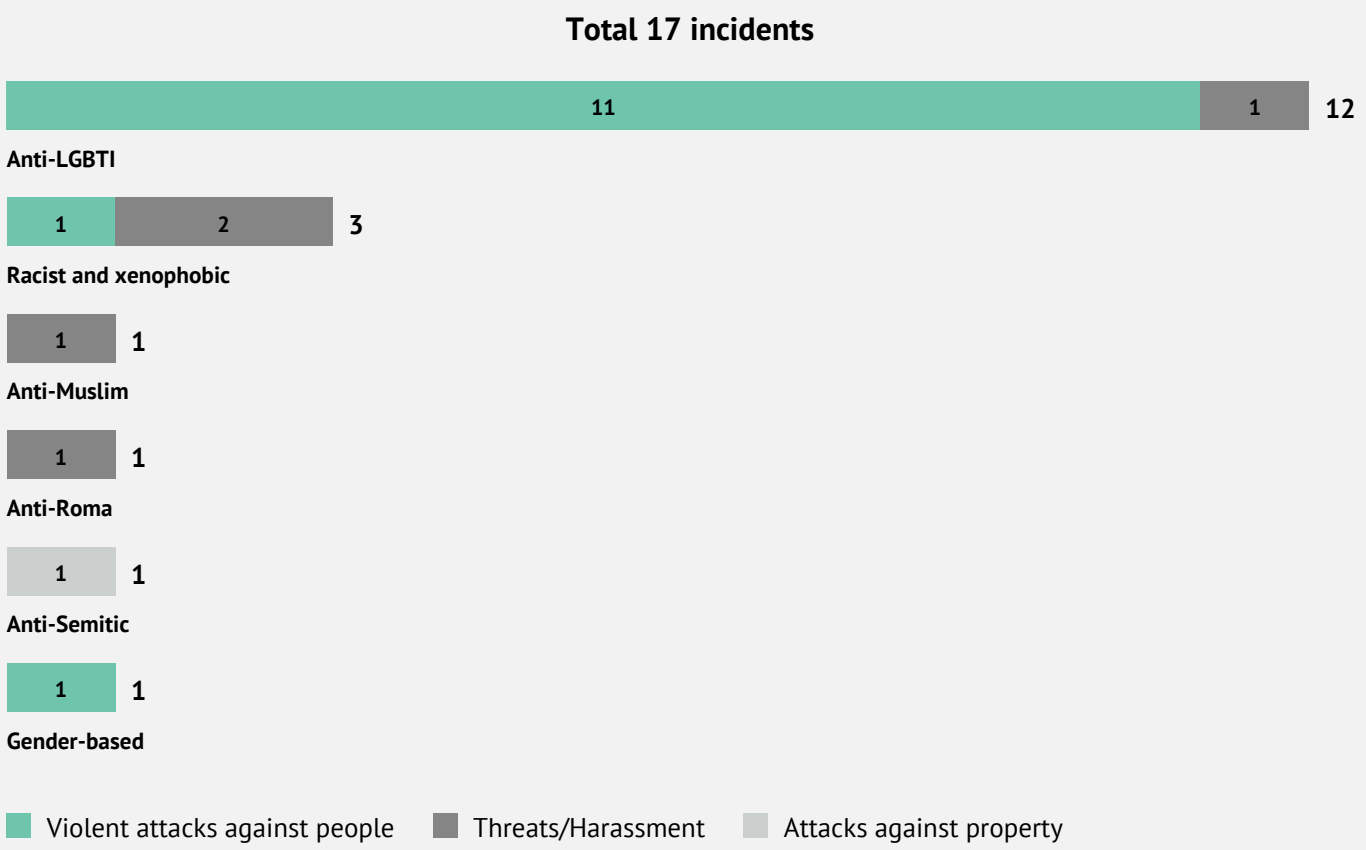


National Developments

In 2020, the police, prosecution, and judiciary benefitted from the Council of Europe's regional project "Strengthening the access to justice for victims of discrimination, hate crime and hate speech in the Eastern Partnership" (1 February 2019 – 31 December 2021) funded by the European Union. In particular, the project addressed the area of hate crime data collection, including the necessary IT solutions, based on the "Situational analysis on discrimination, hate crime and hate speech disaggregate data collection in the Republic of Moldova" prepared under the same project in November 2019 and the report entitled "Disaggregated data collection on hate crime, hate speech and discrimination in the Republic of Moldova: recommendations and situational analysis" published in September 2020.

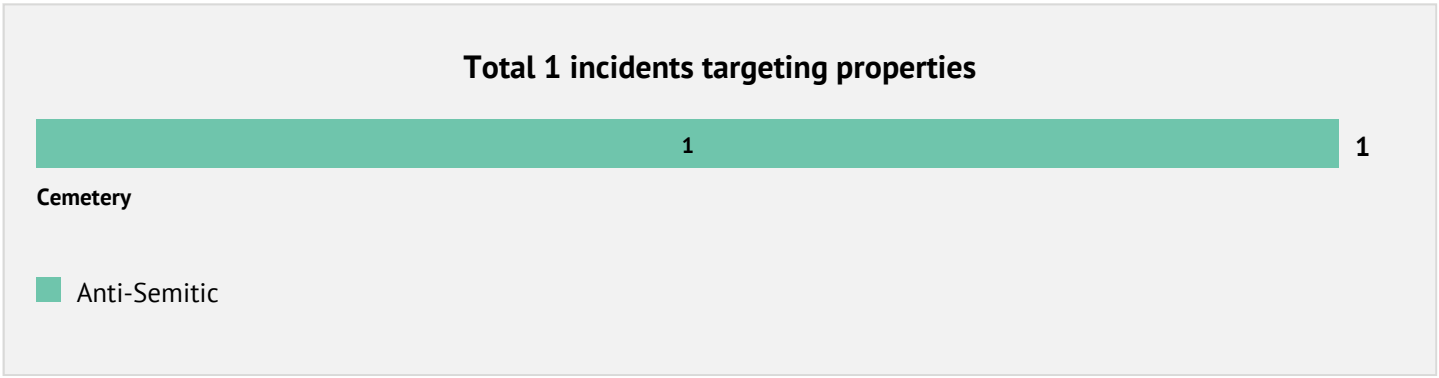
In December 2020, 17 police officers (9 men and 8 women) took part in a training of trainers on the identification and investigation of hate crimes, co-organized by the OSCE Mission to Moldova and the Joint Law Enforcement Training Centre of the Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy.

Incidents reported by civil society

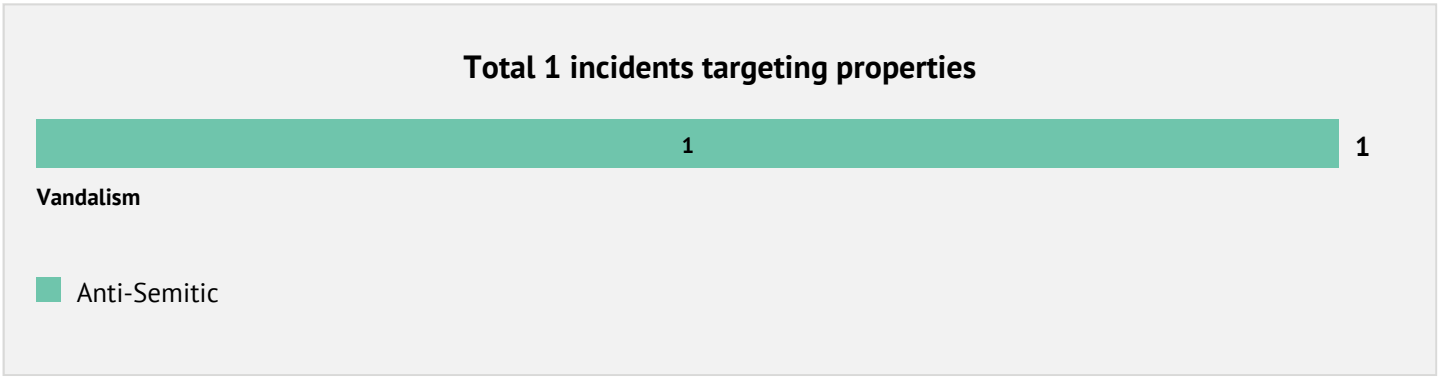


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Moldova, 2020