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HATE CRIME REPORTING

Information contained in this report was compiled as part of ODIHR's 2017 Hate Crime Report.
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Summary

Portugal regularly reports information on hate crimes to ODIHR. Hate crime data is collected by Portugal's Ministry of Justice and the Prosecutor's Office.

Portugal has launched a series of action plans in recent years to combat discrimination, including a plan to combat racism (PNCRD 2021-2025), the National Strategy to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion, the National Strategy for Equality and Non-Discrimination (2018-2030), the National Implementation Plan of the Global Compact for Migration, the National Roma Communities Integration Strategy (2013-2022), and the National Programme on Holocaust Remembrance.

In 2018, the Ministry of Justice, ODIHR and the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights co-organized a workshop to improve hate crime recording and data collection, based on ODIHR's Information Against Hate Crimes Toolkit (INFAHCT). The workshop resulted in a set of recommendations for relevant state authorities.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

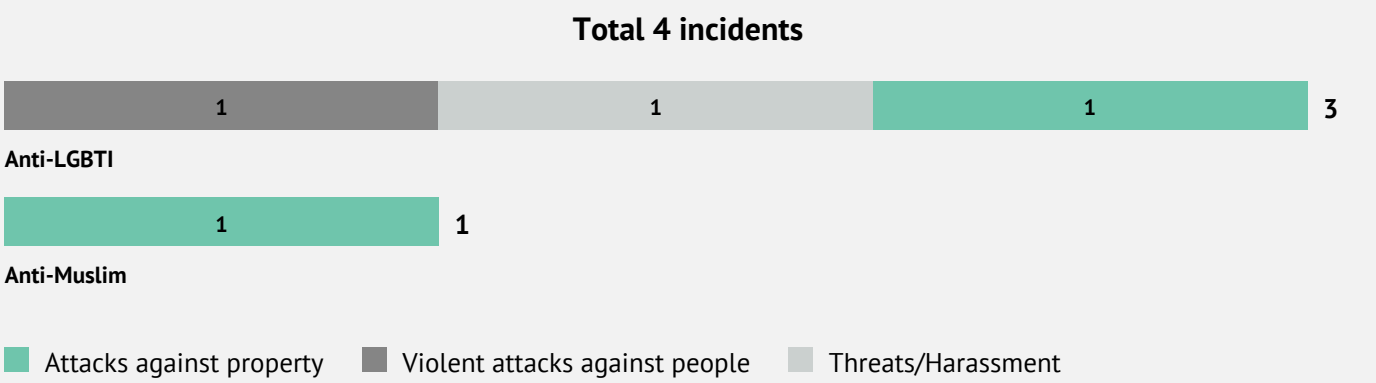
The number of cases recorded by the police refers to crime of racial or religious discrimination only and therefore includes incidents of hate speech and discrimination, which fall outside of the scope of the OSCE definition of hate crimes. The judiciary has data on the crimes of murder and grievous bodily harm aggravated by bias, however, these cannot be reported as their number does not exceed three.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2017	48	not available	not available

National Developments

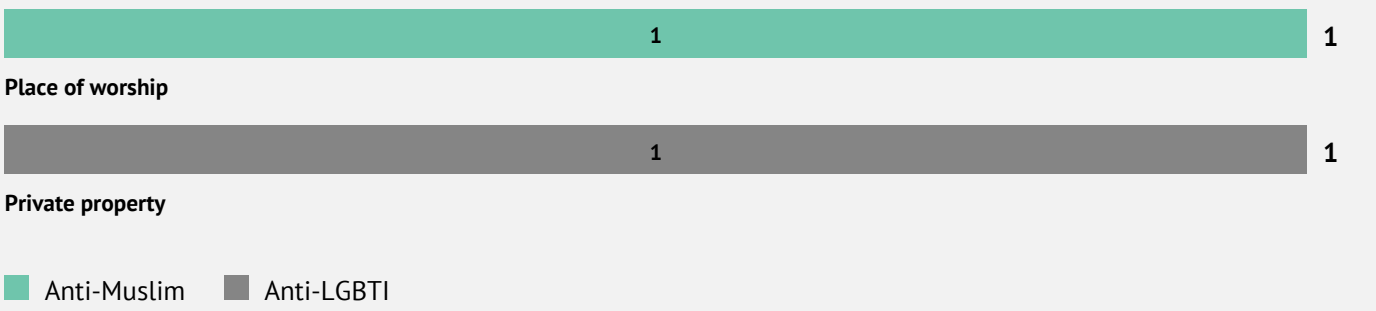
Portugal amended Article 240 of its Criminal Code to more fully address hate crimes.

Incidents reported by civil society

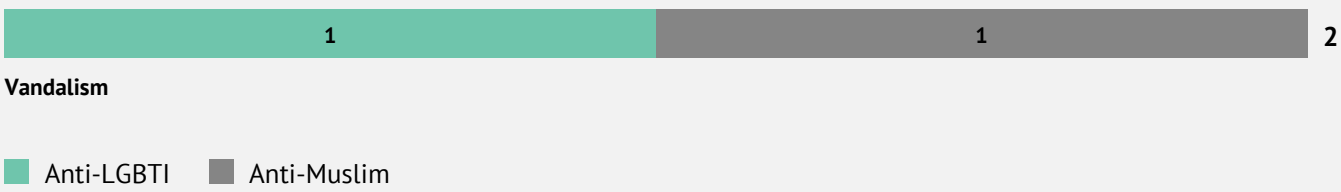


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Portugal, 2017