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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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Summary

Türkiye regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. Türkiye implemented ODIHR's Training against Hate Crime for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme following a memorandum of understanding signed in 2016.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Türkiye's efforts to provide training on hate crimes to police officers across the country However, based on available information, ODIHR observes that Türkiye's law enforcement agencies have not recorded the bias motivations of hate crimes. In addition, ODIHR also observes that Türkiye would benefit from reviewing the existing legal framework to ensure that bias motivations can be effectively acknowledged and appropriate penalties imposed on the perpetrators.

Official Data

The numbers in this table relate only to criminal offences constituting threats and damage to places of worship and cemeteries (Articles 115 and 153 of the Criminal Code).

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2022	175	263	246

Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below consists of police records related to the offences of "Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction", and "Damaging Places of Worship and Cemeteries" (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code).

175

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

The breakdown below consists of police records related to the offences of "Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction", and "Damaging Places of Worship and Cemeteries" (Articles 115 and 153 of Turkey's Criminal Code).

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Attacks against places of worship

Cases recorded under the category "Attack against places of worship" also include attacks on cemeteries.

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Threats/ threatening behaviour

Cases recorded under the category "Threats/Threatening behaviour" include offences under Article 115 (Prevention of the Exercise of Freedom of Belief, Thought and Conviction).

National Developments

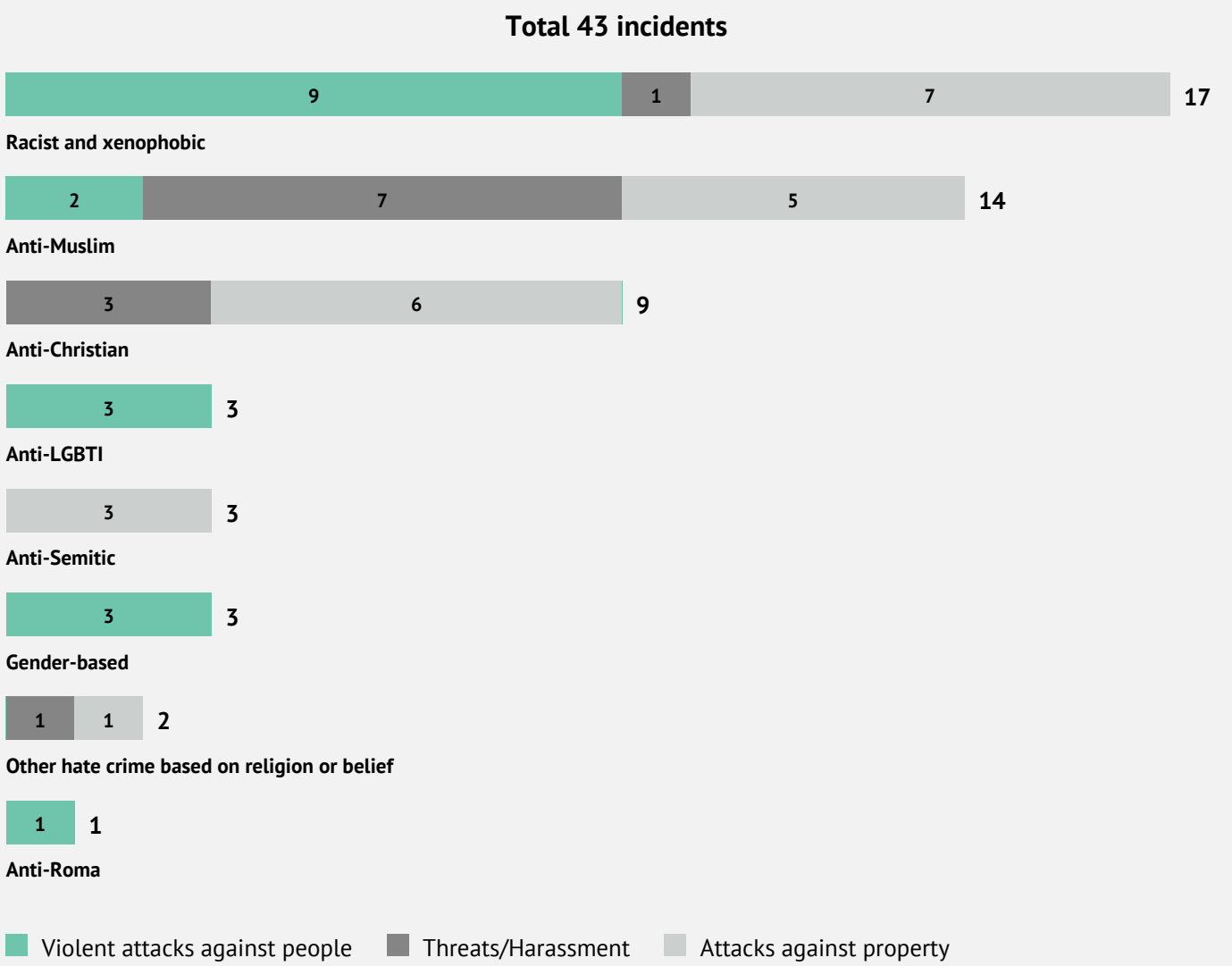
In May 2022, the Human Rights and Equality Institution of Türkiye held its second meeting. The Institution is a consultative body tasked with discussing and proposing solutions to issues related to discrimination and hate crimes, and is composed of representatives of public institutions, CSOs and academia.

In 2022, the Ministry of Justice of Türkiye continued to expand the network of Directorates of Judicial Support and Victim Services established in courthouses. The Directorates serve to inform victims of their rights. The Ministry has also increased the number of special interviewing premises for vulnerable victims, including victims of hate crimes.

Throughout the year, training on hate crimes based on ODIHR's TAHCLE curriculum continued. In 2022, 113 new hate crime trainers received instruction, 21,719 police and guard candidates received hate crime training as part of their pre-service courses; information seminars on hate crime reached 42,718 personnel; and courses for the provincial gendarmerie were delivered to 121,478 personnel.

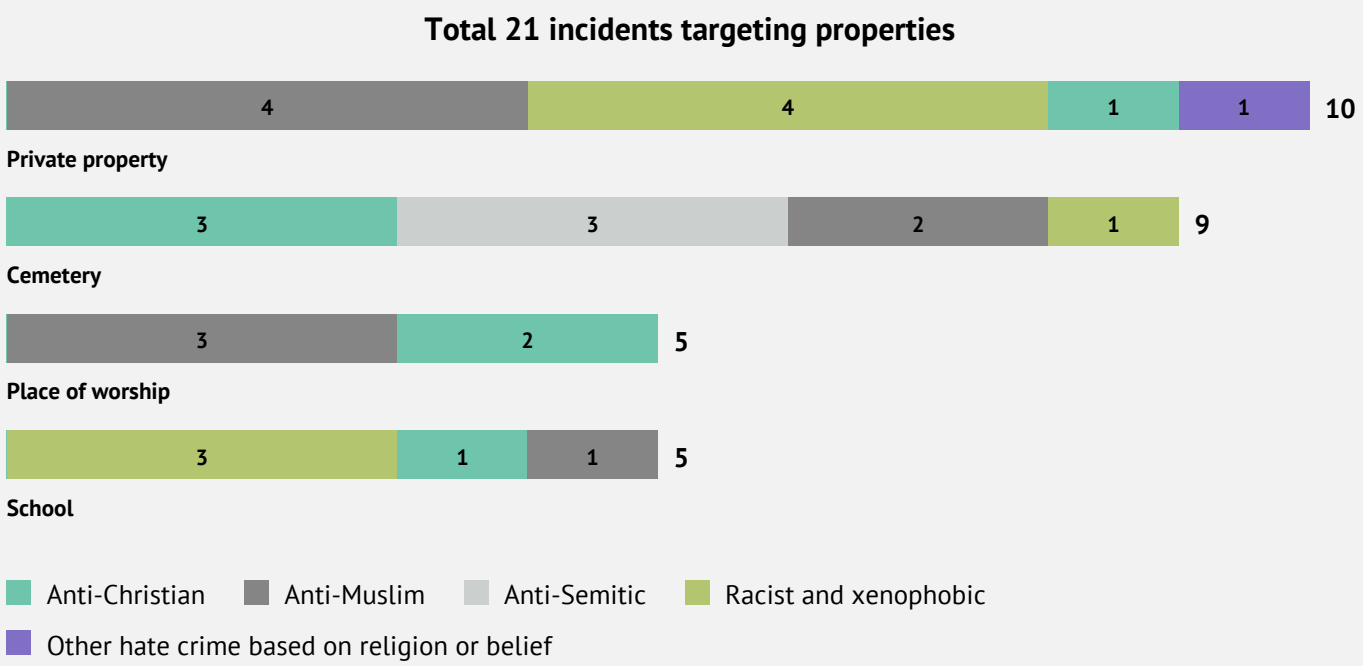
Additionally, in 2022 the Justice Academy of Türkiye provided training on victims' rights to 280 candidates for public prosecutors and judges as part of their pre-vocational course.

Incidents reported by civil society

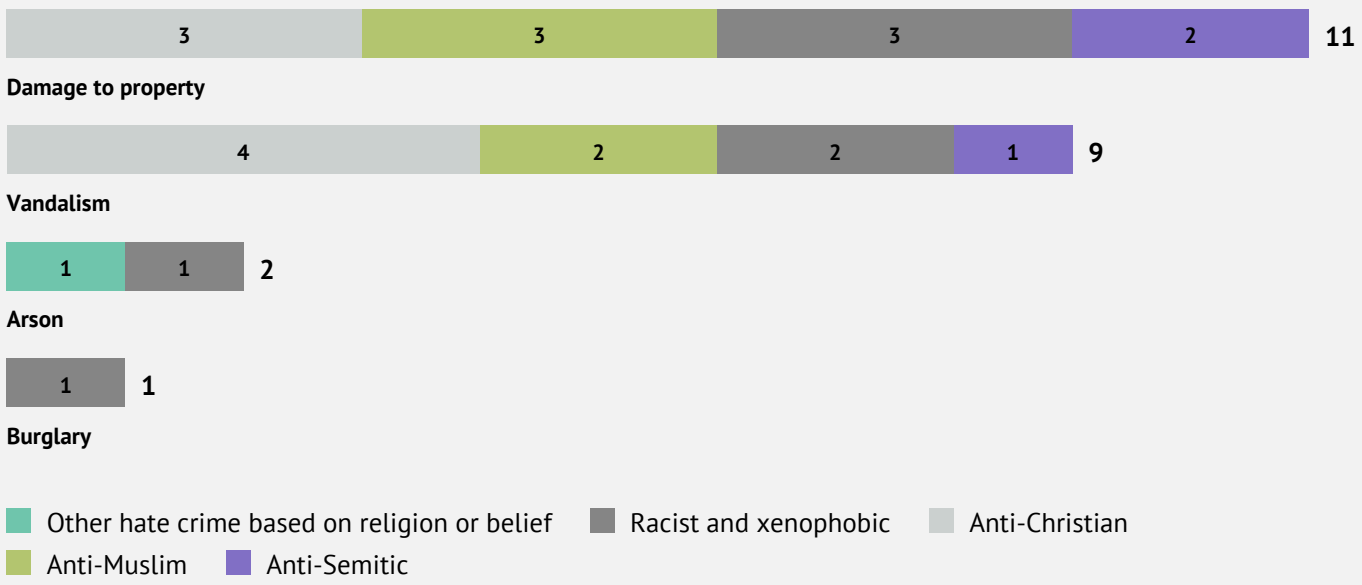


Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties



Type of property attack



View civil society incidents for Türkiye, 2022