

# HATE MONITOR

MARCH 2025

Hate-motivated incidents are often violent manifestations of intolerance which instil fear and divide communities. Tackling underlying prejudice is essential in combating the spread of these divisive actions. The OSCE Mission to BiH supports the work of government institutions, the criminal justice system, local authorities and civil society to effectively respond to these incidents. The Hate Monitor provides a monthly update on incidents and responses throughout BiH.

## HATE INCIDENTS

HATE-MOTIVATED  
INCIDENTS  
THIS MONTH

11

### TYPES OF INCIDENTS

2  
Physical violence

2  
Property damage

1  
Offensive graffiti

4  
Damage to religious facilities / Desecration of graveyards

3  
Verbal assault

2  
Displaying symbols

0  
Insulting phone, Internet and sms messages

1  
Other

Incidents can consist of several acts.  
A single incident may be reported under multiple categories.

## RESPONSES

RESPONSES  
TO HATE INCIDENTS  
THIS MONTH

8

### TYPES OF RESPONSES

5  
Public condemnation by officials

1  
Public condemnation by religious leaders

0  
Public condemnation by civil society

0  
Repairing damaged property/Graffiti removal/Cleanup action

0  
Peaceful gathering / March

2  
Other

### PREVENTION

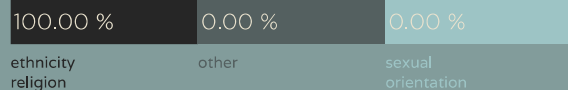
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Local activities against hate

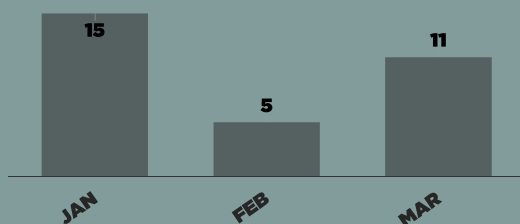
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Local strategies to prevent hate to date

### VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS:



### HATE-MOTIVATED INCIDENTS SINCE JANUARY 2025: 31



### SINCE JANUARY 2025:

12

responses

6

hate incidents with at least one response

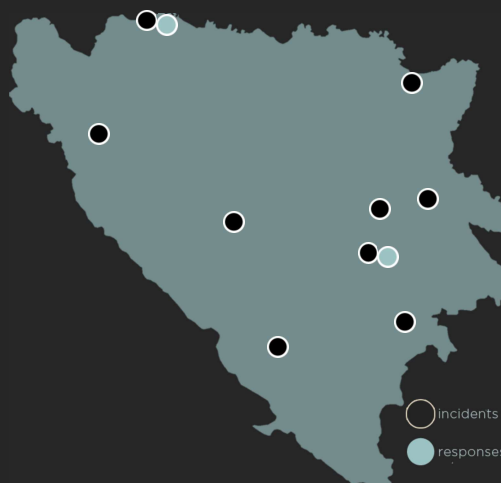
### HATE CRIME CASES

Trials Ongoing	21
Convictions in 2025	2
Acquittals in 2025	0

### INCIDENTS / RESPONSES THIS MONTH

Bos Petrovac 1/0  
Bugojno 1/0  
Foča 1/0  
Mostar 3/0  
Vlasenica 1/0

Brčko Distrikt 1/0  
Centar Sarajevo 1/6  
Koz Dubica 1/2  
Olovo 1/0



### Highlighted

In March, the Mission supported local minority communities in Višegrad in marking Eid al-Fitr through the distribution of Eid cakes and organization of a festive breakfast. The event gathered over 60 participants, including the Mayor, Municipal Assembly President, representatives of law enforcement agencies, and political party officials, providing a platform to promote peace, ease tensions, and strengthen social cohesion.

The Hate Monitor provides an update on all potential hate-motivated incidents and responses known to the OSCE Mission to BiH at the time of publishing the report.