

Moldova Hate Crime Report 2017

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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.

Moldova has set up a "Strategic Group" tasked with identifying gaps in the capacity of police to effectively identify and investigate hate crimes. Moldova's National Human Rights Action Plan (2018-2022) also addresses hate crimes, and has provided a basis for the adoption of internal action plans related to hate crime recording and data collection, hate crime investigation, and hate crime training.

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.

[Hate crime data collection in Moldova](#)

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ODIHR's Key Observation

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

Official Data

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2017	17	5	10

Police data by bias motivation

All the cases reported here relate to "extremist crimes" motivated by bias, related to participation in armed conflict, recruitment of others to participate in an armed conflict and/or undermining the constitutional system.

17

Unspecified

Police data by type of crime

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9

Unspecified

4

Vandalism

2

Disturbance of the peace

1

Physical assault

This category refers to activities of mercenaries in an armed conflict, committed out of a bias motive.

1

Threats/ threatening behaviour

National Developments

Parliament continued discussing the amendments to the Moldova Criminal Code's hate crime provisions, which ODIHR reviewed in 2016.

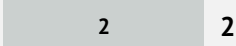
In April, ODIHR, together with the OSCE Mission, Prosecutor's Office, the Police and several civil society organizations, organized a one-day workshop on improving the police recording of hate crimes. The workshop resulted in 14 recommendations to the Moldovan authorities.

Incidents reported by civil society

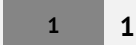
Total 17 incidents



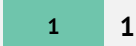
Anti-LGBTI hate crime



Anti-Semitic hate crime



Anti-Roma hate crime



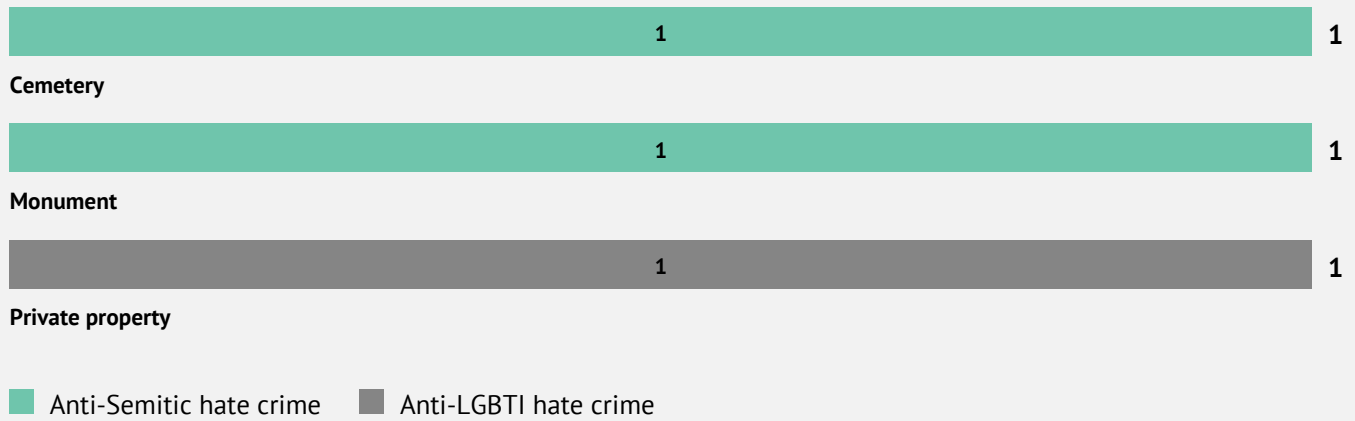
Racist and xenophobic hate crime

■ Threats/Harassment ■ Violent attacks against people ■ Attacks against property

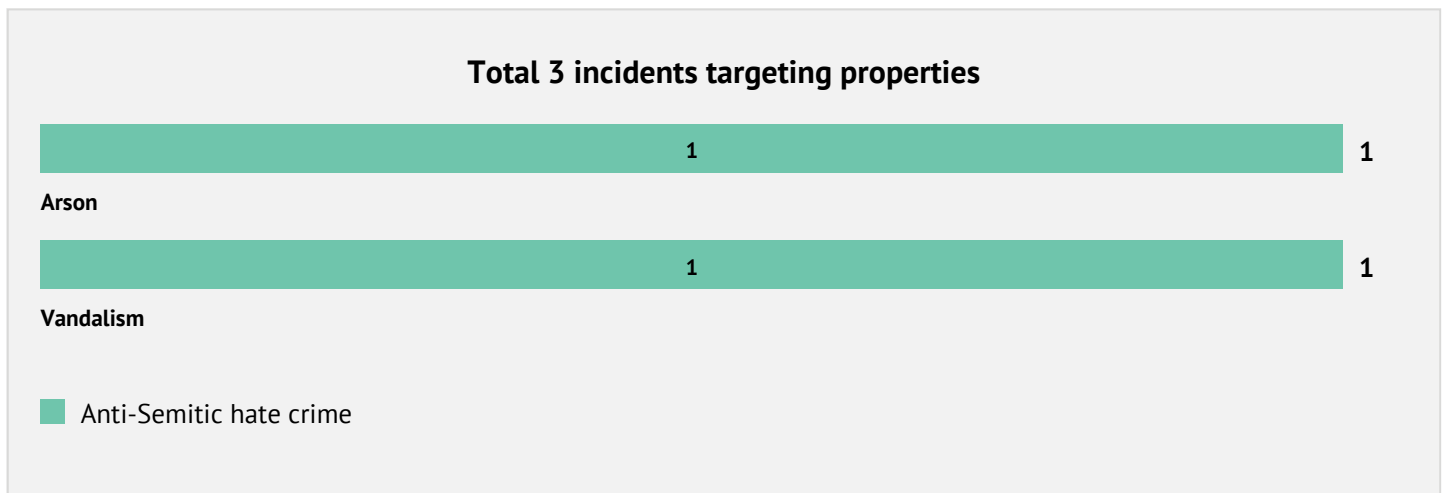
Please note that the total number of incidents may be lower than the sum of incidents presented in the breakdown chart above, as some incidents involve multiple bias motivations.

Targeted properties

Total 3 incidents targeting properties



Type of property attack



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