

Montenegro Hate Crime Report 2021

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Summary

Montenegro has reported information on hate crimes to ODIHR, most recently for the 2019 and 2021 Hate Crime Reports. Montenegro implemented ODIHR's Training Against Hate Crimes for Law Enforcement (TAHCLE) programme in 2014 and updated the training in 2022 following changes to the country's hate crime legislation in 2018. In 2022, ODIHR organized a refresher TAHCLE course. In 2023, Montenegro implemented ODIHR's Prosecutors and Hate Crime Training (PAHCT) training. In 2017, Montenegro adopted measures to allow for the effective prosecution of hate crimes following the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case of *Alkovic v. Montenegro* (No. 66895/10). In 2023, Montenegro amended legislation to include public acts provoking or inciting racial and religious hatred (Article 370), as well as special circumstances for sentencing hate crimes (Article 42a).

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ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Montenegro's efforts to build the capacity of police to address hate crime, including through ODIHR's TAHCLE programme, as well as the police and judiciary hate crime records provided. However, based on the available information, ODIHR observes that Montenegro has not reported data on the number of prosecuted hate crimes to ODIHR. In addition, ODIHR observes that Montenegro would benefit from raising awareness among and building the capacity of criminal justice officials, especially prosecutors, to address hate crime.

Official Data

In addition to the police records presented above, one further incident – classified as a misdemeanour – was reported to ODIHR. The above figures may include cases of hate speech, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crime.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2021	7	0	5

Police data by bias motivation

The breakdown below shows cases addressed as misdemeanours under Article 19 of Montenegro's Law on Public Order and Peace. According to police records, the relevant offences targeted four members of the LGBTI community, four persons of Roma ethnicity, three persons of Bosniak origin, two persons of Albanian origin, one person of Serbian origin and one church official.

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Anti-Muslim hate crime

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Anti-LGBTI hate crime

The case presented here was motivated by bias against sexual orientation.

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Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Police data by type of crime

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Incitement to violence

This category includes offences under Article 370 of the Criminal Code (on "Causing National, Racial and Religious Hatred").

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Threats/ threatening behaviour

Incidents reported by civil society

Total 5 incidents



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 4 incidents targeting properties



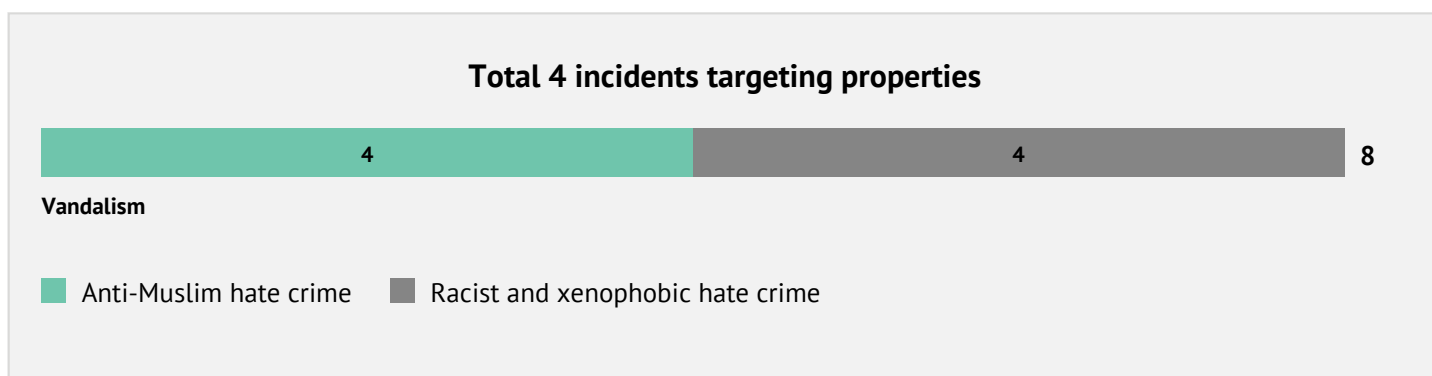
Place of worship



Public Space

■ Anti-Muslim hate crime ■ Racist and xenophobic hate crime

Type of property attack



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