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HATE CRIME REPORTING

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Summary

Norway regularly reports hate crime data to ODIHR. In 2021, the Norway Police established a National Expertise Group on Hate Crime. The Group is part of the Oslo Police District and is a reinforcement of the Oslo Police District's Hate Crime Unit. The mandate of the Group is to build the capacities of the regional police districts through training and guidance and, if necessary, to provide assistance in specific cases.

The Attorney General's Annual Circular, which sets out the annual goals and priorities for the police and prosecution services, has consistently included hate crime as a priority area for more than 20 years. This means that hate crime cases, regardless of the severity, are given priority and cannot be dismissed due to capacity or other reasons within police districts.

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

ODIHR's Key Observation

ODIHR recognizes Norway's efforts in training investigators and prosecutors on hate crime. However, based on the available information, it observes that Norway's hate crime recording and statistics do not sufficiently distinguish hate crimes from other crimes. In addition, ODIHR observes that Norway would benefit from ensuring that hate crimes are addressed in a comprehensive manner, including by introducing a coordination mechanism.

Official Data

The records presented in this table include incidents of hate speech and discrimination, which fall outside of the OSCE's definition of hate crimes. The sum of disaggregated incidents below adds up to more than the total because crimes can be recorded under more than one bias motivation.

Year	Hate crimes recorded by police	Prosecuted	Sentenced
2020	744	804	67

Police data by bias motivation

In the breakdown below, the numbers do not correspond with the total number of police-recorded hate crimes above because: (i) there may be several motives registered in one criminal case; and (ii) the police records included incidents of hate speech and discrimination, which were excluded as they constitute hate speech and discrimination which do not fall under the OSCE definition of hate crime.

366

Unspecified

The category "damage to property" includes act of vandalism.

Police data by type of crime

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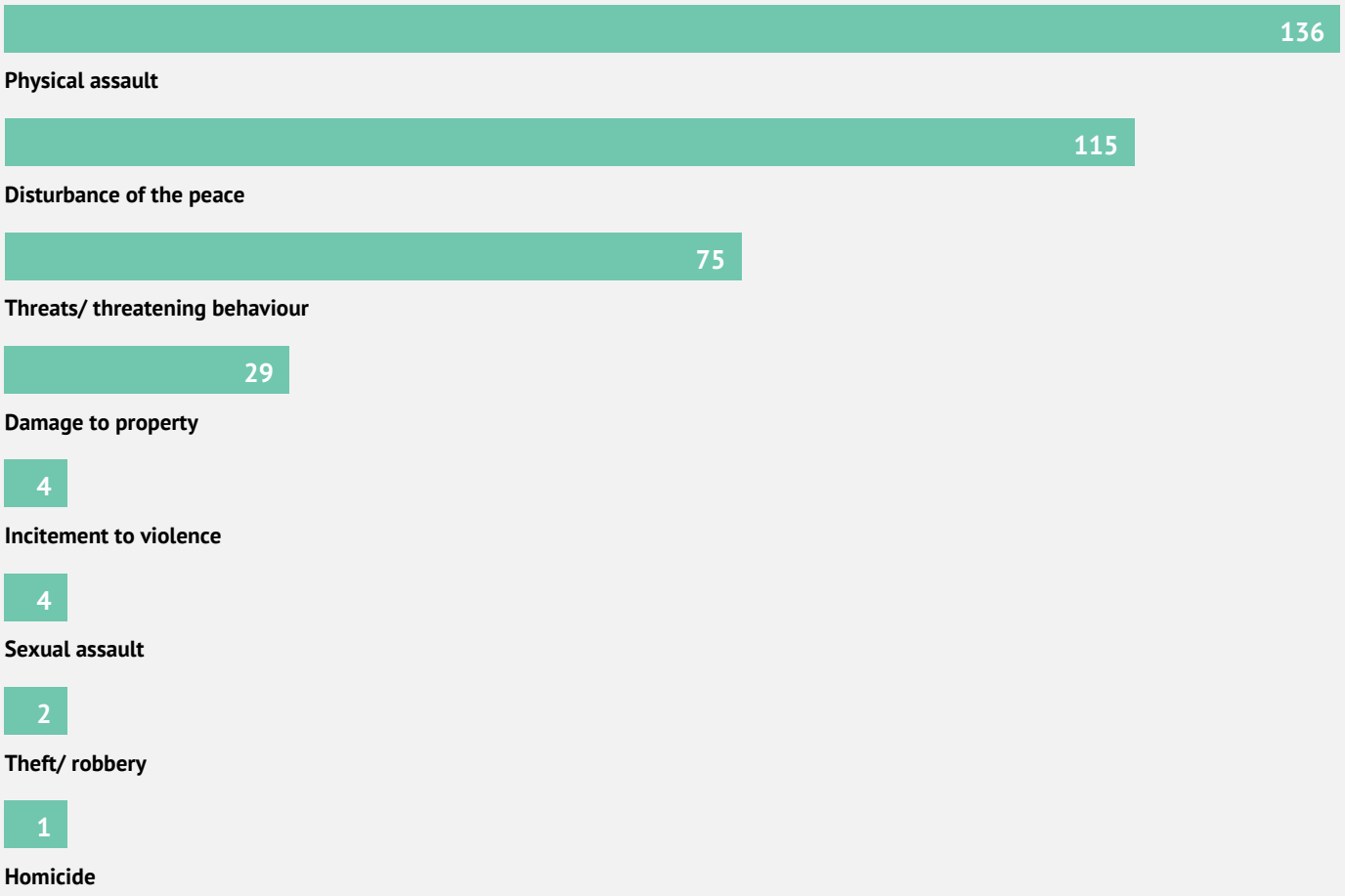
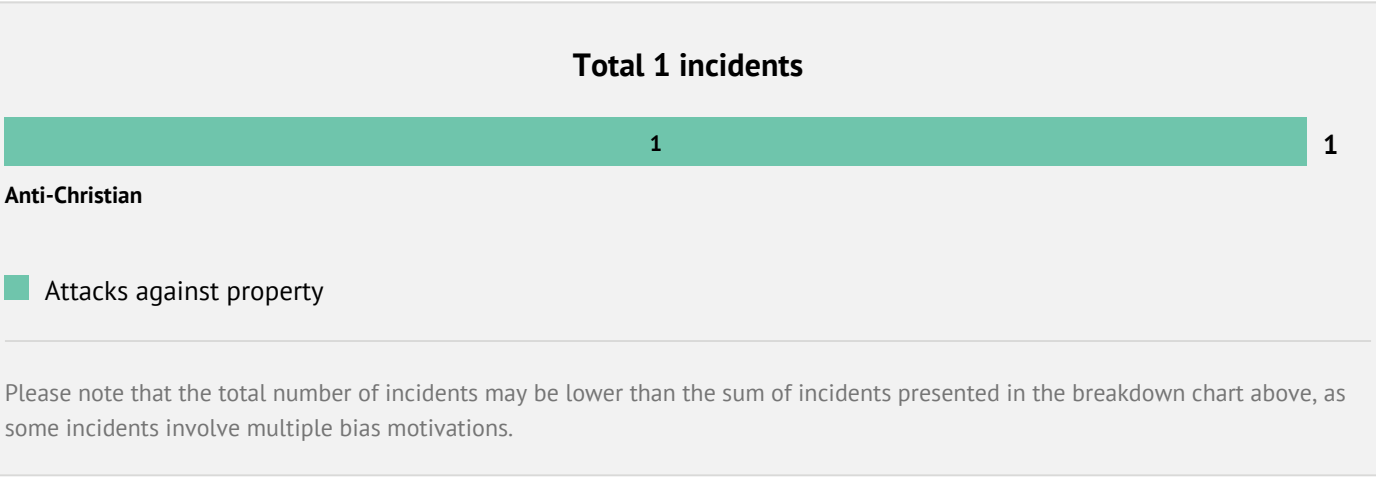


National Developments

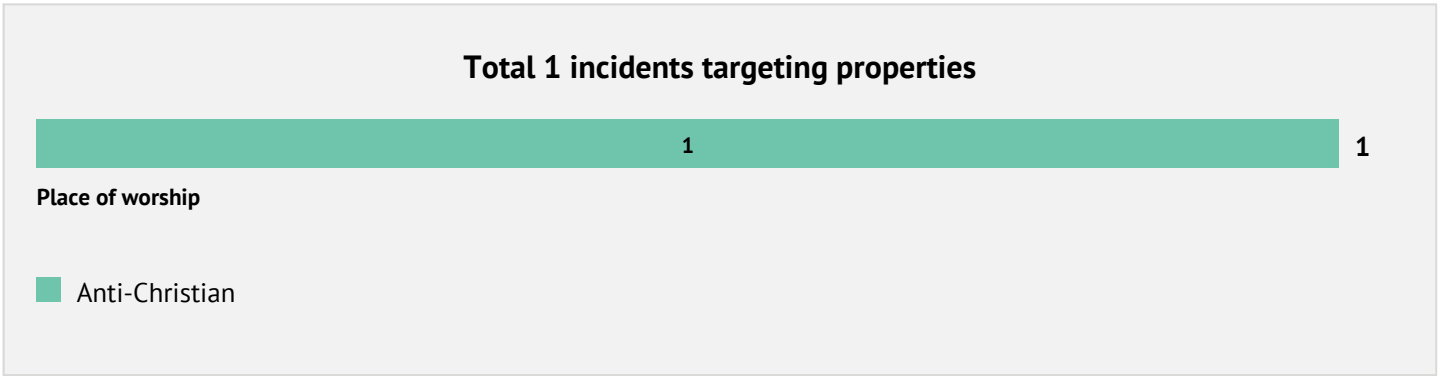
The police investigators and prosecutors completed compulsory training on hate crime. The government launched two new action plans in 2020: (i) Action plan to combat discrimination and hatred towards Muslims (2020-2023); and (ii) The Norwegian Government's Action Plan against Racism and Discrimination on the Grounds of Ethnicity and Religion (2020-2023). Work to include gender identity and gender expression, among other groups with special protection, in the relevant specific penalty enhancement provisions of the Penal Code continued in 2020 and was completed in 2021.

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 Norway, 2020