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OSCE MISSION TO SKOPJE PROJECT **Supporting national stakeholders in tackling hate crimes and hate speech**

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Mapping, monitoring, and reporting on hate crime incidents

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A. BACKGROUND

This Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Agreement signed in March 2013 between the OSCE Mission in Skopje (OSCE) and the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia (MHC) for the implementation of the “Supporting national stakeholders in tackling hate crimes and hate speech” project.

1. Project Summary

The Project's overall goal is to increase the understanding and strengthen the capacity of the institutional and civil society stakeholders to effectively deal with hate crime and hate speech in accordance with the domestic legislation, OSCE commitments and the International standards. One of the main aims of the project is to increase the capacity of legal practitioners and civil society to process and report occurrences of hate crimes in the country. The project commenced on February 25 and lasted until December 25, 2013. MHC was tasked with implementing its part of the list of tasks (see Point 2 below) in a time period of 8 months (March 4 – November 4, 2013). However, MHC started working on the project from 28 February 2013 and continued its implementation as an in-kind contribution until 31 December 2013. The report covers the period between February 28 and December, 2013 and is envisaged to serve as an indicator of the scope, nature and frequency of hate crimes perpetrated in Macedonia.

2. Project Activities

MHC conducted the following activities with regard to hate crimes:

1. Development of a project methodology
2. Monitoring national printed and electronic media
3. Providing free legal aid to victims
4. Monitoring court cases on hate crimes
5. Reporting hate crimes and hate incidents to OSCE/ODIHR
6. Maintaining an interactive website for hate crimes reporting

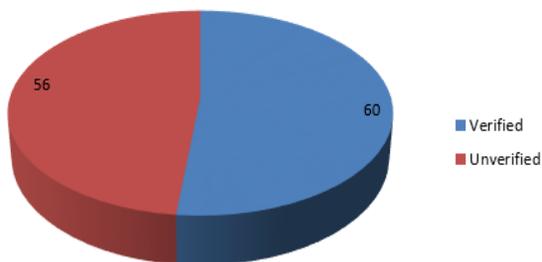
7. Providing information and resources for other CSOs
8. Taking part in trainings and events organized by the OSCE/ODIHR

B. SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS

1. Background

The Hate Crimes in the OSCE Region – Incidents and Responses: Annual Report for 2012 states that “50 participating States indicated to ODIHR that they collect some data on hate crimes. Luxembourg and the [...] Republic of Macedonia stated that they do not compile any statistics of this type.” In addition, it is stated in the EU Commission 2013 Progress Report on the [...] Republic of Macedonia that “Data on the reporting, investigation and prosecution of hate speech and hate crime is not collected systematically and training of law enforcement, prosecutors and judges needs to be stepped up.” This report, together with the web portal for hate crimes reporting – www.zlostorstvaodmraza.com, represents the first concrete effort to map, monitor, and report on hate crime incidents in the country.

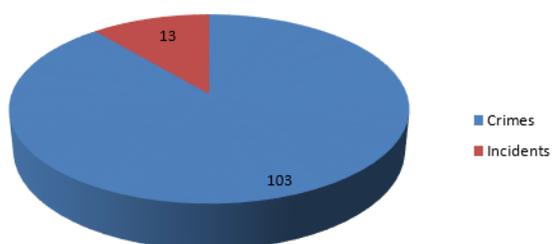
2. Number of incidents



During the period 28 February – 31 December 2013 a total of 116 hate crimes and incidents were registered. 3 incidents were reported to MHC, while all the other incidents were reported by the media. 60 incidents were verified by means of contact with the police, police bulletins, media reporting, meetings with victims, and by eye witnessing an incident. 56 of the registered incidents were not verified, but were nevertheless included in the report due to the information received regarding the location of the incident (e.g. ethnically mixed neighbourhoods and schools, bus lines used by members of different ethnic communities, places where a hate crime has already occurred in the past etc.), type of incident (e.g. a bigger group of juveniles attacks one or more victims without

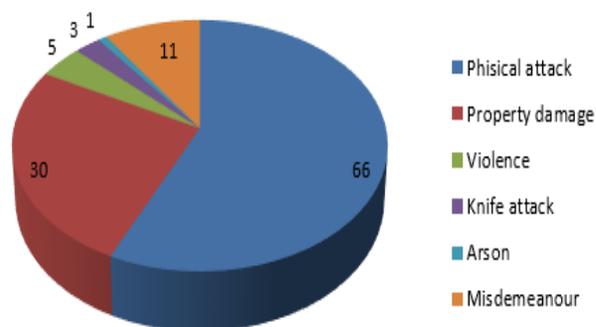
provocation, group fights, attack in a bus or at a bus station etc.), time of incident (following a previous fight as a form of revenge, after school hours, during or after a sport event etc.), and the property damaged during the incident (e.g. churches, mosques, multicultural buildings etc.). The unverified and verified reports can be seen separately on the web portal for hate crimes reporting. In the Annex of this report, the titles of the verified incidents are in green while titles of the unverified incidents in red.

3. Hate Crimes vs. Incidents

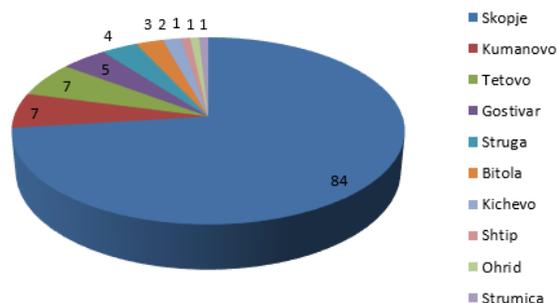


The vast majority of the registered incidents (103) qualify as hate crimes due to their status of criminal offences under national law and the fact that they were committed due to a biased motivation. The majority of crimes were committed by juveniles. Victims and perpetrators are usually members of

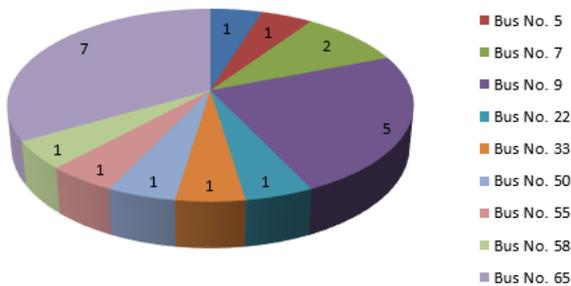
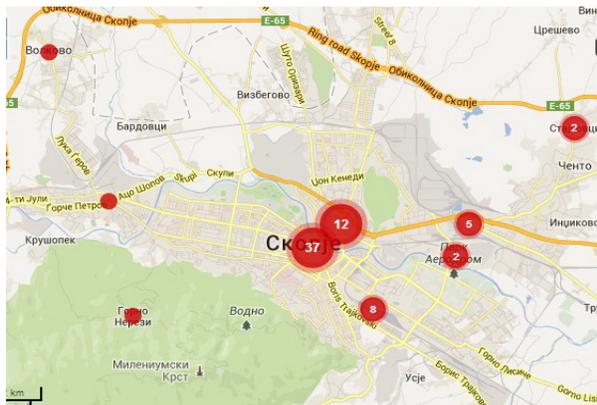
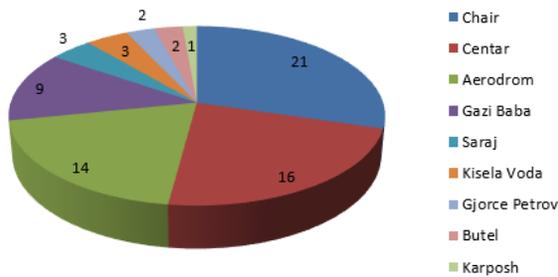
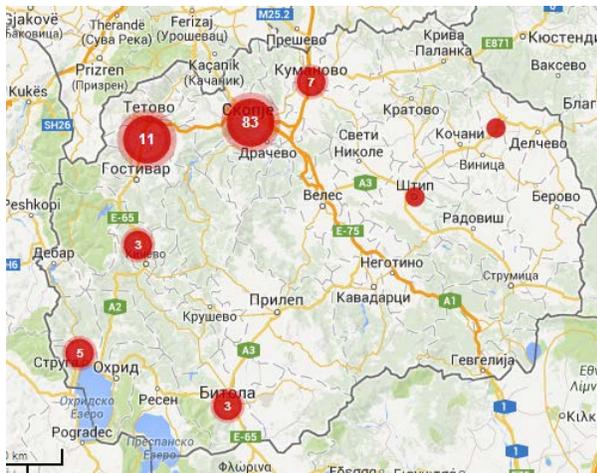
different ethnic backgrounds (Macedonian and Albanian). Types of crimes committed include: assault, possession and use of illegal weapons, property damage, vandalism, threat, violence, burning down flags, arson etc. Incidents that do not qualify as hate crimes (13) are usually misdemeanours: offensive graffiti and inappropriate and nationalistic chanting during sport events.



4. Incidents by location

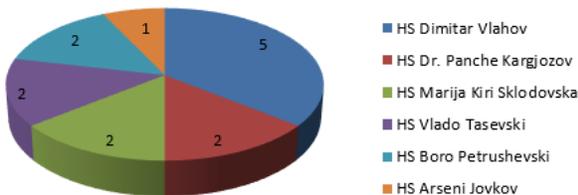


The vast majority of incidents (72%) occurred in Skopje and its surrounding municipalities. There were 7 incidents in the



cities of Kumanovo and Tetovo, 5 in Gostivar, and 4 in Struga. All of these cities are located in regions in which there is a significant minority of either ethnic Macedonians (Tetovo and Gostivar), or ethnic Albanians (Skopje, Kumanovo and Struga). Debar is the only city where both Albanians and Macedonians live together, but no incidents occurred during the project period. Except for Shuto Orizari, a municipality predominantly inhabited by Roma, hate crimes occurred in all other 9 municipalities in Skopje. The fact that there were no incidents concerning Roma does not necessarily mean they do not occur, but might be unreported. Most of the incidents occurred in Chair (predominantly inhabited by Albanians), and Centar and Aerodrom (predominantly inhabited by Macedonians). The percentage of incidents for the three municipalities combined equals 72% of all incidents in the metropolitan area of Skopje. A minimum of 21 incidents in Skopje occurred in buses (media sometimes reported of the location a bus was attacked, but not of its number). Most of the buses commute between neighbourhoods that are inhabited by Macedonians and Albanians. 66% of all attacks occurred in Bus No. 9 and 65. Many physical attacks occurred either in a vicinity

of bus stations or a bus was the target of the attack. Beside attacks in and on buses, there were 6 attacks on trains. 4 attacks occurred in the vicinity of the North Train Station in Skopje. The attacked trains were commuting between Skopje and Kichevo and Skopje and Prishtina.



14 Incidents occurred inside or in the vicinity of 6 high schools in Skopje. Incidents include an attack of a group of students against an individual student or fights between two opposing groups. 3 of these schools are located on the same boulevard in the Municipality of Aerodrom.

In all of the schools there are both Macedonian and Albanian students. On national level, incidents involved three churches, one mosque, one multicultural centre, and one museum (of the Albanian alphabet) that was attacked on two occasions.

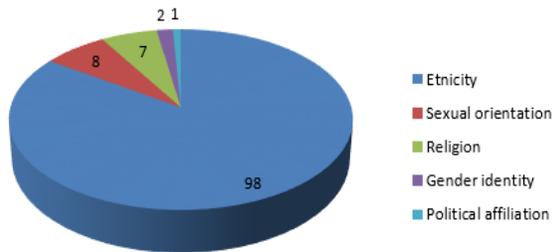
5. Incidents by month



Almost half of the registered incidents occurred in March, September and October. In March most of the incidents occurred due to the protests and counter protests regarding the appointment of Talat Dzaferi (a former NLA commander) as Minister of Defence in the Government (see incidents 2-11). In September and October, on average, an incident occurred every second day. This period marks the beginning of the school year. The great majority of the incidents during September – October involve high school students while the usual time of the incidents is after school hours. Local elections in the country were held in 2013. The first round of the vote took place on March 24th while the

second round on April 7th. Not a single incident was registered between these dates. Only 7 incidents occurred in June, a month during which the school year ends.

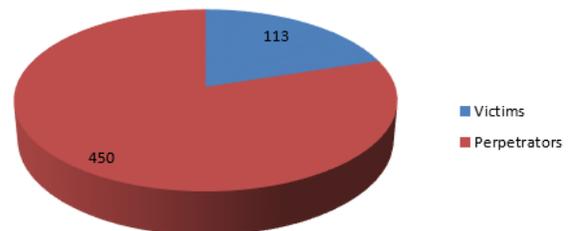
6. Incidents by biased motivation



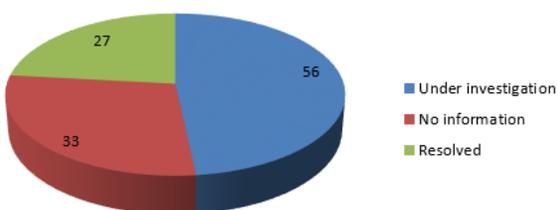
The vast majority of hate crimes (84%) occur due the different ethnical belonging of the victim. Almost all of these incidents involve Macedonians and Albanians. Sexual orientation, together with gender identity, was the reason for 9% of the incidents, while religious belonging accounted to 7%.

7. Victims vs. Perpetrators

There were a minimum of 130 victims and 490 perpetrators of hate crimes during the project period. Whenever an undefined number (e.g. between 10 and 15) of perpetrators was reported in the media, the lesser value was used for this report. Whenever it was reported that a “group” of perpetrators committed a hate crime, the value used for this report was 3 persons. The vast majority of victims are male juveniles. The youngest victim is 10 years old. Among the victims, there are 5 girls under the age of 18.



8. Status of the cases



The police located suspected perpetrators connected to a minimum of 27 out of the 116 incidents. Given that there is currently no database on hate crimes, MHC registered the resolved cases by contacting the police, monitoring the media, and by

being informed directly by the victims. A maximum of other 56 incidents were reported to the police and are under investigation. There was no information regarding the status of the case in 33 of the incidents. MHC registered only 1 incident that was processed in court.

9 Conclusions

The State does not collect data on hate crimes. Given that the topic does not emerge in the public discourse, it is uncertain whether a comprehensive and comparable official data will be available in the near future. Very little efforts have been made for preventive measures including human rights education and raising awareness among the public.

Bias motivated crimes are not properly reported or investigated by the police. Relevant practitioners do not receive training regarding the identification and response to hate incidents. By not treating the hate crimes phenomena as a separate issue, the State does not offer special protection and support to victims. The most affected members of the society are the youths, but also the members of the LGBTI Community owing to the fact that sexual orientation and gender identity are not recognized grounds on which hate crimes can be perpetrated. Hate crimes usually occur in a public place. A large number of incidents occurred in buses, near bus stations, in school yards and in vicinity of schools, and against trains. Many hate crimes are committed out of revenge or retribution for a previous incident between both the Macedonian and the Albanian youth. Large number of incidents occurred after school hours. Only 2 incidents were registered in Eastern Macedonia. This might be due to the ethnical composition of the country, but also due to underreporting or the low level of awareness among the public regarding hate crimes and bias motivations.

ANNEX

Hate crime incidents in the Republic of Macedonia in 2013

1. A 13 year old boy beaten and cut with a knife

What happened: A 13 year old boy who refused to kiss an orthodox cross was attacked by 3 to 4 masked attackers around 20 years old. The boy suffered visible signs of violence.

Date, time and location of the incident: February 26, around 18:00h on “Pance Nedelkovski” St. in Skopje in an area mostly populated by members of the Albanian community.

Source of information: The local media Denesen Vesnik (mkd) and TV Alsat M (alb) as well as the father of the attacked child who directly asked legal aid from the Helsinki Committee of the Republic of Macedonia.

Victim(s) involved: The 13 year old child who suffered physical injuries and psychological stress as result of the incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, possession and use of illegal weapons.

Perpetrator(s): Three to four unidentified men around the age of 20.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the information received from the father of the victim, the perpetrators have been speaking to his son in Macedonian and has made him kiss an orthodox cross, which points to the fact that the main reason for the attack is that the victim is a member of the Albanian community.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the authorities.

Response of local authorities: The investigation is ongoing.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

2. Violence by hooligans, young Albanians in hospital

What happened: A group of 100 to 200 Macedonian hooligans were attacking Albanians in the Skopje city center including bus stations and other public property.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 1, in the afternoon hours.

Source of information: The regional media Shekulli and Koha net (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Young Albanians who as result of their injuries were in need of medical treatment and were taken to hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, damaging of property, vandalism, threat, violence, burning down the national flag of the Republic of Albania that is considered as a national symbol of all Albanians.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 100 to 200 Macedonian hooligans.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened after the protest organized by an unknown organizer against the appointment of Mr. Talat Dzaferi (a former NLA commander) as Minister of Defense in the Macedonian government. 100 to 200 young predominantly Macedonian men started to attack Albanian citizens on different locations in the city which draws to a conclusion that the victims were attacked as result of their ethnicity.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police reacted immediately and arrested several of the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two biggest communities in the country.

3. The Governmental building in Skopje attacked with stones by group of young men

What happened: A group of young Macedonian men after the protest organized by an unknown organizer against the appointment of Talat Haferi as a Minister of Defense caused several incidents in the city including an attack on the Governmental building with stones.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 1, in the afternoon hours in Skopje.

Source of information: The regional media Indeks online (alb)*

Victim(s) involved: The Governmental building suffered minor material damage.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, damaging of property, vandalism, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 100 to 200 Macedonian young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: In order to express the dissatisfaction that Mr. Talat Dzaferi (a former NLA commander) appointment as a Minister of Defense in the Government of Republic of Macedonia the young man attacked the Governmental building.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police reacted immediately and arrested several of the perpetrators and held them responsible for the incident. The politicians from the Macedonian and the Albanian political parties both condemned these types of incidents which are putting at stake the ethnic relations and coexistence in the country.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two biggest communities in the country.

4. **Two Macedonian children beaten by older youths of Albanian nationality**

What happened: The incident took place in and around the football field in the village of Neproshteno where the children playing football were attacked by a group of older youths of Albanian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 15:00h.

Source of information: The local newspaper "Nova Makedonija" (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two children of Macedonian nationality who suffered injuries. As result of the injuries one of the victims received medical treatment in a hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat.

Perpetrator(s): Young Albanian men aged 18 and 20.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident had an ethnic character which basically was the main reason for the attack.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police arrested two men aged 18 and 20 and held them responsible for the attack. They will be prosecuted for the attack.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two biggest communities in the country.

5. **Albanians threading upon and tearing the Macedonian national flag**

What happened: A group of young Albanian men that organized a protest as response to the protest organized the previous day by ethnic Macedonians against the nomination of Mr. Talat Dzaferi (a former NLA commander) as a Minister of Defense in the Macedonian Government, tore the Macedonian national flag and caused an incident in front of the Governmental building.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, between 13:00h and 16:00h in the city center (the area in front and around the Governmental building and in direction of the Municipality of Cair in Skopje).

Source of information: The local media Puls 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Several citizens (Macedonians and Albanians) were injured during the incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, damaging of property, vandalism, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of young Albanian men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: This incident took place as a response to the protest organized the previous day during which young Albanians were attacked. A group of young Albanians expressed their dissatisfaction with these events which clearly indicates that as a main reason for the incident is the ethnicity of the citizens which once again puts in question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

Status of the case: There was a huge police presence at the moment of the incident and it was followed by strong police response.

Response of local authorities: Several men were arrested. The incidents were condemned by both Macedonian and Albanian politicians from the Macedonian and the Albanian political parties.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the

Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two major communities in the country.

6. **A 16 year old young man attacked inside the city bus number 65**

What happened: Young man aged 16 of Macedonian nationality was attacked in a bus and dragged outside where he was beaten by four unidentified men of Albanian nationality, according to the Ministry of Interior.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 13:30h at the Krste Misirkov Boulevard in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Young man aged 16 of Macedonian nationality.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Four unidentified men of Albanian nationality according to the Ministry of Interior.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: As stated in the source of information, the main reason for the incident was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

7. **Three young men attacked**

What happened: Three young men of Macedonian nationality attacked by unidentified men of Albanian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 19:00h at a bus stop in the vicinity of the "Bit Pazar" open market in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Three young men of Macedonian nationality.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified men of Albanian nationality according to the Ministry of Interior.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: As stated in the source of information the main reason for the incident was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

8. **Two young men attacked**

What happened: A 15 and 16 year old young men attacked

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 19:30h at the Stone Bridge in the center of the city.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 15 and 16 year old young men.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Five to six unidentified men of Albanian nationality according to the Ministry of Interior.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: As stated in the source of information the main reason for the incident was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

9. **A 14 year old young man attacked**

What happened: A 14 year old young man was attacked.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 22:00h in the Municipality of Butel in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 14 year old young men who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: As stated in the source of information the main reason for the incident was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

10. **A 15 year old young men attacked by ten to fifteen men.**

What happened: A 15 year old young men attacked by ten to fifteen men of Albanian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 23:30h at the last stop of bus number 45 in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 15 year old young men who suffered severe injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Ten to fifteen men of Albanian nationality according to the Ministry of Interior.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: As stated in the source of information the main reason for the incident was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence

between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

11. **Attack of the LGBT Center in Skopje**

What happened: A group of unidentified persons attacked the LGBT Center and caused material damage.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 2, around 13:00h in the Old Bazar in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Makdenes.

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage no victims were involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, vandalism, destroying private property and using illegal weapons.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The attack was committed by the same protestors from the counter protests against the appointment of Talat Djaferi as Defence Minister (see incidents 2, 3 and 5).

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The perpetrators were later found, accused and sentenced for other crimes including the attack of the LGBT Center in Skopje.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people or organizations that protect the rights of this population are often taking place in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

12. **A female student from Skopje attacked at a bus stop**

What happened: An Albanian 16 year old student girl attacked by two persons of Macedonian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 4, around 10:00h at “Treta Makedonska Brigada” St. in the vicinity of the high school “Dimitar Vlahov” in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Net Press (mkd) and the regional media Kosovo news network (alb).

Victim(s) involved: An Albanian 16 year old student girl who suffered injuries caused by a knife received medical treatment in hospital immediately after the attack.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, keeping and using illegal weapons.

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified men wearing masks covering their faces.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place in the vicinity of the high school where the victim is studying while she was waiting for a bus at the bus station.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are taking measures to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened. The Macedonian media did not report the ethnic background of the perpetrators while the Albanian media was claiming that the perpetrators are Macedonian hooligans.

13. **Bus stoned in Veleshta, one passenger injured**

What happened: Unidentified persons attacked a bus by using stones in Struga village of Veleshta.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 4, around 20:00h in the village of Veleshta.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd) and StrugaSot (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A 32 years old female was injured as result of the stoning of a bus attack. She received a medical treatment in hospital. Five bus windows were damaged.

Type of the crime(s): Causing material damage, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of young unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place on the exit of the village of Velesta which is populated by Albanians when the bus was commuting on its usual route from Struga to Vevcani and had Ohrid registration plates where as Ohrid is predominantly populated with Macedonians which could draw to a conclusion that the attack is committed due to ethnicity reasons.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Although it is an isolated incident in this area, it shows one more time that incidents where ethnicity is considered as a motive can be problematic and can adversely affect the mixed ethnic population living in this area.

14. **A high school student attacked**

What happened: Five to six unidentified persons attacked a high school student.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 5, around 09:20h in the school yard of the ASUC "Boro Petrushevski" in Skopje High School.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 17 year old high school student who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Five to six unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the source of information the student was attacked after the morning school break without any specific reason. It can be presumed that this attack has also ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

15. **Two high school students attacked**

What happened: A 16 year old student and his 17 year old classmate attacked.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 5, around 19:10h on a bus number 9 at Krste Misirkov boulevard in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd) and regional media Balkanweb (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A 16 year old student and his 17 year old classmate suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Six to seven unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when the two students were commuting using the bus number 9 and without any specific reason were attacked by six to seven unidentified men.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

16. **A young man attacked at a bus stop**

What happened: A 17 year old young man attacked at a bus stop.

Date, time and location of the incident: 5 March, around 19:30h at a bus stop at Cvetan Dimov St. in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd) and regional media Balkanweb (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A 17 year old young man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Four to five unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The young man was attacked without any specific reason at a bus top after he got off from bus number 9.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

17. **Stoned buses, injured persons**

What happened: A bus of the Public Transportation Company damaged after the attack of unidentified persons using stones.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 5, Prvomajska St. in Skopje, the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd) and regional media Balkanweb (alb).

Victim(s) involved: According to the Macedonian source of information, except the material damage no persons were injured in this incident. According to the Albanian, the driver of the bus was injured.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence, causing material damage.

Perpetrator(s): Several unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The bus was attacked while it was commuting on its regular route by several unidentified persons. It is highly probable that the perpetrators had an intention to injure people who were in the bus with (presumably) different ethnic background from the one that they have especially if the area where the bus commutes is taken into consideration

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This was not an isolated incident which causes insecurity in general and especially for the people who use public transportation.

18. **Stoned bus, material damage caused**

What happened: A bus of the Public Transportation Company damaged after the attack of unidentified persons using stones.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 5, in the vicinity of “Bit Pazar”, the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd) and regional media Balkanweb (alb).

Victim(s) involved: According to the source of information, except the material damage no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence, causing material damage.

Perpetrator(s): Several unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The bus was attacked while it was commuting on its regular route by several unidentified persons. It has to be mentioned that it is highly probable that the perpetrators had an intention to injure people who were in the bus with (presumably) different ethnic background from the one that they have especially if we take into consideration the area where the bus commutes.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This was not an isolated incident and it causes insecurity in general and especially for the people that use public transportation.

19. **A 21 year old young man attacked**

What happened: A 21 year old young man was attacked in a bus.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 5, at the overpass at “Bit Pazar”; the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media ALFA TV (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 21 year old young man attacked in a bus who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Ten to fifteen unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when ten to fifteen men stopped a bus which was commuting at “Bit Pazar”, entered the bus and attacked the victim. As it was reported by the media, the young man lives in a village in the area of Skopje that is predominantly populated by Macedonians and he was attacked at “Bit Pazar” which can lead us to conclusion that the attack is related with the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This was not an isolated incident and it causes insecurity in general and especially for the people that use public transportation.

20. **A girl attacked in Tetovo**

What happened: A girl of Macedonian nationality was attacked in Tetovo while walking on the street.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 9, in the evening hours at Goce Stojcevski St. in Tetovo.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd) and the local media Tetova1 (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A 15 year old girl of Macedonian nationality who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Five unidentified persons around the age of 18.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when the girl was walking on the street along with her friend and got attacked by the perpetrators. The Albanian local media that reports of this incident criticizes the Macedonian media Press 24 that informs about alleged incident that happened in Tetovo where the victims are of Macedonian nationality which leaves room for questioning the objective informing whether this incident happened or not.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident (if it is credible) is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks especially in the context of Tetovo, where the population is predominantly of Albanian nationality which can make the citizens of Macedonian nationality not to feel safe.

21. An 18 year old young man attacked after an interrupted handball match between Macedonian and Albanian handball teams

What happened: An 18 year old young man was attacked after the handball match between Macedonian and Albanian handball teams was interrupted due to security reasons.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 10, around 15:30h in Gostivar.

Source of information: The local media Makfax (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: An 18 year old young man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): According to the allegations of the victim the perpetrators were probably members of the supporters group “Kastrioti”, the group that supports an Albanian handball team “Jehona” from Gostivar.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened after the match between handball teams “Vardar Polog” (a Macedonian team) and handball team “Jehona” which was interrupted due to security reasons. According to the victim the perpetrators of the attack were probably members of the supporters group “Kastrioti”.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents that happen during sport matches involving an ethnic background are not a rare and put into question the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other, as the two biggest communities in the country.

22. Incident in a bus involving students

What happened: Students were beaten in a bus of the Public Transportation Company.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 16, in Skopje, the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Seven students at the age of 16 and 17 who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Five unidentified young persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when a group of five persons attacked the victims who were all students of the Medical High School. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police found and interrogated three of the perpetrators and stated that it will take appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

23. An Albanian attacks two Macedonians

What happened: One person of Albanian nationality attacked two persons of Macedonian nationality in the Municipality of Cair in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 March 2013, around noon in the Municipality of Cair in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two young men aged 17 and 24 who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A 25 year old unidentified man of Albanian nationality.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place when the victims were walking along the “Hristijan Todorovski- Karpos” St. and without any specific reason were attacked by the perpetrator. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is presumable that the motive for the attack is the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Another incident that involves the ethnicity as a motive for the attack that jeopardizes the ethnic relations between the Macedonian and the Albanian community.

24. Macedonian folk singer beaten because he had a cross

What happened: A Macedonian folk singer was attacked because of a cross exposed in his car.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 23, in Kicevo; the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media Denesen vesnik (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A young man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of Albanian persons

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place as result of the cross that was exposed in the car of the victim who is a folk singer and sings Macedonian patriotic songs. According to the circumstances of the incident he was attacked due to his ethnic and religious background.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving the ethnic or religious background as a motive for the attack can seriously harm the fragile ethnic relations in our society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multireligious society.

25. A group of young men of Macedonian nationality attacks an Albanian populated area

What happened: Albanian houses and vehicles attacked and damaged in the village of Nerezi in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: March 23, around 23:00h, in the village of Nerezi in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Libertas (mkd) and the local media Almakos (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Property damage only, no persons injured.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism, violence.

Perpetrator(s): The Macedonian media reported the perpetrators as a group of young men of Albanian nationality while the Albanian media as Macedonian hooligans.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened around 23:00h when a group of young men entered the area of Nerezi which is predominantly populated by Albanians and started to damage the vehicles and houses of the people living there. According to the circumstances of the incident, the main motive for the attack of this group of citizens was their ethnic background.

Status of the case: Shortly after the incident there was a strong police presence.

Response of local authorities: After the incident the mayor of one of Skopje's municipalities predominantly populated by Albanians arrived in the village of Nerezi. There is no information whether the police managed to hold someone responsible for the incident.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: An incident where a group of young people belonging to one ethnic community goes to attack citizens from another ethnic community in their houses and damages their property indicates a serious situation which can easily escalate into a bigger incident involving serious consequences. This was one more incident that can jeopardize the already fragile ethnic relations in the country.

26. Incident in a bus at the Railway Station in Skopje

What happened: The incident happened in a bus when a young person of Albanian nationality, including a number of other passengers, was attacked by a group of young persons of Macedonian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 12, around 19:30h in a bus at the Railway Station in vicinity of the city center in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Makfax (mkd) and the local media Tetova 1 (alb). It has to be noted that the Macedonian media did not disclose the ethnic background of the victims or the attackers.

Victim(s) involved: One student and other passengers of Albanian nationality who suffered injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Eleven young persons of Macedonian nationality.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened in a bus number 55 while it was parked at a bus stop, when several persons of Macedonian nationality entered the bus and attacked people due to their ethnic background. The incident happened after the celebration organized for the return of Johan Tarculovski (sentenced to 12 years imprisonment by the ICTY because of war crimes) in the country after serving 2/3 of his jail sentence for crimes committed during the 2001 conflict in Macedonia.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police detained 7 of 11 perpetrators, however after the interrogation they were released since it was established that they are minors.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This is one more incident that shows that the ethnic background of the victims is the main motive for the attack. Attacking persons with different ethnic background after a celebration organized for a person who has been convicted by an International Tribunal for committing war crimes undermines the process of reconciliation of the two major ethnic communities in Macedonia.

27. **Two young men attacked at a bus stop in Skopje**

What happened: The incident took place when the victims were at the bus stop and were attacked without any reason by unidentified men.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 12, around 20:10h at the bus stop on Krste Misirkov Boulevard.

Source of information: The local media Makfax (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two young men aged 16 and 17 who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of several unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: This incident happened when the victims were at the bus stop and got attacked by the perpetrators without any specific reason. This is one more incident that happened in the period of incidents when young people from different ethnic background were attacking each other, which might bring us to the conclusion that this particular incident also happened due to ethnic differences.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These incidents happened due to the ethnic background of the victims. This is considered as the main motive for the attack and puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country and reduces the trust between them.

28. **An 18 year old young man attacked**

What happened: The incident happened when an 18 year old young man was intercepted and attacked by a group of persons who were supporters of the football club "Vardar" (Macedonian club) called "Komiti".

Date, time and location of the incident: April 12, around 16:50h in the center of the city at Filip Vtori Makedonski St.

Source of information: The local media Makfax (mkd) and the local media Tetova 1 (alb). It has to be noted that the Macedonian media did not emphasize the fact that the

perpetrators were supporters of the football club “Vardar” (Macedonian club) called “Komiti”.

Victim(s) involved: A 18 year old young man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Supporters of the football club “Vardar” (Macedonian club) called “Komiti”.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the testimony of the victim which was only reported by the Albanian media, the supporters of the football club “Vardar” (Macedonian club) called “Komiti” attacked the victim after establishing that he is of Albanian nationality. A lucky circumstance for the victim that made the perpetrators stop he attack is that he is a football player who is playing for “Vardar”. According to this, the ethnic background of the victim once again appears to be a main motive for the attack.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Another incident in the group of incidents that has the ethnic background of the victim as a main reason for the attack.

29. **A bus of the Public Transportation Company stoned**

What happened: A bus number 55 of the Public transportation company of Skopje was stoned by an unidentified person when it was commuting on its regular route.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 12, around 20:50h at Anton Popov St. in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Makfax (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 23 year old passenger got injured and the bus was damaged.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): An unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The bus was attacked while it was commuting on its regular route by an unidentified person. It is highly probable that the perpetrator had an intention to injure people who were in the bus with (presumably)

different ethnic background as well as if the area where the bus commutes is taken into consideration.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This was not an isolated incident which causes insecurity in general and especially for the people that uses public transportation.

30. **A train got stoned in the vicinity of the train station**

What happened: A train that was commuting from Jegunovce to Trubarevo was stoned by four to five unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 13, in the afternoon hours at the exit of Skopje-Sever train station in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Dnevnik (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: As result of the attack the train driver suffered minor injuries; damage of property was also caused.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Four to five unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned while it was commuting on its regular route by four to five unidentified persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible the incident to have happened as result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents do not happened very often however it was not an isolated incident (one more incident happened the same day at the entrance of the same train station) and it causes insecurity in general.

31. **A train got stoned in the vicinity of the train station**

What happened: An international train that was commuting from Skopje to Prishtina was stoned by unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 13, in the afternoon hours at the entrance of Skopje- Sever train station in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Dnevnik (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: As result of the attack only material damage was caused and no persons were injured.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Several unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned while it was commuting on its regular route by several unidentified persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible that the incident to have happened as a result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These types of incidents happen frequently (one more incident happened the same day at the exit of the same train station) and cause insecurity in general.

32. **Violence against human rights activists in Bitola**

What happened: Human rights activists from NGO's dealing with human rights of LGBT people were attacked in Bitola while they were promoting human rights of LGBT people as part of their project.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 20, around noon in the center of Bitola.

Source of information: The web site of the NGO Coalition "Sexual and Health rights of Marginalized Communities" and the activists themselves.

Victim(s) involved: Human rights activists from NGO's dealing with LGBT rights.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence

Perpetrator(s): A group of seven unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when the human rights activists were promoting human rights for LGBT people in Bitola and were attacked by unidentified persons. It is clear that the incident happened as result of intolerance against the LGBT people in the society, which according to the latest reports of international organizations is one of the highest in Europe.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the police.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are often taking place in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

33. An orthodox church stoned, orthodox believers offended

What happened: A group of young people stoned an orthodox church during the religious service.

Date, time and location of the incident: April 30, around 09:00h in the Municipality of Cairin Skopje.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the small damage of property, no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified young people.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened during the morning religious service when a group of young people stoned the church and were offending the orthodox believers. It is clear that the incident happened due to a different belonging to a religion.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive for an attack where religious objects are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

34. **“Big Albania” written on the walls of an orthodox church**

What happened: An unidentified person has written “Big Albania” on the external wall of a church in the village of Otushishte, Tetovo.

Date, time and location of the incident: May 9, in Otushishte, the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): An unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: An unidentified person has written “Big Albania” on the external wall of a church in the village of Otushishte in Tetovo.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religion as a motive for an attack where religious objects are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

35. **Posters for LGBT support damaged in Tetovo**

What happened: Unidentified persons torn out the billboard posters for the support of the LGBT community.

Date, time and location of the incident: May 9, in Tetovo, the time of the incident is unknown.

Source of information: The local media Nova Tv (mkd) and the local media Historia Ime (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened after human rights activists put posters for the support of LGBT community as part of their campaign for the promotion of LGBT rights. It is clear that the incident happened as result of intolerance against the LGBT people in our society, which according to the latest reports of international organizations is one of the highest in Europe.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are taking place often in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

36. **The finals of the Macedonian football cup interrupted because of nationalistic chanting**

What happened: A group of supporters of the Albanian football team “Shkendija” started with nationalistic chanting and booing the Macedonian anthem.

Date, time and location of the incident: May 22, around 20:00h in Skopje, City Stadium

Source of information: The local media Denesen Vesnik (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims in this incident occurred.

Type of the crime(s): Causing national, racial or religious hate, discord and intolerance.

Perpetrator(s): Supporters of “Shkendija” football team.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened at the final match of the Macedonian football cup between “Teteks” which is considered as a

Macedonian team and “Shkendija” as an Albanian, both from Tetovo. The incident happened as result of national intolerance between the two groups of supporters.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: The supporters were removed from the stadium after the incident occurred and the match was delayed.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the ethnic background is the main motive for the occurrence of this type of incidents shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of incidents can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

37. **The museum of the Albanian alphabet in Bitola damaged**

What happened: unidentified person(s) entered the museum and damaged part of the inventory and other materials

Date, time and location of the incident: May 22, around 04:00h in Bitola.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no victims in this incident occurred.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism, damaging public property.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified person(s).

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when an unidentified perpetrator (s) have damaged the entrance door of the museum and have entered inside where they have damaged the inventory and several exhibition items.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. No further information on the investigation.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

38. A young man from Gostivar stabbed by knife in Skopje

What happened: The incident happened when a group of 15-20 young men in the center of Skopje around the University library attacked three other persons and stabbed one of the victims by knife.

Date, time and location of the incident: May 24, around 19:00h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kanal 5 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Three young men aged 21 to 30.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, possession and use of illegal weapons, violence.

Perpetrator(s): 15 to 20 unidentified young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred in an area which is predominantly populated with Albanian population, while the victims are Macedonians, which can lead us to the conclusion that the attack occurred due to the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

39. Fight in Kicevo, two young high school students injured

What happened: The incident happened when two ethnic Macedonian high school students were attacked by 20 ethnic Albanian high school students.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 1, around 14:30h in Kicevo.

Source of information: The local media Kicevo.mk (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: two ethnic Macedonian high school students who suffered injuries and were taken to the local hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): 20 ethnic Albanian high school students.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred due to the different ethnic background of the students.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

40. **A train got stoned in the vicinity of the train station in Skopje**

What happened: A train that was commuting from Kicevo to Skopje was stoned by unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 2, around 14:25h at the exit of Skopje-Sever train station in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage caused, there were no victims.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Few unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned while it was commuting on its regular route by unidentified persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible the incident to have happened as result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents does not happen very often however this was not an isolated incident and it causes insecurity in general.

41. **A train got stoned in Skopje**

What happened: A train that was commuting from Skopje to Kicevo was stoned by unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 5, on the railway by boulevard Bosnia and Herzegovina in Skopje, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Press24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: One passenger was injured and material damage was caused.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Few unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned while it was commuting on its regular route by unidentified persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible the incident to have happened as result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents do not happened very often however it was not an isolated incident (one more incident happened the same day at the entrance of the same train station) and it causes insecurity in general.

42. **A minor beaten in Kumanovo**

What happened: A 12 year old boy with Macedonian ethnic background was attacked by two older young ethnic Albanian boys.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 9 in Kumanovo, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Press24 (mkd) and the report of the Ministry of Interior released on 28.06.2013.

Victim(s) involved: A 12 year old boy with Macedonian ethnic background.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Two older young ethnic Albanian boys.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when two young Albanian boys attacked the 12 year old Macedonian boy and made him pronounce words from the Islam. It is clear that the incident has a religious motive.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religion as a motive for an attack can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

43. The LGBT support center attacked, one police officer injured

What happened: The incident occurred during the “Pride week” organized by the LGBT center for support, when a group of 30-40 young unidentified men, wearing masks attacked the center.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 22, around 18:00h in the Old Bazaar in Skopje.

Source of information: The local and regional media Radio Slobodna Evropa on Macedonian language.

Victim(s) involved: One police officer, participants at the event, employees of the Helsinki Committee and other guests.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 30-40 young unidentified men, wearing masks.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when different activities were organized by the LGBT support center in order to mark the “Pride Week”.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police is conducting investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: : Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are taking place often in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

44. Young man/men attacked in the centre of Skopje

What happened: The incident took place when a group of young men (according to the Albanian media, a group of Macedonian hooligans), who were organizing themselves to

protest against the activities of the LGBT community in order to celebrate the “Pride week” attacked with no reason a young man (according to the Albanian media, 4 young men) while walking in the city centre.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 22, around 15:30h in the city centre.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd) and Alsat Tv (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Unfortunately different information was provided by the media. One to four victims involved in the incident suffered injuries and received medical treatment.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of young men (according to the Albanian media, a group of Macedonian hooligans).

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The group of young men was organizing a protest against the activities of the LGBT community, however since there was no protest they decided to attack other people on the street, on the presumption that they have a different ethnic background, namely that they are not ethnic Macedonians.

Status of the case: The Police was on the crime scene and registered the incident.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

45. The house of Petar Stojkovic, a human rights activist, got stoned by a group of unknown young men

What happened: The incident took place when a group of unidentified young men stoned the house of Petar Stojkovic, a human rights activist, followed by offensive words concerning his sexual orientation.

Date, time and location of the incident: June 25, around 23:00h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Nova Tv (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Petar Stojkovic along with his partner and his family members, however they did not suffer any injuries and no material damage was caused.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened as result of the sexual orientation of Petar Stojkovic and his open way of speaking about his homosexuality.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the Police.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are taking place often in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

46. **Incident in Vevcani**

What happened: The incident took place in front of the municipality building in Vevcani when a man dressed up as a mujahedin carrying a machete has started to perform a religious ritual.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 04, during the morning hours in Vevcani.

Source of information: The local media Ohrid Post (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, causing national, racial or religious hate, discord and intolerance.

Perpetrator(s): One unidentified man dressed as an Arab.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: It is highly probable that the perpetrator is a member of the Islam and wanted to cause insecurity between the other citizens with different religious background in the municipality of Vevcani and in general.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the religious background is the main motive for the occurrence of this type of incidents shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of

incidents can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

47. Attempted arson on the LGBTI Support Centre in Skopje's Old Bazar

What happened: Unidentified person(s) tried to burn down the LGBTI Support Centre, a subsidiary of the Macedonian Helsinki Committee. According to a written note prepared by the police, one of the fire departments in Skopje received a phone call at around 4:20 a.m. An unknown person reported that fire has broken out in the house in which the LGBTI Support Centre operates. Luckily the fire brigade acted quickly, localizing and extinguishing the fire. At 8:30 two representatives of the Skopje Police Inspection Department arrived at the scene. Their preliminary findings are that someone climbed onto the roof of the Centre, removed a dozen of roof tiles, spilled gasoline on the roof planks and set them on fire. Damage will be calculated by the insurance company today. There is a hole of approximately 2 square meters on the roof, a considerable amount of water used to extinguish the fire leaked on all three floors, and some of the PCs and electronic appliances were damaged as well.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 05, around 23:30h in Skopje.

Source of information: Macedonian Helsinki Committee.

Victim(s) involved: None.

Type of the crime(s): Attempted arson, Destruction of cultural heritage.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: Sexual orientation.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the Police.

Response of local authorities: Reports were prepared by the Police and the Cultural Heritage Protection Office within the Ministry of Culture.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people and the LGBTI Support Centre are taking place often in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

48. Two young Albanian men beaten up in municipality of Aerodrom in Skopje

What happened: The incident occurred when the two young men were trying to take the city bus No.5, in the municipality of Aerodrom, an area predominantly populated with ethnic Macedonians.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 10, around 18:00h in Aerodrom.

Source of information: The local media Alsat M (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Two young Albanian men, who suffered injuries where as one of the victims was transferred to the hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of hooligans, presumably ethnic Macedonians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred in an area predominantly populated with ethnic Macedonians where as the victims are ethnic Albanians, which can draw a conclusion that the incident happened due to the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: One more incident in the group of incidents that has the ethnic background of the victim as a main reason for the attack.

49. The house of Petar Stojkovic, a human rights activist, got stoned by a group of unknown young men for the second time

What happened: The incident took place when a group of unidentified young men stoned the house of Petar Stojkovic, a human rights activist, followed by offensive words concerning his sexual orientation.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 12, around 23:30h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Petar Stojkovic along with his partner and his family members, however they did not suffer any injuries and no material damage was caused.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened as result of the sexual orientation of Petar Stojkovic and his open way of speaking about his homosexuality.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the Police.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are taking place often in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

50. **The museum of the Albanian alphabet in Bitola damaged for the second time**

What happened: unidentified person(s) entered the museum and damaged part of the inventory and other materials.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 13, in Bitola, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Lokalno.mk (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no victims in this incident occurred.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism, damaging public property.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified person(s).

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when an unidentified perpetrator (s) have damaged the entrance door of the museum and have entered inside where they have damaged the inventory and several exhibition items.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. No further information on the investigation.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

51. Ethnic Macedonians beat up an Albanian young man

What happened: A group of ethnic Macedonians have attacked a young man who has been speaking Albanian.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 14, in Kumanovo, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Albtme.com (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Young man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of ethnic Macedonians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of ethnic Macedonians have attacked a young man on the street because has been speaking Albanian.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

52. Ethnic Macedonians demolish an Albanian candy store

What happened: A group of ethnic Macedonians have demolished a candy store that is owned by an Albanian person and damaged part of the inventory and other items.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 14, in Kumanovo, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Albtme.com (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no victims in this incident occurred.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism, damaging private property.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when unidentified perpetrators have damaged have demolished a candy store that is owned by an Albanian person and damaged part of the inventory and other items.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is certain that the incident has occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

53. **Ethnic Albanians beat up two young Macedonian men**

What happened: A group of ethnic Albanians have attacked two young men.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 15, in Kumanovo, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Albtme.com (alb).

Victim(s) involved: Two young men that suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of ethnic Macedonians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of ethnic Albanians have attacked two young Macedonian men on the street.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

54. **An Imam of the Islamic community of Macedonia attacked**

What happened: An Imam of the Islamic community of Macedonia was attacked after religious service in a village predominantly populated with orthodox population

Date, time and location of the incident: July 21, late afternoon in the area of Stip.

Source of information: The incident was reported to the Helsinki Committee by letter sent from the Islamic community of Macedonia.

Victim(s) involved: An Imam of the Islamic community who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of people living in the same village

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The Imam was attacked after the religious service by a group of people who used offensive words regarding his religion and the service that he is doing in that village, which strongly establishes the fact that the motive and reason for the attack is the religion of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified the perpetrators and warned them that they will be prosecuted if they continue with this kind of behaviour.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive for an attack where religious workers are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

55. **A 17 year old young man beaten in Lisice (Municipality of Aerodrom)**

What happened: A young Albanian man has been attacked by a group of other young men.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 26, in the evening hours, in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd), Libertas (mkd), Telegraf (mkd), Almakos (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A young man that suffered serious injuries and was taken to the hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, use of weapons, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5-6 young men aged 14-16 years old.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of young men have attacked the victim on the street where the victim suffered serious injuries and was taken to the hospital after he was asked questions on his ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. Additionally, the Police informed that it has identified the perpetrators and in that in coordination with the Public Prosecutor's office will prosecute the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

56. **A 42 year old man beaten in Cair**

What happened: A 42 year old man was attacked on the street.

Date, time and location of the incident: July 29, around 08:00h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 42 year old man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5 young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of young men have attacked the victim on the street where the victim suffered injuries. The perpetrators have been speaking Albanian language. It is highly probable that the victim was attacked because of his ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. No further information on the investigation.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

57. **A train got stoned on its regular route from Skopje to Kicevo**

What happened: A train that was commuting from Skopje to Kicevo was stoned by unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: August 1, in Skopje area, time of the incident unknown

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned while it was commuting on its regular route by unidentified persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible the incident to have happened as result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents do not happened very often however it was not an isolated incident (one more incident happened the same day at the entrance of the same train station) and it causes insecurity in general.

58. **Young man attacked because of his sexual orientation**

What happened: A young man was attacked because of his sexual orientation (gay man).

Date, time and location of the incident: August 22, around 23:30h in Tetovo.

Source of information: The incident was reported to the Helsinki Committee directly by the victim.

Victim(s) involved: A young man declaring himself as a gay person.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence,

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred in the streets of Tetovo as result of the victim's sexual orientation.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the Police.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are often taking place in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is

high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

59. Riots in Oktisi, construction of an orthodox church stopped

What happened: The Muslim population in Oktisi prevented the construction of an Orthodox church which was supported by the Orthodox population. There was a big risk that the two groups of citizens could confront themselves, however the Police was keeping the order.

Date, time and location of the incident: August 25, between 11:00-13:00h in Oktisi, Struga.

Source of information: The local media Ohrid1 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: As result of the high presence of the Police no victims were involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Riots.

Perpetrator(s): Two confronted groups of citizens.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred because the Muslim population in the village stopped the construction of a Orthodox church in the village.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

60. The Monastery in Dulica vandalized

What happened: The Monastery in Dulica was vandalized by unidentified persons who have written offensive graffiti.

Date, time and location of the incident: 31 August, around 13:00h in Dulica

Source of information: The local media novini.mk (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims were involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when unidentified persons have vandalized the wall of the Monastery by writing offensive graffiti.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: : Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive for an attack where religious objects are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

61. **Bus with number 2 stoned in Skopje, one passenger injured**

What happened: A bus with number 2 was stoned by unidentified persons while commuting on its regular route in Saraj- Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: August 31, around 14:00h in Skopje

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: One passenger suffered head injured as result of the bus attack.

Type of the crime(s): Causing material damage, violence.

Perpetrator(s): One unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when an unidentified person stoned the bus in an area where these types of incidents often occur, however it is not easy to establish the motive for the attack although it can be presumed that is occurred because of ethnic reasons.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year and were presumably perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

62. **A young man beaten in Aerodrom**

What happened: A young man was attacked by a group of young supporters of a Macedonian basketball team.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 6, around 17:40h in Skopje (Aerodrom)

Source of information: The local media Almakos (alb).

Victim(s) involved: A young student member of the Albanian community who after the attack was transferred to a hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified group of young supporters of a Macedonian basketball team.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred as result of the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents put into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two biggest communities in the country.

63. **The Multi- Kulti center in Kumanovo vandalized**

What happened: The center was vandalized by members of the Macedonian football supporters in Kumanovo.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 6, in Kumanovo, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The incident was reported on the official web site of the center.

Victim(s) involved: No victims were involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Unknown members of the Macedonian football supporters in Kumanovo.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The premises of the youth center were vandalized by members of the Macedonian football supporters in Kumanovo, who deleted the messages for multiculturalism that the center is promoting in the city of Kumanovo.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Another incident in the group of incidents that has the ethnic background of the victim/center as a main reason for the attack.

64. **Two teenagers stabbed in the center of Skopje**

What happened: The incident occurred when two young men attacked the victims in the center of Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 6, in Skopje, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Telegraf Mk (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two young men who suffered serious injuries and were transferred in hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, attempted murder.

Perpetrator(s): Two young men who were later identified by the Police.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The victims were attacked because they were wearing a jersey from the Macedonian national football team.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police found the perpetrators and charged them with criminal charge for attempted murder.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two biggest communities in the country.

65. An offensive graffiti written on the wall of a mosque in Skopje

What happened: Unidentified person has written offensive graffiti on the wall of a mosque saying “Macedonia- MKD”.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 9, around 04:15h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Sky (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when an unidentified person has written graffiti on the wall of a mosque. According to the content of the graffiti it can be established that the incident is motivated by religious hatred.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive for an attack where religious objects are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

66. A transsexual woman attacked in Tetovo

What happened: The incident occurred when a transsexual woman was attacked with knife by an unidentified person.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 9, around 20:40h in Tetovo

Source of information: N/A

Victim(s) involved: The woman who suffered injuries made by knife.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, using illegal weapons.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred as result of the gender identity of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police found the perpetrator and will press charges against him.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are often taking place in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

67. Minors beaten in the area of Dimitar Vlahov high school

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of students attacked two other young students.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 10, around 15:00h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two students who suffered injuries and were transferred to the hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when the victims were attacked without any reason. According to the number of incidents occurred in the last period of time in this area, it is highly probable that the incident occurred as result of ethnic hatred.

Status of the case: The incident has been reported to the Police.

Response of local authorities: The Police has made certain inquiries, however it is still searching for the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as a result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

68. Minor attacked in bus number 65

What happened: The incident occurred when unidentified students have attacked the victim in the bus number 65.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 12, in Skopje, time of the incident unknown.

Source of information: The local media Denesen (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A minor who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified group of students.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: During the last period of time, many incidents that were having the ethnic hatred as a motive happened in bus number 65. It can be presumed that this incident is also motivated because of ethnic hatred.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police is carrying out investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

69. **One more minor attacked in bus number 65**

What happened: The incident occurred when unidentified students have attacked the victim in the bus number 65.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 12, around 13:20h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Tocka (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A minor who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified group of students.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: During the last period of time, many incidents that were having the ethnic hatred as a motive happened in bus number 65. It can be presumed that this incident is also motivated because of ethnic hatred.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

70. 50 year old man attacked at a bus stop

What happened: The incident occurred when a man was attacked at a bus stop by two unidentified persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 13, around 13:30h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 50 years old man who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault.

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when unidentified persons attacked the victim who stepped out of bus number 50. During the last period of time many incidents that were having the ethnic hatred as a motive for the attack occurred in buses. It can be presumed that this incident is also motivated because of ethnic hatred.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police is carrying out investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

71. Minor attacked in the center of Skopje

What happened: A group of 5 men attacked a minor without reason while he was walking in the city center.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 13, around 10:00h in the center of Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Net Press (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Minor who suffered injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5 persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of 5 men, unprovoked, attacked the 17 year old boy on the street. The victim was injured as a result of the kicks and the punches by the attackers. It is highly probable that the victim was beaten because of his ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities by the victim's grandfather.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. No further information on the investigation.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

72. **Masked bullies attacked young people from Skopje**

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of masked bullies without a reason attacked two young people.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 21, around 01:00h in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Net Press (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two 20 year old boys suffered injuries as a result of the incident.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified men, covering their faces with scarves and hats.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a masked group of bullies, attacked the 20 year old boys with wooden bats and knife, causing them several injuries. It is highly probable that the victims have been attacked because of their ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene. No further information on the investigation.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

73. **New provocation in Taftalidze with new graffiti – “Death for kauri”**

What happened: An unidentified person has written “Death for kauri” on electric pole on Copenhagen Street in Taftalidze, Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 21, the time of the incident is unknown, at Copenhagen Street in Taftalidze, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): An unknown person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: An unidentified person has written “Death for kauri” on electric pole on Copenhagen Street in Taftalidze, Skopje. It is obvious that there was an ethnic background for this vandal act.

Status of the case: No information.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the ethnic background is the main motive for the occurrence of this type of incidents shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of incidents can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

74. **A minor beaten by attackers**

What happened: A group of three unidentified men without a reason attacked a minor.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 22, around 18:00h in the school yard of the elementary school “Naim Fraseri” in Kumanovo.

Source of information: The local media Vecer (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: 15 year old minor who was attacked and beaten.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Three unidentified men, older than the victim.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred in the school yard of the elementary school “Naim Fraseri” in Kumanovo, when 15 year old boy, without a reason has been attacked and beaten by the group of three unidentified men, older than him.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified three perpetrators and held them responsible for the attack. They will be prosecuted accordingly for participating in a fight.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

75. A minor beaten with a metal stick by three masked attackers in Micurin

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of masked bullies without a reason attacked a minor with iron rod.

Date, time and location of the incident: September 22, around 13:00h at “Benjamin Macukovski” St. in Micurin, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Minor who suffered visible injury.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified men, covering their faces with masks.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place when the victim from village Dolno Kolicani, near Skopje, was walking along the “Benjamin Macukovski” St. and without any specific reason was attacked by the perpetrators with iron rod. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

76. **Vandalism in the church "St.Dimitrija"- Oktisi**

What happened: Unknown perpetrator after forcibly entered the church "St.Dimitrija" in village Oktisi near Struga, burned the cloth which covered the candles and threw one icon on the floor.

Date, time and location of the incident: 27 September, the time of the incident is unknown, church "St.Dimitrija" in village Oktisi near Struga.

Source of information: The local media Utrinski (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): An unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: Unknown perpetrator after forcibly entered the church "St.Dimitrija" in village Oktisi near Struga, burned the cloth which covered the candles and threw one icon on the floor. It is clear that the incident happened due to a different belonging to a religion.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene and they are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving religious reasons as a motive for an attack where religious objects are also attacked can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

77. **Students from the high school "Dimitar Vlahov" attacked by a group of juveniles from Arachinovo**

What happened: The incident occurred when in the range of high school "Dimitar Vlahov", a group of students from village Aracinovo near Skopje, physically attacked two 17 year old students from Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 1, around 17:00h in the range of high school “Dimitar Vlahov” in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media MKD News (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: two 17 year old students physically assaulted.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): a group of minor students from Aracinovo.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when in the range of high school “Dimitar Vlahov”, a group of students from village Aracinovo near Skopje, physically attacked two 17 year old students from Skopje. It is presumable that the motive for the attack is the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: On the basis of suspicion the police detained and interrogated 4 minors and stated that will take appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as a result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people.

78. High school students fought in "Pance Karagjozov"

What happened: Fight between a boy of Macedonian nationality, and three students of Albanian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 3, in the afternoon hours, in the school yard of the medical high school “Pance Karagjozov”, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Telegraf (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: One boy of Macedonian nationality.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): three students of Albanian nationality.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when in the school yard of the medical high school “Pance Karagjozov”, a group of three students of Albanian nationality began a fight with one boy of Macedonian nationality. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: Inspector of juvenile interrogated the participants in the fight, and notified their parents about the event in which their children participate. The Police are carrying out an investigation to clarify the case and the reasons which led to the misunderstanding.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

79. Girl attacked at a bus station in Avtokomanda

What happened: One unidentified person without a specific reason attacked a 16 year old girl of Albanian nationality from the village Batinci, while she was awaiting the bus at a bus station in Avtokomanda.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 3, around 13:00h at a bus station in Avtokomanda, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Telegraf (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: 16 year old girl who suffered injuries, received medical treatment in hospital after the attack.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): one unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: This incident took place at the bus station in Avtokomanda, when the bus number “65” arrived and four unidentified persons got off the bus, while the victim was at the bus stop. Without any specific reason the girl was struck in front of the chest area by one of them. The girl suffered injuries and was taken to hospital. After the medical assistance, the girl was released from hospital. This is one more incident that happened in the period of incidents when young people from different ethnic background were attacking each other, which might bring us to the conclusion that this particular incident also happened due to ethnic differences.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These incidents happened due to the ethnic background of the victims. This is considered as the main motive for the attack and puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country and reduces the trust between them.

80. **A 19 year old boy beaten in Cento**

What happened: A 19 year old boy was beaten by a group of five to six perpetrators of Albanian nationality.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 4, around 19:00h in Cento, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: a 19 year old boy who suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): a group of five to six ethnic Albanians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of ethnic Albanians have attacked a 19 year old boy on the street in Cento, Skopje. The perpetrators attacked the victim, hitting him on the head and body. The boy suffered minor injuries. It is presumable that the motive for the attack is the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene and they are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

81. **A boy beaten in Kapishtec**

What happened: An 18 year old boy was beaten by a group of unidentified perpetrators.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 4, around 18:00h at “Anton Popov” in Kapishtec, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plus Info (mkd) and Tv Koha (alb).

Victim(s) involved: a 18 year old boy who suffered visible injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): a group of unidentified attackers.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of unidentified perpetrators without a reason attacked 18 year old boy from Skopje on the street in Cento. The attackers punched and kicked the victim, causing him visible injuries on the head and body. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

82. **A 24 year old man beaten by high school students in Tetovo**

What happened: A 24 year old man was attacked and beaten by four younger men in Tetovo.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 6, around 01:00h at “Jane Sandanski” Street in Tetovo

Source of information: the local media A1 On (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 24 year old man who as a result of the injuries was in need of medical treatment and was taken to hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Four men aged between 16 and 18 years.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of four young men without a reason attacked a 24 year old man at “Jane Sandanski” Street in Tetovo. The perpetrators started hitting the victim on the head

causing him several injuries. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police interrogated the perpetrators and stated that will take the appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards a ethnic group of people, therefore it is highly probable that the incident occurred because of ethnic differences which put into question the ethnic relations in the country.

83. **A group of eight young men attacked a 16 year old man**

What happened: One 16 year old young man was attacked by eight other young persons.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 6, around 00:50h in Kumanovo.

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 16 year old young man who suffered injuries as result of the attack.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Eight 17 year old young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the source of information the victim was attacked by eight 17 year old young men in the range in Kumanovo. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police found the perpetrators and held them responsible for the attack.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

84. Students fought in high school in Gostivar

What happened: One 18 year old student was attacked by three other students in high school in Gostivar.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 9, the time of the incident is unknown, in high school in Gostivar.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: An 18 year old student who as a result of injuries received medical treatment in hospital immediately after the attack.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): three 18 year old students.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the source of information the student was attacked by three 18 year old students in the range of a high school in Gostivar. As the result of the injuries the victim received medical treatment in hospital immediately after the attack. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police found and detained the perpetrators, and stated that will take the appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

85. Mass fight at high school in Aerodrom

What happened: The incident occurred at “Treta Makedonska brigada” Street in Aerodrom, Skopje, between two groups of students, one of chemical high school “Marija Kiri Sklodovska” and the other of PTT high school “Vlado Tasevski”.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 9, the time of the incident is unknown, at “Treta Makedonska brigada” St. in Aerodrom, Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Two students who suffered injuries, and were taken to hospital after the fight.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Two groups of students from different high schools in Skopje.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: Police crews several hours have blocked the street “Treta Makedonska brigada” in Aerodrom, in the intervention about the incident between two groups of students. According to the information from the Ministry of Interior, the fight was caused by two groups of students from different schools that were walking on different sides of the street. In the incident were used hard object and as a result of the fight two students were injured and were taken to hospital after the attack. It is presumable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police blocked the street “Treta Makedonska brigada” in Aerodrom in order to solve the case. Moreover, 9 persons have been identified by the Police as perpetrators. They will be accordingly prosecuted for the crime.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

86. Scout team “Bashkimi” from Kicevo expelled from the National scout school of Macedonia

What happened: The incident occurred when the members of the scout team of “Bashkimi” were expelled from the management of the National Scout unit of Macedonia.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 10, around 10:00am in Katlanovo.

Source of information: The local media A1 on (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims involved in the incident, however the members of the scout team of “Bashkimi” were directly discriminated.

Type of the crime(s): Infringing the right to equality of all citizens.

Perpetrator(s): The member of the management of the National Scout unit of Macedonia.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The reason for the incident is the ethnic background of the members of the Scout team “Bashkimi”.

Status of the case: No information

Response of local authorities: No information

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two biggest communities in the country.

87. Three young men from Skopje fought in a bus of the Public Transportation Company

What happened: Three young men from Skopje fought in a bus of the Public Transportation Company

Date, time and location of the incident: October 10, around 13:00h in village Volkovo, near the bus stop at railway crossing in the village Novo Selo.

Source of information: The local media Net Press (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: One 20 year old man, no information about any injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Two young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the information by the Ministry of Interior, the incident occurred when one 20 year old man from Volkovo and two young men both from Nikishtani, started the fight in the bus owned by the Public Transportation Company. They've exchanged a few punches and kicks in the head and the body area. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police stated that will take the appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence

between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

88. Stoned train that traveled from Skopje to Kicevo near Kondovo

What happened: Three unidentified men stoned the train Skopje-Kicevo.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 11, around 17:00h, near village Kondovo.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: There is no information about injured victims only damage of property.

Type of the crime(s): Violence, vandalism, damaging of property.

Perpetrator(s): Three unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The train was stoned near village Kondovo by three persons. Although it is hard to establish, it has to be mentioned that it is possible the incident to have happened as result of ethnic intolerance.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents does not happened very often however it was not an isolated incident.

89. Macedonian flag burned on a flagpole in Gostivar

What happened: The incident occurred when a state flag of the Republic of Macedonia was burned. The flag has been placed in front of the power plant in Mavrovo.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 11 in the afternoon hours in Gostivar- Mavrovo.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Damaging of property, vandalism, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified person(s).

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the police information, the flag was burned the previous night and the security guard noticed it when he came to work the morning after. Despite the Macedonian flag, there were the Albanian flag and the company flag, which weren't damaged. These types of events clearly indicate that as a main reason for the incident was the ethnicity of the citizens which once again puts in question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police have investigated the crime scene and they are taking measures to find the perpetrator/s.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country and the cohabitation between the Macedonians, on one side and the Albanians on the other as the two major communities in the country.

90. **Transgender person attacked in Gorce Petrov**

What happened: A transgender person was attacked on the street in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 13, the time of the incident is unknown, in Gorce Petrov, Skopje

Source of information: N/A

Victim(s) involved: The transgender person.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): One unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The girl was hit in the head area, her nose was injured, and she also was hit in the abdomen area. There was a group of three persons, but only one of them was the perpetrator. The perpetrators fled the crime scene and the girl received help from a group of people who were in the vicinity. After the attack the girl was taken to hospital where she was given medical attention.

It is clear that the incident happened as a result of intolerance against the LGBT people in the society, which according to the latest reports of international organizations is one of the highest in Europe.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police made a report about this incident.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the sexual orientation or the gender identity is the main motive for the attack of LGBT people are often taking place in our society which shows that the intolerance towards this group of persons is high. It has to be emphasized that the lack of prosecution and the impunity of these crimes encourage other potential perpetrators to commit crimes against LGBT people.

91. **The bus number 2 got stoned in Saraj**

What happened: A group of Macedonian hooligans attacked the bus number 2 in the region of Saraj.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 13, around 20:00h in Saraj, near Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Lokalno (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Threat, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): a group of Macedonian hooligans.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place in the region of Saraj which is populated by Albanians, when a group of unidentified persons attacked the bus by using stones. Witnesses claim that the unidentified men of the group were the supporters of the football club "Vardar" (Macedonian club) called "Komiti". Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This attack shows that incidents where ethnicity is considered as a motive can be problematic and can adversely affect the mixed ethnic population living in this area.

92. **A minor attacked in the bus number 65**

What happened: Two unidentified persons physically attacked a minor.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 16, the time of the incident is unknown, in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Telegraf (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A minor who suffered visible injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the police, two unidentified persons attacked the minor, punching him in the head area, causing him minor injuries. At the next bus station the perpetrators took off the bus. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is highly probable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

93. **The Committee of VMRO-DPMNE in Ohrid demolished**

What happened: The incident occurred when unidentified perpetrator/s stoned the Committee of VMRO-DPMNE in Ohrid and broke the front door and windows of the Committee.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 23, the time of the incident is unknown, at the Committee of VMRO-DPMNE in Ohrid.

Source of information: The local media Ohrid 1 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except for the material damage, no victims were involved in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Causing material damage, damaging of property, violence, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): unidentified perpetrator/s.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place when unidentified perpetrator/s stoned the Committee of VMRO-DPMNE in Ohrid. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident it is presumable that the reason for this incident has political background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The police reacted immediately. The investigation is ongoing and the police took samples of the broken glass. The investigation included a number of investigators and among them there was the commander of SIA Ohrid, Zoran Sarafiloski and the leadership of VMRO DPMNE MC Ohrid. Police procured the video footage from security cameras of the Welfare Center that is adjacent to the Committee, which has probably filmed the attack.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This type of incidents brings into question the general political situation in the country.

94. **A young man was attacked in Skopje**

What happened: A group of five to six ethnic Albanians attacked 15 years old young man from Kavadarci.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 25, around 19:30h on Boulevard "Alexander the Great" in Skopje.

Source of information: the local media Telegraf (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Minor who suffered injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of five to six Albanians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of 5 men, unprovoked, attacked the 17 year old boy on the street. The victim was injured as a result of the kicks and the punches by the attackers. It is highly probable that the victim was beaten because of his ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people. An incident where the ethnic background is the main motive for the occurrence of this type of incidents shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of incidents can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

95. **The Cyrillic version of the traffic signs that lead to Mavrovo crossed-out**

What happened: Unidentified persons have damaged the traffic signs on the road that leads to Mavrovo.

Date, time and location of the incident: October 27, the time of the incident is unknown, on the road that leads to Mavrovo.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Except the material damage, no persons were injured in this incident.

Type of the crime(s): Damaging of property, vandalism, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: Almost on all traffic signs on the road that leads to Mavrovo, the Cyrillic version of the name is crossed-out. On some of the signs there is only the Latin version and on some even the Latin version is crossed-out and replaced with Albanian version of the toponyms. Taking into consideration the circumstances of the incident, it is presumable that the reason for this incident has ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents where the ethnic background is the main motive for the occurrence of this type of incidents shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of incidents can

seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

96. Three teenagers attacked on a playground in Cento

What happened: Three teenagers were attacked on Saturday night by several masked attackers, on the playground in Cento.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 2, the time of the incident is unknown, on the playground near the last bus stop No.45 in Cento, Skopje.

Source of information: Makfax (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Three young men who suffered serious injuries and were transferred in hospital.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of masked attackers.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of masked perpetrators attacked three minors on the playground. The victims were injured as a result of the kicks and the punches by the attackers. They were hit with wooden and metal objects in the head and body area. After the attack, at the result of their injuries, the victims were in need of medical treatment and were transferred to hospital. It is highly probable that the victims were beaten because of their ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are taking measures to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which were perpetrated as result of a prejudice towards an ethnic group of people. An incident where the ethnic background is the main motive shows that the intolerance between the two biggest communities in the country is high. This type of incidents can seriously harm the fragile relations in the society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi-religious society.

97. **Fight among high school students in Skopje, one injured**

What happened: The disagreements between two groups of students, one of chemical high school "Marija Kiri Sklodovska" and the other of PTT high school "Vlado Tasevski" started at the school and escalated at the boulevard "Kuzman Josifovski - Pitu" near "Zegin". In the fight one student was injured.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 4, around 07:00h, at the Boulevard "Kuzman Josifovski - Pitu" near "Zegin", at the Transport Centre, in Skopje.

Source of information: the local media Republika (mkd and alb).

Victim(s) involved: The student who suffered minor injuries, and was taken to hospital after the fight.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified students.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The disagreements between two groups of students, one of chemical high school "Marija Kiri Sklodovska" and the other of PTT high school "Vlado Tasevski" started at the school and escalated with a fight at the boulevard "Kuzman Josifovski - Pitu" near "Zegin". In the fight one student was injured and after the incident he was taken to hospital. . It is presumable that the incident has an ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

98. **A minor beaten in the centre of Skopje**

What happened: The incident took place when a group of six to seven ethnic Albanians without any reason attacked a 14 year old young man in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 9, around 17:00h near the Hotel Holiday Inn in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The minor who suffered several injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of six to seven ethnic Albanians.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident took place when a group of six to seven Albanians without any specific reason, physically attacked 14-year-old boy near the Holiday Inn Hotel in Skopje. The victim suffered several injuries, such as bloody nose and bruises all over the body. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities by the victim's parents.

Response of local authorities: The Police are taking measures to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

99. Fight in bus No.33, one student is injured

What happened: The incident occurred when on the bus stop in a bus No.33 a 17 year old young man without any reason was attacked by a group of fifteen young men.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 14, around 13:00h on the bus stop at "Third Macedonian Brigade" St. in Skopje in a bus of the Public Transportation Company No.33.

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: A 17 year old young man was attacked in a bus that suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital after the attack.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of fifteen young men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when on the bus stop at "Third Macedonian Brigade" St. in Skopje in a bus of the Public Transportation Company No.33. a 17-year-old boy without any specific reason was attacked by a group of fifteen young men, hitting him with punches. The boy suffered

several injuries and was taken to hospital after the fight. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are taking measures to find the perpetrators. On November 19 the Police found the perpetrators. Eight minors from villages Batinci, Grcec and Studeniciani are suspected that on November 14 attacked the young man in the bus No.33.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

100. **Two minors attacked on a bus stop**

What happened: The incident occurred when on the bus stop at the Boulevard “Boris Trajkovski” in Skopje two minors without any specific reason were physically attacked by unidentified person.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 14, around 13:00h on a bus stop at the Boulevard “Boris Trajkovski” in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Kurir (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The two minors who suffered.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): An unidentified person.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when two minors without any reason were attacked by unidentified person. As a result of the attack, the minors have suffered visible injuries. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators. There is no further information about the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

101. Ten people entered in a bus and beat eight children with wooden baseball bats

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of ten people entered the bus No.45 armed with wooden baseball bats and beat up the passengers. In the incident eight children were injured.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 14, around 19:00h, in the bus No.45 at the last bus stop in an area mostly populated by members of the Albanian community in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Press24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Eight children who were injured.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): Ten unidentified men.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of ten unidentified attackers armed with wooden baseball bats entered the bus No.45 and beat up the passengers. In the incident eight children were injured. The incident took place on the last bus stop in an area mostly populated by members of the Albanian community which could draw to a conclusion that the attack is committed due to ethnicity reasons. As a sign of revolt, residents of Stajkovci blocked the road that leads to the entry of the village.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: No information.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

102. A minor attacked in the bus No.7

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of minors attacked 15 year old young man in the bus No. 7, near the Transport Centre, in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 15, around 13:00h in the bus No. 7, near the Transport Centre, in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Nova TV (mkd) and MKD (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The 15 year old young man who was attacked.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of minors.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened when a group of minors attacked one minor in the bus No. 7, near the Transport Centre in Skopje, hitting him with punches in the head and arms area. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victim.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police were carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators. On the basis of suspicion the Police found five minors from Arachinovo, Studenicani and Rasche and stated that will take appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened. This was not an isolated incident which causes insecurity in general and especially for the people who use public transportation.

103. **A group of ten minors attacked 14 year old young man in Gostivar**

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of ten minors attacked the 14 year old young man in Gostivar. In the incident the minor suffered visible injuries.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 22, around 21:00h at “S.Peposki” St. in Gostivar.

Source of information: The local media Sky (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The minor who suffered visible injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence.

Perpetrator(s): A group of ten minors.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident happened near the PE “Water Supply” in Gostivar when a group of ten minors physically attacked the 14

year old young man, hitting him in the head and body area. The victim was injured as a result of the kicks and the punches by the attackers. It is highly probable that the victim was beaten because of his ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police is taking measures to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

104. A young female injured in a stoned bus No. 58

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of unidentified attackers stoned the bus No. 58, breaking two windows and injuring 18 year old young woman girl from village Chiflik.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 25, the incident occurred in the evening but the exact time is unknown in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The 18 year old girl who was injured and the material damage that was caused.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, damaging of public property, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified attackers.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the information from the Police, the incident happened when a group of unidentified attackers stoned the bus No. 58, breaking two windows and injuring 18 year old girl from village Chiflik. It is highly probable that the perpetrators had an intention to injure people who were in the bus with (presumably) different ethnic background from the one that they have.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators. There is no further information about the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

105. Minors attacked 18 year old boy and broke the bus window of the bus No.50

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of unidentified minors attacked the 18 year old young man and broke the bus window of the bus No. 50 of the Public Transportation Company.

Date, time and location of the incident: November 25, the incident occurred in the evening but the exact time is unknown at Bit Pazar bus stop in Skopje.

Source of information: The local media Plusinfo (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: The 18 year old young man. Material damage caused by the attackers.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, threat, violence, damaging of public property, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified minors.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the information from the Police, the incident occurred at the Bit Pazar bus stop, when a group of unidentified minors exiting the bus attacked the 18 year old boy, broke the bus window of the bus No.50 and then fled. It is highly probable that the perpetrators attacked the victim because of his (presumably) different ethnic background from the one that they have, especially if the area where the bus stopped is taken into consideration, which is in an area mostly populated by members of the Albanian community.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This was not an isolated incident which causes insecurity in general and especially for the people who use public transportation. This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

106. **Citizens in attempt to damage the “Tsar Dushan” monument in Skopje**

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of unidentified persons attacked the monument of “Tsar Dushan” in the center of Skopje

Date, time and location of the incident: December 7, around 00:30h in the center of Skopje

Source of information: The local media Libertas (mkd), Alsat M (alb) and Almakos (alb).

Victim(s) involved: No victims involved in this incident, however material damage was caused.

Type of the crime(s): Damaging of public property, vandalism.

Perpetrator(s): A group of 20 to 30 unidentified persons.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: According to the information from the media, the incident occurred in the center of Skopje, when a group of unidentified persons attacked the monument with intention to remove it. In the history, Tsar Dushan is considered as a person who has been ruling the region during the 14 century and has caused atrocities against the population living in this region especially towards the Albanian population and it is assumed that this is the main reason for the attempt to destroy the monument.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Although it is an isolated incident, it shows one more time that incidents where ethnicity or religion is considered as a motive can be problematic and can adversely affect the mixed ethnic population living in the country even when a monument of a person from the history is in question.

107. **Fifteen (15) minors attacked two young men**

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of fifteen (15) minors attacked the two young men aged 13 and 18

Date, time and location of the incident: December 14, around 14:30h in Cair

Source of information: The local media Kanal 5 (mkd) and Sitel (mkd)

Victim(s) involved: Two young men aged 13 and 15

Type of the crime(s): Assault

Perpetrator(s): Fifteen (15) unidentified minors

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when the group of 15 minors attacked the two other young men without any specific reason. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police found the perpetrators and will take appropriate measures against four minors that attacked the victims.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

108. **A student attacked in the high school Arseni Jovkov**

What happened: The incident occurred when two students attacked another 15 year old student

Date, time and location of the incident: December 16, around 13:30h in the yard of the high school

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: 15 year old student

Type of the crime(s): Assault

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified students who were later identified by the Police.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when the two students attacked the other student without any specific reason. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified the perpetrators and took appropriate measures against two students that attacked the victims.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

109. **Another incident in bus no.65**

What happened: The incident occurred when two unidentified young men attacked a 15 year old student

Date, time and location of the incident: December 17, around 18:00h in the bus no.65

Source of information: The local media Press 24 (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: 15 year old student

Type of the crime(s): Assault

Perpetrator(s): Two unidentified young men

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when two unidentified young men attacked the 15 year old student without any specific reason. It is presumable that the motive for the attack was the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified only one of the perpetrators and took appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened this year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country.

110. **Two high school students attacked at a bus stop**

What happened: The incident occurred two persons attacked the two high school students

Date, time and location of the incident: 18 December around 19:30h at the bus stop in front of the "Vlado Tasevski" high school

Source of information: The local media Press24 (mkd)

Victim(s) involved: Two high school students attacked. The victims suffered minor injuries.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, causing physical injuries

Perpetrator(s): Two young men who were later identified by the Police.

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when the perpetrators attacked the victims as result of an previous argument. According to the

circumstances it can be presumed that the attack occurred as result of the ethnic background of the victims.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified the perpetrators and took appropriate action against them.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

111. **Request for the Islamic population in Cair not to celebrate the New Year's Eve**

What happened: The incident occurred when unidentified persons have distributed leaflets in which it is stated that the Islamic population in Cair should not celebrate the New Year's Eve.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 December, in the morning hours in Butel

Source of information: The local media MKD (mkd)

Victim(s) involved: No victims involved in this incident

Type of the crime(s): Causing national, racial or religious hate, discord and intolerance

Perpetrator(s): Unidentified persons

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when unidentified persons have distributed leaflets in the municipality of Cair in which it is stated that the Islamic population in Cair should not celebrate the New Year's Eve.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: Incidents involving the ethnic and religious background as a motive for the attack can seriously harm the fragile ethnic relations in our society and leave a bad example in a multiethnic and multi- religious society.

112. Clashes between the Police and the protestors who protested against the monument of Tsar Dushan

What happened: The incident occurred when the group of protestors who protested against the monument of Tsar Dushan attempted to reach the monument but they were prevented by the Police.

Date, time and location of the incident: 20 December, around 12:00h in the center of Skopje.

Source of information: The local media A1on (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: No victims involved in this incident

Type of the crime(s): Causing national, racial or religious hate, discord and intolerance

Perpetrator(s): A group of protestors

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: Tsar Dushan is considered as a person who has been ruling the region during the 14 century and has caused atrocities against the population living in this region especially towards the Albanian population and it is assumed that this is the main reason for the protest.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police are carrying out an investigation to find the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident was one of many incidents that took place in the exact period of time when other incidents involving young people who have been attacked due to their ethnicity happened.

113. Three minors attacked

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of ten unidentified persons attacked the three minors

Date, time and location of the incident: 20 December around 13:00h in the center of Skopje

Source of information: The local media Telegraf mk (mkd)

Victim(s) involved: Three minors who suffered minor injuries. One backpack has been taken by the attackers.

Type of the crime(s): Assault, theft

Perpetrator(s): Ten unidentified persons

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: It is highly possible that the incident was motivated by the ethnic background of the victims, having in mind the circumstances how the incident occurred.

Status of the case: N/A

Response of local authorities: N/A

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: N/A

114. **A young woman attacked in bus no.7**

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of high school students attacked another young female high school student

Date, time and location of the incident: December 20, around 13:30h in the area around "Dimitar Vlahov" high school

Source of information: The local media Telegraf mk (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Young female high school student who suffered minor injuries

Type of the crime(s): Assault

Perpetrator(s): A group of unidentified high school students

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when a group of unidentified high school students attacked the female high school student without any specific reason. It is presumable that the incident occurred as result of the ethnic background of the victim having in mind the area where it occurred and having in mind that most of the incidents that occurred in buses in the last period had the ethnic background as a motive.

Status of the case: N/A

Response of local authorities: N/A

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence

between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

115. A group of twelve minors involved in a fight

What happened: The incident occurred when a group of twelve high school students were involved into an argument that later resulted in a fight

Date, time and location of the incident: 23 December, around 09:30h in the school yard of the ASUC “Boro Petrushevski” high school

Source of information: The local media Net Press (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: Twelve high school students

Type of the crime(s): Assault, vandalism

Perpetrator(s): Twelve high school students

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: It is highly possible that the ethnicity of the students was the motive for the attack.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified all the students that were involved in the fight and took appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.

116. A high school student attacked in the ASUC “Boro Petrushevski” high school

What happened: The incident occurred when an unidentified person attacked a 17 year old student

Date, time and location of the incident: 24 December around 09:10h in the school yard of the ASUC “Boro Petrushevski” high school.

Source of information: The local media Sitel (mkd).

Victim(s) involved: One 17 year old high school student

Type of the crime(s): Assault.

Perpetrator(s): 16 year old young man who was later identified by the Police

Brief description of incident with bias indicators: The incident occurred when an unidentified person attacked a 17 year old student in the school yard. It is highly probable that this is another hate crime incident involving young men/students with different ethnic background.

Status of the case: The incident was reported to the local authorities.

Response of local authorities: The Police identified the perpetrator and took appropriate measures.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident is one of many incidents that happened in this period of the year which puts into question the ethnic coexistence between the two major communities in the country having the ethnic background of the victims as the motive for the attacks.