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## 1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

This report is the outcome of the “Promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination” Project which was financially supported by the OSCE Mission to Skopje, and was conducted in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

The project aimed to tackle the issue of hate crime and hate speech through improved legislation, increasing public awareness, building the capacities of criminal justice agencies and registering bias incidents. More specifically, this report is designed to serve as an indicator of the scope, nature and frequency of hate crimes perpetrated in the country.

Within its mandate as an implementing partner, the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (MHC) conducted the following activities in regard to hate crime:

1. Monitor incidents/hate crimes, with special attention to sports violence with bias motivation;
2. Review reported hate cases and contribute to the ODIHR Annual Report on hate crimes and incidents in the OSCE Region for 2017;
3. Maintain the website [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com), including providing information in Macedonian, Albanian and English language; posts links to it on popular internet portals as well as maintain the Facebook page and Twitter account; update the information on cases (letters to Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Public Prosecution); and present separate search options for hate crimes committed and protected characteristics
4. Use the Red Button application on the site of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for reporting hate crimes,
5. Produce monthly bulletins on the situation with hate crimes in the country;
6. Prepare, translate and publish the report from the monitoring in 2018 in Macedonian, Albanian and English language;
7. Mark the proposed Day of Victims of Hate Crimes (22nd July) by organizing a press conference and “Turlitava” event as in previous years with a public announcement or other means suitable at the period of time;
8. Provide free legal aid to victims of hate crimes and monitor trials of selected cases of hate crimes on different protected characteristics,
9. Produce 2 informative videos for raising awareness of hate crimes, reporting hate crimes and informing about victims’ rights.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

### 2.1 Monitoring the national printed and electronic media

The MHC monitored a number of daily newspapers with different ideological leanings and political affiliation. The monitoring of electronic media was done on a daily basis, through the two most popular internet news generators ([www.time.mk](http://www.time.mk) and [www.grid.mk](http://www.grid.mk)), as well as by using the advanced search options under the “News” section of [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). Once a hate crime or an incident was recorded, the MHC wrote down the title of the story and its internet link and published it on the internet portal for reporting hate crimes – [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk) (see activity 2.3 below). As a result of the implementation of this activity, in the period between 1 January and 31 December 2018, the MHC managed to register and publish 123 hate crimes/incidents.

### 2.2 Reporting hate crimes and hate incidents to the OSCE Mission to Skopje

Details regarding the incidents (brief description, date, time, location, source of information, victim(s) involved, perpetrators, status of the case, response by authorities, and impact on the victim(s) and the community) were regularly reported to the OSCE Mission to Skopje and their tracking was largely facilitated by the continual successful functioning of the web platform for hate crimes mapping. Apart from being able to follow hate crime incidents online after they occurred, the OSCE Mission to Skopje received one interim and one final report prepared by the MHC. The final report will be shared with OSCE/ODIHR for its annual report on hate crime in the participating states of the OSCE.

### 2.3 Maintaining an interactive website for hate crime reporting

The web portal [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com) (also available as [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk)) since 2014) is an interactive tool enabling citizens to receive information on and report hate crimes. It contains an interactive map showing the exact or approximate location of the incidents. The home page lists the categories of hate crime and bias motivations, provides information regarding the way in which citizens can report (e-applications, twitter, email, and online form), and displays statistical graphics. There are also FAQ, Resources, and Glossary sections on the web portal, under which information regarding the project, the meaning and scope of hate crime, and publications on hate crime are provided. Apart from Macedonian language, the portal is also available in English and Albanian.

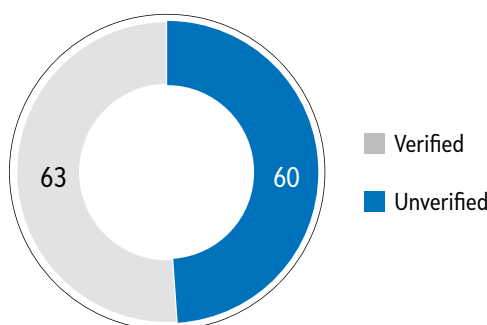
## 3. SUMMARY OF THE MAIN FINDINGS

### 3.1 Context

The European Commission's progress reports published in the period between 2013 and 2016 for the country state that "Data collection on the reporting, investigation and prosecution of hate crime is not yet systematic, the collected data show that such crimes are not adequately prosecuted by the authorities and it is necessary to provide training to law enforcement officials, public prosecutors and judges". The special analysis of hate crimes registered in 2013, the annual reports of hate crime in the country for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, this report and the web portal for hate crime reporting -- [www.zlostorstvaodmrza.mk](http://www.zlostorstvaodmrza.mk), represent the first and most extensive efforts to map, monitor and report incidents of hate crime in the country.

However, we must note in this report that, beside the fact that more than 2,000 police officers were trained to recognize hate crimes, and the fact that automatic data base systems in prosecution and judiciary have an optional button for registering cases of hate crimes, in practice, the proper and timely recognition and registration of hate crimes by official police and judicial authorities is still lacking.

### 3.2. Number of incidents



In the period between 1 January and 31 December 2018, the MHC registered a total of 123 incidents and hate crimes. The incidents were registered immediately after they were reported by the media or the Ministry of Interior. At the same time, out of the total number of registered incidents, 60 incidents (49%) were verified, while 63 incidents (51%) remain unverified. As unverified still remain most of the cases where according to the other indicators (location, manner of execution, involvement of minors and high school students, etc.) there is a reasonable belief that these are biased incidents motivated by the ethnicity of the victim. Despite our requests for confirmation of the indicators, the Ministry of Interior did not confirm the indicator to verify these hate crime incidents.

The majority of incidents were confirmed by checking the police bulletins and media reporting. The unverified incidents were nevertheless included in the report due to the occurrence of bias

indicators, including: victim/witness perception; comments made on the spot; the difference between the victim and the perpetrator on ethnic grounds; pattern/frequency of previous incidents; the nature of the violence; the absence of other motives; and location and timing. More specifically, the unverified incidents were included because of the information received with regards to the scene of the incident (e.g., ethnically mixed neighborhoods and schools, bus routes used by members of different ethnic communities, places where hate crime has already occurred in the past, etc.), the type of incident (e.g., a larger group of juveniles attacking one or more victims without being provoked, group fights, assault on a bus or at a bus station, etc.), the time of the incident (after a previous fight as a form of revenge, after school hours, during or after a sporting event, etc.) and property damaged during the incident (e.g., places of religious rites). The unverified and verified incidents can be seen separately on the web portal for hate crime reporting (the verified ones are marked with a green textbox, while the unverified ones with a red one). In the Annex enclosed with this report, the verified and unverified incidents are marked with a note in the brackets following the title of the incident.

Ethnicity (79 incidents) and political affiliation (31 incidents) constitute the main grounds on which hate crimes committed in 2018 were based. In addition, 6 incidents were registered as bias due to the victim's status as a refugee or migrant, 4 incidents were committed on grounds of religious belief, 4 incidents took place on sport events, and 1 incident was committed on the basis of the victim's disability. 11 incidents fulfill the criteria for the criminal offence of "Inciting national, racial or religious hate, discord or intolerance".

The victims and perpetrators are most often youth and members of different ethnicities (mainly Macedonians and Albanians). Often a single incident fulfills the criteria for two or more alleged crimes, hence there is a higher number of crimes than incidents. Most of the incidents occurring as a result of political affiliation or political conviction do not involve people as victims. Legal entities occur as victims instead, which is due to the fact that the majority of these incidents refer to property damage and inflicting material damage.

The vast majority of these crimes were documented as acts of violence (67), property damage (26) and bodily and severe bodily injury (18). Additionally, 15 incidents fall under jeopardizing security/serious threatening, 11 under incitement of national, racial or religious hate, discord or intolerance, 6 under robbery and 1 incident under causing general danger.

The details of the incidents, such as a short description, date, time, location, source of information, involved victim/s, perpetrator/s, status of the case, response by the authorities, the impact on the victim and the community can be found in the Annex titled "Hate Crime Incidents in 2018" at the end of this report. In the same annex, there is a field for "bias indicators", which is incorporated in each separate incident. It includes data on: the perception of the victim/witness; comments made on the spot; difference between the victim and the perpetrator on grounds of ethnicity; pattern/frequency of previous incidents; nature of the violence; absence of other motives; and location and time. Apart from providing additional information about the incident, this section is particularly useful to understand why unverified incidents were also included in this report.

In May 2018, the MHC sent its Annual Hate Crime Report for 2017 to OSCE/ODIHR.<sup>1</sup> The MHC remains the only non-governmental organization informing OSCE/ODIHR about the hate crime situation in the country.

<sup>1</sup> <http://hatecrime.osce.org/former-yugoslav-republic-macedonia>

The number of incidents registered in 2018 is almost doubled compared to the number of incidents in 2017. However, there are significant changes with regard to the bias motivation on which the committed hate crimes were based.

The most significant change concerns the number of hate crimes committed due to political affiliation or belief. While in 2017, 50% of all incidents were committed on the grounds of political affiliation or political belief of the victims/perpetrators (35 of 70), in 2018 this type of incidents decreased to 23% (31 of 123) of all registered incidents. But, as a figure number it remains almost the same as in 2017. The trend of committing this kind of hate crime was particularly striking before and during the elections or some significant political happening in the country. For example, in 2018 the number of these incidents increased mostly in March when the Law for official use of languages passed in the Parliament, in June when the Prespa agreement was signed between North Macedonia and Greece, and in September when the Referendum on the name issue took place. This trend also follows the trends from previous years. These types of incidents were on the rise before and during the early parliamentary elections in 2014, the presidential elections that same year, the early parliamentary elections in 2016 as well as political developments and local elections in 2017. In addition, 13 out of 31 incidents reported on these grounds were related to damage, demolition or other type of destruction or damage to the headquarters, i.e. property of the political parties, 11 incidents were jeopardizing the security of MP's or other politicians and 7 incidents included physical violations.

This year, the above mentioned types of incidents particularly intensified after MPs from the ruling parties voted for the Law on official use of languages and culminated before and on the day of the 2018 Referendum in September. This shows the immediate causality between hate speech that is widely used during pre-election campaigns and the consecutive hate crimes.

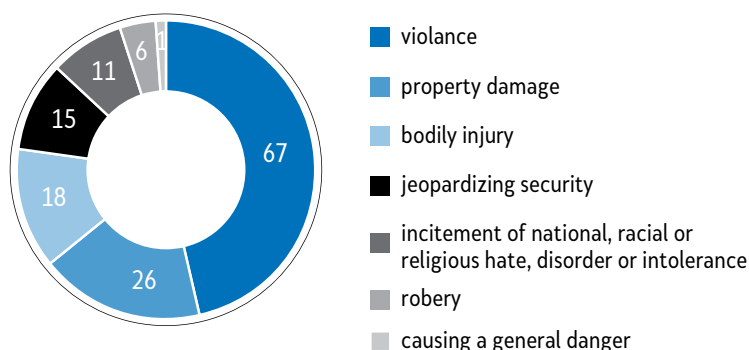
The second noticeable difference relates to the number of incidents based on the Macedonian or Albanian ethnic background of the perpetrator/victim. In 2013, these incidents amounted to 84% of all incidents (98 out of 116), while in 2014 the percentage was 61% (53 out of 87). During the course of 2015 only 15 incidents (34%) occurred between Macedonians and Albanians, while in 2016, 34 incidents (nearly 50%) occurred between these two different ethnicities. In 2017 there was a small decrease in this type of incidents (43% of all registered incidents). However, in comparison to previous years, in 2018 the number of registered hate crime incidents based on ethnic background has been doubled (79) and they remain the most pressing issue, bearing in mind that a large majority of the victims and perpetrators in these incidents are juveniles. The total number of these incidents is almost as high as in 2013 (84 such incidents).

Identically to 2016 and 2017, in 2018 not a single hate incident was registered due to the sexual orientation/gender identity of the victim. This fact does not necessarily mean that the society has become more tolerant towards the LGBT community. It must be noted at this point that the state authorities failed to properly investigate the incidents in 2013 and 2014, and the police failed to arrest any of the perpetrators. In 2017, the new Government took the first steps towards increasing the protection of the rights of the LGBT community. The Pride Weekend held in Skopje in June 2017 was officially declared opened by the Minister of Culture who spoke about the readiness of the new Government to work on improving the treatment of the LGBT community. He pointed out that the cultural policies that were predominantly based on obsolete cultural concepts should be replaced by strategies that take into account the plurality and heterogeneity of different cultures and cultural practices, which on the other hand express the needs, specifics, appeals, interests and beliefs of various groups within society. Furthermore, for the first time in the history of the country, the President of the Government,



Zoran Zaev, attended the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the LGBT Support Center, which is a subsidiary of the MHC. In this way, he openly expressed his support for the LGBT community and emphasized the Government's commitment to align the domestic legislation with international human rights standards by drafting a new Law on Prevention and Protection against Discrimination. At the same time, he said that the lingering attacks on the LGBT people and the LGBT center would be properly investigated and the attackers would be brought to justice. But despite the publicly expressed political support to the LGBT community and the fact that a new public prosecutor was elected at the end of 2018, no criminal charges have been submitted in relation to hate crimes due to the sexual orientation or gender identity of the victims.

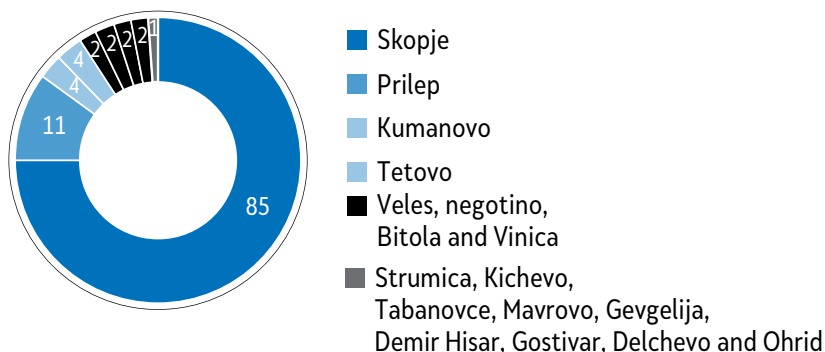
### 3.3 Types of crimes



The majority of incidents were committed by young people. There are also a large number of unknown perpetrators. Victims and perpetrators are usually members of different ethnic communities (Macedonian and Albanian). The reported incidents were related to some of the criminal acts laid down in the Criminal Code. Most of the alleged crimes include: violence (67), property damage (26) and bodily and severe bodily injury (18). Additionally, 15 incidents fall under jeopardizing security/serious treathening, 11 under the incitement of national, racial or religious hate, discord or intolerance, 6 under robbery and 1 incident under the causing a general danger.

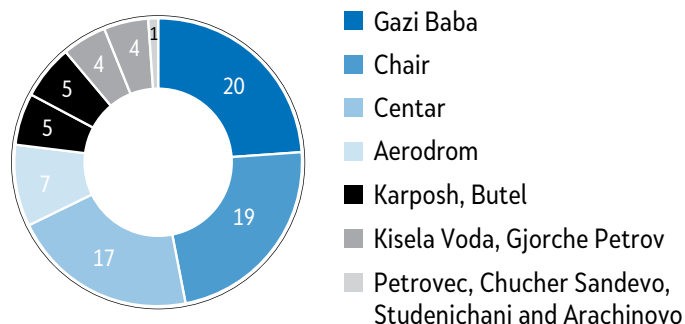
Often one incident met the criteria for two or more alleged crimes, hence the greater number of crimes than incidents presented under this chapter.

### 3.4 Incidents by location

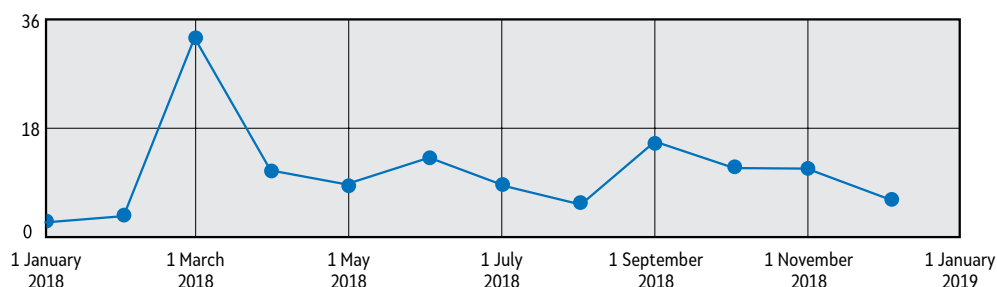


85 incidents (69%) occurred in Skopje and its metropolitan area. There were 11 incidents in Prilep, 4 incidents in Kumanovo and Tetovo, 2 incidents occur in Veles, Negotino, Bitola, and Vinica and 1 incident in Strumica, Kicevo, Tabanovce, Mavrovo, Gevgelija, Demir Hisar, Gostivar, Delcevo and Ohrid (all cities with their metropolitan area).

The incidents in Skopje and its vicinity involved attacks between members of Macedonian and Albanian ethnicity, as well as damaging the property of political parties. Such incidents were observed in several municipalities such as: Gazi Baba (20), Chair (19), Centar (17), Aerodrom (7), Karposh (5), Butel (5), Kisela Voda (4), Gjorche Petrov (4), Petrovec (1), Studenichani (1), Chucher Sandevo (1) and Arachinovo (1).

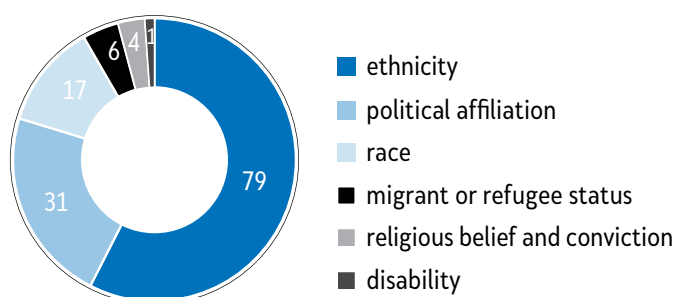


### 3.5 Incidents by month



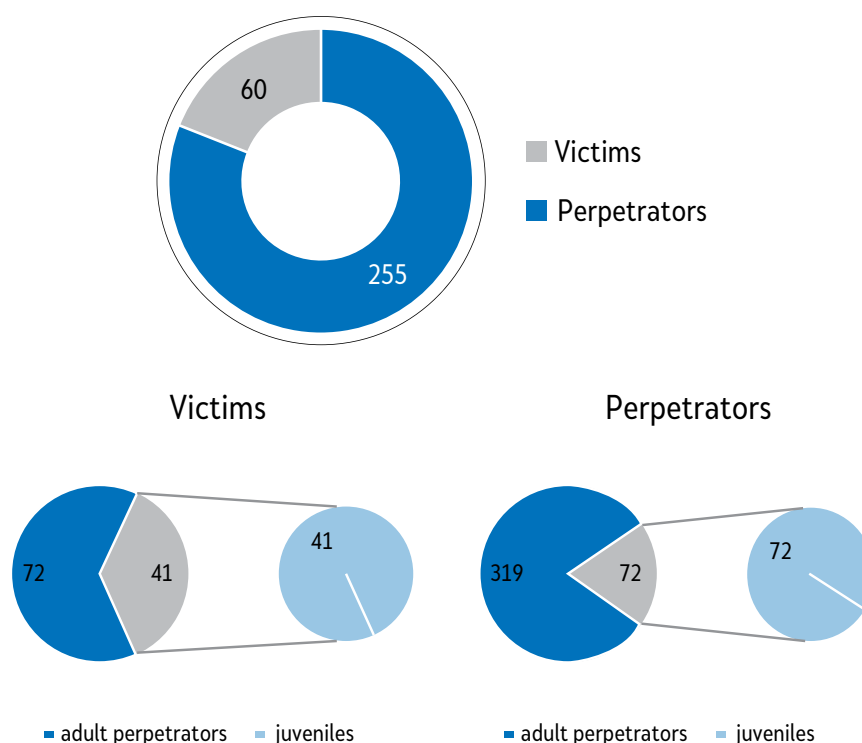
The highest number of incidents occurred in March (32) and September (15) - (38% of the total number of incidents registered during the whole year occurred within these two months). There were also 12 incidents in June, 11 in October and November, 10 in April, 8 in May and July, 6 in December, 5 in August, 3 in February and 2 in January. In March, June and September, the incidents intensified after the ruling majority in the Parliament voted for the Law on official use of languages (March), after signing the Prespa agreement (June), and during the campaign, as well as on the day of the 2018 Referendum.

### 3.6 Incidents by bias motivation



Hate crimes occurred on the grounds of ethnicity (64%), political affiliation (25%), race (13.8%), migrant or refugee status (4.8%), religious belief and conviction (3.2%) and disability (0.8%). Most of the incidents involved ethnic Macedonians and Albanians as victims and perpetrators.

### 3.7 Victims and perpetrators

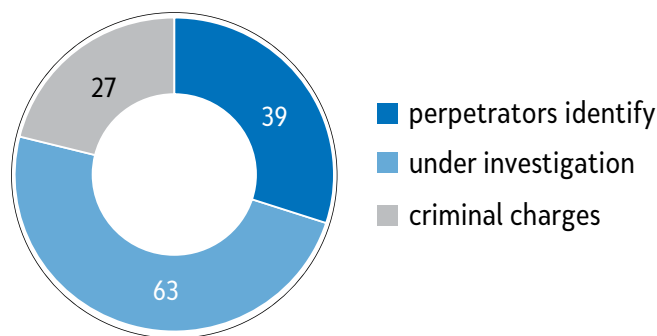


Over the course of the year there were at least 113 victims (of which 41 minors) and 391 perpetrators (of which 72 minors) of hate crime. Whenever the media reported about an undefined number of perpetrators (for example, between 10 and 15), the lower value was used for the purpose of this report. Whenever it was reported that “a group” of perpetrators had committed a hate crime, the value used in this report was 3 people. In at least 58 out of 123 incidents, the perpetrators acted as a group. The majority of victims and perpetrators were young males. At least 41 of the victims and at least 72 of the perpetrators were minors.

### 3.8. Status of the cases

Considering the fact that there is no official hate crime data base, the cases were registered by contacting the police, monitoring the media and obtaining information from the victims directly.

For each of the registered incidents, the MHC sent a request for information to the Ministry of the Interior in order to obtain information on the status of the cases. Until the closing of this report, Mol provided information on 100 of the 123 registered incidents. There were no responses for 23 incidents. But, most of the received responses from the Ministry regarding incidents in 2018 were unsatisfactory and did not contain any specific information regarding the status of the incident, since they didn't provide specific information regarding bias indicators for the registered incidents.



The obtained information shows that in 1 case the victims did not fill in the form about the incident, due to which the case remain unsolved. In 1 case the police had no territorial jurisdiction and in 5 cases police found that those cases should be proceeded through a private criminal law suit. Police have identified suspected perpetrators associated with at least 28 out of the 123 incidents. At least 57 incidents are under investigation, and the status of 23 remains unknown, without sufficient information from the police. Criminal charges were filed against 24 perpetrators in only 8 of the registered cases, while in only one case there was a filing of misdemeanor charge against one person. However, the status of the largest number of other incidents remains unknown.

## 4. ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT TEAM

### 4.1 Monitoring national printed and electronic media

The MHC monitored a number of daily newspapers with different ideological leanings and political affiliation. The monitoring of electronic media was done on a daily basis, through the two most popular internet news generators ([www.time.mk](http://www.time.mk) and [www.daily.mk](http://www.daily.mk)), as well as by using the advanced search options under the “News” section of [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). Once a hate crime or an incident was recorded, the MHC published it on the internet portal for reporting hate crimes – [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk) (see activity 4.3 below). By conducting this activity, the MHC recorded and published 123 hate crimes/incidents for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2018.

### 4.2 Reviewing reported hate crimes and contribution to OSCE/ODIHR’s Annual Report on hate crimes and incidents in the OSCE region

In May 2018, the MHC sent its Annual Hate Crime Report for 2017 to OSCE/ODIHR.<sup>2</sup> The MHC remains the only non-governmental organization informing OSCE/ODIHR about the hate crime situation in the country.

### 4.3 Maintaining, updating and translating the website [www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk](http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk)

During the reporting period, 123 incidents, 28 web links, 5 photos, and 20 videos were placed on the portal. The annual report on hate crime in 2017 was published in Macedonian, Albanian, and English under the “Materials” tab. All incidents registered in 2018 will be translated into Albanian and English and will be available on the portal in these languages.

Between January 1 and December 31 2018 the portal was visited by more than 3,922 individual visitors who generated 15,922 views of the site. Apart from the portal, the Facebook group and Twitter account were regularly updated. The number of Facebook followers in 2018 was 4903, while in 2017 it was 4706. At the same time, the portal was promoted through sponsored Facebook posts that should exponentially increase the number of visitors to the website. For comparison, the table below shows the number of visits for the period between 2013 and 2018:

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Visitors	1,752	11,971	13,694	6,541	8,649	4,690

#### **4.4 Preparing monthly bulletins about the hate crime situation in the country**

During the project reporting period, the MHC prepared and published seven monthly bulletins. In this way, through graphical representations of the data, the public was provided with information regarding the hate crime situation in the country on a monthly basis. The monthly bulletins for March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December were published on the MHC,<sup>3</sup> website, as well as on the Facebook page Zlostorstva od omraza (Hate crimes).<sup>4</sup>

#### **4.5 Preparing, translating and publishing the Hate Crime Monitoring Report for 2018**

This is an ongoing activity which was completed with the collection of responses to the submitted requests for information from the Ministry of Interior.

#### **4.6 Marking the proposed European Day for Victims of Hate Crime (22 July) by organizing a press-conference and a “Turlitava” event**

The press-conference was organized in the premises of MHC during which time the Annual report on hate crime in 2017 was also presented. Media attended the press conference and published 16 articles in Macedonian language with regard to them. Additionally, MHC organized the “Turlitava 5” event celebrating tolerance and peaceful coexistence between the members of the different communities in the country. Approximately 70 people attended the happening. The activity was devised to commemorate the European Day for the Victims of Hate Crime and was dedicated to promoting coexistence and tolerance among the communities and marginalized groups in the society. The theme was focused on tolerance and respect for persons with disabilities. The highlight of the event was the cooking and tasting of delicious traditional specialties that form part of the various ethnic cuisines in the country.

#### **4.7 Disseminating the findings from the monitoring report for 2017 to the institutions covering the same areas of interest**

The hard copy of the Annual Report for 2017 was sent by post to 35 institutions and organizations. Also hard copy, as well as electronic version of the report was shared with more the 10 media representatives.

#### **4.8 Organizing the press-conference in order to disseminate the findings of the monitoring report**

The invitation to the press-conference was shared on the website and the Facebook page of the MHC.

#### **4.9. Including information about hate crimes in the MHC monthly report about the human rights situation in the country**

A separate section on hate crimes was included within the monthly report on the human rights situation in June, July, August and December 2018.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

- The number of incidents registered in 2018 is almost doubled compared to the number of incidents in 2017;
- There was an increase in the number of incidents on the grounds of ethnicity and the number of such incidents amounted to an alarming 64% of all registered incidents, almost all of these incidents happened between members of the Macedonian and Albanian ethnicities, and they continue to be the cause of greatest concern bearing in mind that the vast majority of victims and perpetrators of these incidents are juveniles/youth,
- Hate speech used by politicians during public debates and referendum campaigns, results in hate crimes committed by their supporters. Hate speech is also widely used in the comment sections of electronic media that generate political news;
- There has been a slight decline in the number of incidents motivated by political affiliation, but the trend from the previous two years regarding politically biased incidents remains the same this year;
- Beside the fact that last year the new Government has taken its first steps towards increasing the protection of the rights of the LGBTI community, and the fact that new public prosecutor was elected, the cases of hate crime against LGBTI community registered 2013-2015 are still pending, unsolved in the prosecutor's office;
- It is still unclear whether the authorities are aware of the distinction between hate crimes and hate speech;
- Some of the hate crime incidents are committed as revenge for previous incidents between the Macedonian and Albanian youth;
- Bias motivated crimes are still not properly registered or investigated by the police and prosecutor's offices;
- Very few efforts have been made to introduce preventive measures, including education about human rights and raising public awareness, especially among high school students and young people, bearing in mind that the majority of victims and significant number of perpetrators are juveniles or young adult people and,
- Given the fact that the phenomenon of hate crime is not treated as a separate issue, the state does not offer special protection and support to the victims.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consider the experience of EU Member States in extending within their criminal legislation, the scope of punishable hate crime offences and the inclusion of other bias motives behind these offences;
2. Ensure prompt and effective investigation and prosecution of hate crimes by ensuring that bias motives are taken into consideration throughout criminal proceedings;
3. Take appropriate measures to facilitate the reporting of hate crimes by victims, including measures to build trust in the police and other state institutions;
4. Collect and publish comprehensive and comparable data on hate crimes, as far as possible including the number of such incidents reported by the public and registered by law enforcement authorities; the number of convictions; the bias motives behind these crimes; and the sentences handed down;
5. Ensure that victims of hate crime are supported and protected;
6. Promote training for relevant practitioners coming into contact with victims of hate crime, thereby enabling them to efficiently assist these victims; and
7. Enhance preventative measures, inter alia by reflecting remembrance in human rights education, history curricula and relevant training, taking steps to educate the public especially minors and young people on the values of cultural diversity and inclusion, and aiming for all sectors of society to have a role in combating such intolerance.



## ANNEX

### HATE CRIME INCIDENTS IN 2018

#### 1. Supporters of the BC “Shkupi” beat up police officers and basketball players of the BC “Pelister”

**What happened:** On 13 January 2018, a group of supporters of the basketball club “Shkupi”, in the sports hall “Shaban Trstena”, in the Skopje residential area of Chair, hurt two policemen, one basketball player and a technical manager of a club and also hit other players. According to the SIA Skopje, the incident began at 19:20 hours, after the finish of the match between the basketball club “Shkupi” and the basketball club “Pelister”. From the stands where the fans of “Shkupi” were seated, a firecracker was thrown to the bench where the basketball players of “Pelister” were sitting. They retaliated by throwing a plastic bottle full of water towards the fans.

Then the fans of the basketball club “Shkupi” skipped over the fence between the stands and stadium and attacked several of the “Pelister” basketball players, whereby the technical manager of the club and one of the players sustained injuries, along with two of the uniformed police officers.

A public prosecutor was immediately informed about the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 13 January 2018, 19:20, “Shaban Trstena” Sports Hall, in the residential area Chair, in Skopje.

**Source of information:** The electronic media outlet [libertas.mk](http://libertas.mk).

**Victim(s) involved:** several people sustained injuries, 2 of whom were police officers, 1 basketball player and 1 technical manager of a club.

**Type of crime(s):** Bodily injury (Article 131, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC), “Assaulting an official while performing security duties” (Article 383, CC)

**Perpetrators:** several perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims were of Macedonian ethnicity, while the assailants were of Albanian ethnicity and members of the fan club “Shverceri” (smugglers).
2. *Location* – the incident occurred in a sports hall, after a match.

**Status of the case:** unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol has no information on this incident.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 2. Offensive graffiti in Bitola

**What happened:** A photo emerged on the social media of a graffiti sprayed on a building in Bitola reading “Death to Shqiptars!”, in Macedonian and Albanian and an ironic remark “Such is the law” which is the latest expression of hate speech on grounds of ethnicity, “embellishing” the walls of this street in Bitola as of today.

This comes after the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages and it is not a rare occurrence in Bitola, according to the observers of CIVIL. At the anniversary of the Albanian alphabet, two years ago, the windows of the Museum of the Albanian Alphabet got broken, and in March last year, four Molotov cocktails were thrown at the same object.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18 January, unspecified, on the wall of a building in Bitola.

**Source of information:** social media, electronic media outlet civilmedia.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two perpetrators identified, one of whom is a minor (17).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Graffiti spreading hate speech on grounds of ethnicity had been written on previous occasions as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** On 30.01.2018, Mol pressed criminal charges against two perpetrators for the crime of Racial and other discrimination.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 3. Fight between two groups of minors and stoning of a bus (no. 65-b)

**What happened:** On 01.02.2018, around 19.35, in the Information and Command Unit Skopje, a driver working for the Public Transport Company Skopje reported that on “Alija Avidovikj” street there had been a fight between two groups of minors. One of those groups stoned the bus no. 65-b, which operates between the Transport Center and the village of Brnjanci, whereby four windows of the second floor of the bus were broken. One stone broke the glass and hit a 15-year old boy from the village of Stajkovci, Skopje. In relation to the event, 20 people from both sides were apprehended at the Police Precinct in Gazi Baba. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 01.02.2018, around 19:35 h. “Alija Avdovikj”, village Singjelikj, bus no. 65-b, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor was injured (16).

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Creating general danger (Article 288, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 20 perpetrators from both groups.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the attacked bus no. 65 of PTC Skopje transits through a region where people of different ethnicities live and move on daily basis (Macedonian and Albanians); the two groups of minors fighting were of different ethnic origin (Macedonians and Albanians);

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – similar to all other previous stonings and attacks of public transport vehicles.

3. *Place* – The incident took place at a bus stop, on street where such incidents had also previously occurred and where people of different ethnicities live and pass by.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** In the response we got from Mol, they informed us that they were working to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 4. The Albanian and Greek flags set on fire during a protest

**What happened:** During the protest in defence of the name which took place on 27th February 2018, and which started at 18 h in front of the EU headquarters in Skopje, and continued in front of Parliament, several incidents took place, Mol informed.

According to the police, upon the arrival of the citizens, several persons threw stones towards the building of the EU Center, whereby a police officer was hit by a stone on his left thigh. Furthermore, also during the protest, in front of Parliament, several unknown people set the flags of Republic of Greece and Republic of Albania on fire. While taking measures and activities, in the Woman-Fighter Park in Skopje, five broken bottles with flammable liquid were found and K.G. (24) from Skopje was apprehended in relation to this event. After a talk, K.G. was taken in custody at the police station. During the protest, in front of the Parliament, several unknown people set the flags of the Republic of Greece and Republic of Albania.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 27.02.2018, around 18.00 h, the offices of the EU delegation in Skopje and the Parliament.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Causing general danger (Article 288, CC), Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified and several unidentified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity and nationality, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – the previous protest were also marked by hate speech and inciting ethnic and national intolerance both towards the ethnic communities living in our country, as well as the neighboring nationalities.
2. *Location* – The incident took place in front of the offices of the international community, and in front of the Parliament of the RM.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response stated that one perpetrator had been identified and taken into custody, and that an adequate motion would be lodged once the case was clarified.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 5. Swastikas drawn on Krale Marko's monument in Prilep

**What happened:** Over the course of the night between the 17 and 18 January, unknown perpetrators drew swastikas on the Krale Marko's monument in the center of Prilep. The inspection services of the Municipality of Prilep registered this act of vandalism, and the monument was cleaned over the course of the next day.

The municipal authorities say that the case has been reported to the police.

"The municipality of Prilep condemns this act of vandalism and urges the citizens of Prilep to preserve and monuments and monumental landmarks in the city, and to report any attempt at their desecration to the police" stated the press-release.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** on the night between 17 and 18 January 2018, the monument of Krale Marko in the center of Prilep.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet makfax.com.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Graffiti spreading hate speech on grounds of ethnicity had been written on previous occasions as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** In the response we got from Mol, they informed us that they were working to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 6. Attack of a police officer in front of the premises of MoFA

**What happened:** An unknown perpetrator physically attacked a police officer who was securing the interior of the premises. The police officer heard sounds in front of the building and when he went outside he noticed several unknown people, one of whom physically attacked him. In relation to the incident M.J. (30) and F.V. (30), both from Skopje, were taken in custody, together with .D. (29) from Kumanovo and V.D. (32) from Tetovo. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 28.03.2018, around 01.30 in front of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** an assaulted police officer

**Type of crime(s):** Bodily injury (Article 130 of CC), Assaulting an official while performing security duties (Article 383 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 4 identified perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Ethnicity* – the victim and the perpetrators are of different ethnicities

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol provided a response to the Committee's request for public information regarding this incident from their own records, but they did not confirm any of the indicators qualifying this crime as a hate crime.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 7. A boy stabbed at the "Rekord" bus stop

**What happened:** At noon on 1 March 2018, a 17-year-old boy was stabbed at "Rekord" in the center of Skopje, Mol informed.

The boy was assaulted by two persons and stabbed with a sharp object in his stomach. The perpetrators most likely used a knife.

The attack took place at 12:40 at the bustling bus stop of Rekord in the center of Skopje. The passers-by called an ambulance, and the injured teenager was taken to the General Hospital St. Naum of Ohrid.

The police is investigating the case, two perpetrators have been taken into custody, and two criminal charges have been pressed against them.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 1 March 2018, at noon, Rekord, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Daily newsletter of the Ministry of Interior, the electronic media outlet sportmedia.mk; electronic media outlet sportclub.mk, television channel: Kanal 5 TV.

**Victim(s) involved:** a 16-year-old student who is also a fan of Komiti.

**Type of crime(s):** Heavy bodily injury (Article 131, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two identified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Ethnicity and affiliation with a supporters' group* – the victim was of Macedonian ethnicity and was a member of the supporters' group "Komiti", while the attackers were allegedly of Albanian ethnicity and were members of the supporters' group "Shverceri", although the leaders of the two supporters' groups denied this;

2. *The location* – The incident took place in public, at a bus stop.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges were pressed against the minor (15) and R.A. (18) for the crime of "Violence" under Article 386 of CC. There is no information on the subsequent course of the proceedings.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol provided a response to the Committee's request for public information regarding this incident from their own records, but they did not confirm any of the indicators qualifying this crime as a hate crime.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 8. Stevche Jakimovski physically assaulted

**What happened:** While walking in the vicinity of the Catholic Church in Skopje with two of his friends, Stevcho Jakimovski was allegedly assaulted by a counselor from the Prime Minister's cabinet. The case was reported to the police station and the procedure to solve it is under way. The above-mentioned F.A. denied the occurrence of any physical altercation and said that there had only been a verbal argument. Jakimovski claims that allegedly, at the Police Precinct in Karposh they did not want to accept his report of this incident, while F.A. claims that he was told that he needs to report the case to the Police Precinct in Centar.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 20 March, 11:00, in the vicinity of the Catholic Church in Skopje.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet netpress.com.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** Stevcho Jakimovski

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** F.A. from Skopje.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is the political affiliation of the victim and the perpetrator, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request stated that the case had only been recorded as a complaint.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 9. Protests in front of Remenski's home

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of the SDSM MP Frosina Remenski. The MP wrote a status on her Facebook profile that she would press criminal charges against them with all the evidence she possessed. Furthermore, she stated that two people were heading the protest - S.L. and T.J. from the Karposh MC (Municipal Committee) of VMRO-DPMNE.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19 March, in the evening hours, village of Bardovci, in front of the home of MP Remenski.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: time.mk, electronic media Channel 5 TV.

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Remenski

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 of CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** A group of perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Perception of the victim* – according to the statements given to the social media, the victim perceived the incident as bias-motivated;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response stated that the PPPO (Primary Public Prosecutor's Office) had been informed and that adequate charges would be pressed.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 10. Protests in front of the home of MP Velkovski

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of MP Velkovski.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18 March, in the evening, residential area of Aerodrom, in front of the home of MP Velkovski.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: kurir.mk, Večer daily newspaper

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Velkovski

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 of CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** A group of about ten perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.



**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded (although from the photos it is evident that there is security police).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 11. Protests in front of the home of MP Ketii Smilevska

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of the SDSM MP Ketii Smilevska.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18 March, in the evening, Prilep, in front of the home of MP Ketii Smilevska.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: emegazin.mk, electronic media outlet slobodnaevropa.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Smilevska

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** A group of about ten perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded at all.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 12. Protests in front of the home of MP Prentovikj

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of the SDSM MP Tatjana Prentovikj.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 16 March, in the evening, residential area of Drachevo, in front of the home of MP Tatjana Prentovikj.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: emagazin.mk, electronic media outlet slobodnaevropa.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Prentovikj

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** A group of about thirty perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded (although from the photos it is evident that there is security police).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

### 13. Protests in front of the home of MP Lokvenec

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of the MP Lokvenec.

**Date, time and location of the incident:**

**Source of information:** media <http://javno.mk/miloshoski-za-lokvenets-sega-se-zhali-vo-2013-ta-predvodeshe-protesti-pred-domot-na-stevanadhija/>

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Lokvenec

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** insufficient data

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. Pattern of previous incidents – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded at all.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

### 14. Leaflets with insults for a SDSM MP in Delchevo

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens threw leaflets with offensive content about a SDSM MP in Delchevo.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** Delchevo, no other data.

**Source of information:** <http://www.ohridnet.com/vesti/makedonija/14861-zakonot-za-jazicite-predizvika-protesti-navredi-i-proslavi>

**Victim(s) involved:** the SDSM MP in Delchevo

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. Pattern of previous incidents – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

### 15. Protests in front of the home of MP Panche Ivanov

**What happened:** Dissatisfied with the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages, a group of citizens protested in front of the home of MP Panche Ivanov.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** March, in the evening, Veles, in front of the home of the MP Panche Ivanov.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: vesti.mk



**Victim(s) involved:** MP Panche Ivanov.

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a group of several perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 16. Graffiti drawings

**What happened:** Graffiti with offensive content were drawn on several locations in the country, triggered by the adoption of the Law on the Use of Languages.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** March, several locations across the country.

**Source of information:** media outlet: [www.ohridnet.com/vesti/makedonija/14861-zakonot-za-jazicite-predizvika-protesti-navredi-i-proslavi](http://www.ohridnet.com/vesti/makedonija/14861-zakonot-za-jazicite-predizvika-protesti-navredi-i-proslavi)

**Victim(s) involved:** MPs and politicians from SDSM

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 of CC), Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – graffiti spreading hate speech had been written on previous occasions as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that only two events of this kind have been registered, both in Prilep, on 15.03.2018 and 24.03.2018, and that measures were taken to solve the cases.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 17. Attack of MP Goran Milevski

**What happened:** The MP and leader of LDP, Goran Milevski, was attacked by an unknown person who slapped him across the face on the main square in Skopje. The case was reported to the Police Precinct in Centar, and the MP sought medical help. On 04.04.2018, the police identified the perpetrator and pressed criminal charges against him for the crime of Violence in accordance with Article 386 of the CC (criminal code).

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 20 March, City Square in Skopje.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: [sudstvo.mk](http://sudstvo.mk), [dokaz.mk](http://dokaz.mk), [press24.mk](http://press24.mk)

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Goran Milevski

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator (P.V.).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Perception of the victim* – the victim perceives the incident as bias-motivated;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Criminal charges have been pressed, there's no information on the course of the criminal proceedings.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states criminal charges had been pressed for the crime of Violence in accordance with Article 386 of CC.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 18. MP Shumanska's car set on fire

**What happened:** After breaking the windshield of the Seat Lean vehicle belonging to the SDSM MP Shumanska in Vinica, unknown perpetrator(s) set it on fire, thereby causing material damage. The police and PPPO went to the crime scene, collecting evidence to conduct forensic analysis. Mol has taken measures and activities to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 15 March, 01:30 h, in Vinica.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: sdk.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Shumanska

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that PPO has been informed and they are working to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety in the country in general.

## 19. A fight near the Secondary School Arsenij Jovkov in Skopje

**What happened:** An employee at the Secondary School "Arsenij Jovkov" in Skopje reported that outside the school yard, a 16-year-old student from the village of Studenichani was attacked by another minor, and that several other minors and students from the school had later joined the fight. The attacked minor sustained bodily injuries, and the case was reported to the police.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 09 March, 16:00, in front of the schoolyard of State Secondary School Arsenij Jovkov in Chair, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet Kanal 5 TV.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 16).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Participation in a fight (Article 132, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** Group of minors one of whom has been identified.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** The bias indicator in this incident which occurred in front of the schoolyard of a secondary school located in Chair (mixed ethnic environment) is ethnicity, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the attacked minor and the minor attackers are of different ethnicity (Macedonian and Albanian);

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occur very frequently, particularly in the capital of the country. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.

3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school attended by students of different ethnicities and in a neighborhood populated by people of different ethnicities.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that after the undertaken measures and activities, a minor male was found to be the perpetrator, and that they are taking additional measures and activities to discover the identity of the remaining persons involved in the incident. Furthermore, it is stated that after completing the documentation, adequate charges would be pressed to the PPS (**note:** in such cases the Law on Justice for Children applies and the proceedings for children at risk and children involved in crime differs from the one stipulated with the LCP (Law on Criminal Proceedings)).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 20. MP Branko Sinadinovski attacked

**What happened:** The DUI MP Branko Sinadinovski was attacked by two unknown attackers, whereby he was fiercely hit and kicked in the head, face and stomach. Then, with the help of people from the vicinity he was taken to the hospital. The police is working to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 06 March, 14.10 h, in front of his home in Aerodrom, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet faktor.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** MP Sinadinovski was injured.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and ethnicity, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

2. *Difference in ethnicity* – MP Branko Sinadinovski is an Albanian of orthodox belief, and is a member of the Albanian political party DUI.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that the PPO has been informed and that they are working to solve this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** Incidents of this kind call into question the safety and the political stability of the country in general.

## 21. Incident in front of a night club in Skopje

**What happened:** a young man got beaten up in front of a night club in Skopje, thereby sustaining serious injuries. The incident took place in front of a night club on “Jordan Mijalkov” street, when a group of unknown perpetrators physically attacked the 25-year old N.B. from Skopje. In the attack, the victim sustained visible injuries: a fracture to the upper jaw, swelling and other injuries to the head.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** March, over the course of the night, in front of a night club on Jordan Mijalkov street.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet netpress.com.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** one victim.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** Unknown.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location is in front of a nightclub, where there is also a bus stop for a bus that transits in a multiethnic environment (no. 9 of the PTC and private transport companies);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - *ethnic intolerance has resulted in an increase in hate speech*

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol has no record of the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the safety and stability in the country in general.

## 22. A person attacked in the Old Bazaar in Skopje

**What happened:** On 10.03.2018, around 15:30 hours, G.R. (23) from Skopje reported that while he was sitting in a restaurant in the Old Skopje Bazaar, J.M. approached him and invited him to get out of the premises, whereby he and a few other people physically assaulted him. G.R. was taken to the General City Hospital “St. Naum of Ohrid” with a police vehicle. J.M was apprehended and taken to the police prescient and the police are working to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 10.03.2018 around 15:30, a restaurant in the Old Skopje Bazaar.

**Source of information:** media, Mol’s newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one victim.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** Three unknown persons, one of whom was identified and deprived liberty, the others are wanted.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians), which is evident from their initials;
2. *Location* – The incident took place in the Old Skopje Bazaar (mixed ethnic environment)

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response states that one of the perpetrators have been identified and that arrest warrants have been issued for other two so in case they are identified they would be apprehended.

It also states that after the case is fully documented, corresponding charges would be pressed to the PPO.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 23. PTC bus no. 50 stoned at Bit Pazar

**What happened:** On Krste Misirkov Blvd., at the bus stop at Bit Pazar, one person stoned PTC bus no. 50, breaking three bus windows in the process. A.M. (22) from Skopje was identified as the perpetrator and was taken into custody at the Police Precinct. Mol is taking measures to find the other two perpetrators.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 22 March, around 14:30 h, Krste Misirkov Blvd., Bitpazar, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet A1on.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one perpetrator who has not been identified.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – Bus no. 50 which was stoned is mainly used by people of Macedonian ethnicity, and the perpetrator is of a different ethnicity (Macedonian and Albanian);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – similar to all the other previous stoning and attacks of buses or attacks of bus stations
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a bus stop on a street where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through. The incident took place at a bus stop and street with a previous history of similar attacks where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have no record of such a case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 24. Assault of a secondary school student near the Transport Center in Skopje

**What happened:** As he was moving along Atanas Mitrev Street, in the vicinity of the Transport Center in Skopje, a 16 year old secondary school student was attacked by a group of young men whereby he sustained stab wounds in the leg and was taken to Emergency Center in Skopje. The case was reported to Mol.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 24 March, around 15:30, near the transport Center (Atanas Mitrev Street), Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet Telma TV.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 16 ).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Participating in a fight (Article 132, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a larger group of perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor, and of a different ethnicity to the attacker (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – lone minors are attacked, and the attackers are adults, or in a group.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in the vicinity of the Transport Center in Skopje, where such and similar attacks had also previously occurred, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded at all.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 25. Disclaimer by Mol that an Albanian flag has been put up at the border in Gevgelija

**What happened:** After photos appeared showing that an Albanian flag had been put up at the border in Gevgelija, Mol released a disclaimer that officially no such flags had been put up at this border crossing, and that the posted photos were probably either edited in photoshop or the flag was put up, photographed and then put down.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18 March, unspecified, border crossing Gevgelija.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet mkd.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unidentified perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Place* – The incident occurred in such a way that in environment which is populated mainly by Macedonians, the Albanian flag was put up. This is in relation to the Law on the Use of Languages, and the series of incidents surrounding it.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case has not been recorded as an incident.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 26. Fight in Aerodrom

**What happened:** On 11.03 2018, in the period from 01:00 to 01:10 h, at the Police Precinct Aerodrom, K.S. (25), D.D. (25), M.M (21) and H.K. (19), all from Skopje reported being physically assaulted by a larger group of people at a parking space on Franjo Kluz and Anastas Mitrev street. The police are working to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 11 March, 01:00 h, at a parking lot in Aerodrom

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 4 people.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** larger group of perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Place* – The incident took place in the vicinity of the Transport. The incident took place in the vicinity of the Transport Center in Skopje, where such and similar attacks had also previously occurred, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.



2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents from two days prior, when groups of different ethnicities clashed in major fights which came as a result of the Law on the Use of Languages.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this incident has been recorded as an Offence against the Public Order and Peace, Article 12 LMO

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 27. Police officers attacked on Skenderbeg Square in Skopje

**What happened:** On 11.03.2018, around 22:10 h in Skopje, at "Skenderbeg" Square, after identifying A.I. (26) from Skopje by police officers, he returned with a larger group of people who started threatening the lives of the police officers, and then fled the scene. Mol is taking measures to find the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 11 March, around 22:10, Skenderbeg Square, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** a police officer

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC) Assaulting an official while performing security duties (Article 383 of CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Location* – The incident took at a location where such and similar attacks had also previously occurred, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response states that the perpetrator has been identified and that they will submit adequate charges to the PPO.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country..

## 28. Graffiti on a secondary school in Prilep

**What happened:** On 15.03.2018 in Prilep an unknown perpetrator sprayed graffiti with offensive content on the walls the gym in the secondary school "Kuzman Josifovski Pity".

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 15 March, unspecified, on the building of the secondary school "Kuzman Josifovski Pity" in Prilep.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Graffiti spreading hate speech on grounds of ethnicity had been written on previous occasions as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they had conducted inspection and are taking measures and activities to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 29. Graffiti on Quay 9th September in Prilep

**What happened:** On 24.03.2018, around 08:40 it was reported that graffiti with offensive and threatening content was written on a building on "Quay 9th September" Street in Prilep. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 24.03.2018, around 08:40, building on "Quay 9th September" Street in Prilep.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Graffiti spreading hate speech on grounds of ethnicity had been written on previous occasions as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information, stated that they had conducted inspection and found that old graffiti was in question, dating from several months back, but they were taking measures and activities to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 30. Offensive graffiti on the Cultural Heritage Institute of Albanians

**What happened:** On 15.03.2018, an unknown perpetrator wrote graffiti with offensive content on the building of the Cultural Heritage Institute of Albanians, on "Ilindenska" Blvd, in Skopje.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 15.03.2018 unspecified time, the Cultural Heritage Institute of Albanians in North Macedonia.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Graffiti spreading hate speech on grounds of ethnicity had been written on previous occasions as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they had conducted inspection and interviewed the responsible person from the Institute, whereby he was told that this is a case which is pursued ex officio, and that they need to submit a record of receiving the report. So far no such record or statement has been submitted to Mol.



**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 31. Graffiti with threats on the SDSM headquarters in Vinica

**What happened:** Graffiti with offensive content occurred on the outside walls of the SDSM headquarters in Vinica.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 20 March, nighttime, municipal SDSM headquarters in Vinica.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet markukule.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is political affiliation, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is one in the series of incidents where messages containing hate speech were written.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case has not been recorded at all.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety and the political stability in the country in general.

### 32. Graffiti with threats on the SDSM headquarters in Gostivar

**What happened:** On 17.03.2018 it was reported that in Gevgelija, from 01:20 to 01:40 h, an unknown perpetrator used rocks and pieces of paving stones to break three windows of the headquarters of the municipal organization of SDSM located on "Ilindenska" Street. The inspection team from the Police Station Gostivar went to the crime scene and they measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 17 March, from 01:20-01:40 h, SDSM municipal headquarters in Gostivar.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter, electronic media outlet судство.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is political affiliation, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information stated that they were still taking measures and activities to solve this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety and the political stability in the country in general.

### 33. The weekend-house of VMRO-DPMNE councilor set on fire

**What happened:** The weekend-house of the VMRO-DPMNE in the Municipality of Prilep, Petar Risteski, was set on fire, by, as he himself suspects, a planted fire. The councilor found out about the fire from the Police.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19 March, around 22:30, a weekend house in the Prilep region.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet fokus.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one perpetrator who has been identified.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is political affiliation, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that there is no additional information about this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety and the political stability of the country in general.

### 34. Vandal graffiti on the MP office in Prilep

**What happened:** Graffiti stating "Lokvenec and Keti – you're dead, VMRO" appeared on the wall of the Public Relations Office of the SDSM MPs in Prilep. The case was reported to the police who put it in the records.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 26 March, unspecified time, the MPs office in Prilep

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet brif.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one perpetrator who has been identified.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** The bias indicator in this incident is political affiliation and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case has not been recorded yet.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** Incidents of this kind call into question the safety and the political stability of the country in general.

### 35. Physical assault in Chento, Skopje

**What happened:** On 18.03.2018, at 16:30 h, R.I. from the village of Brnjanci, Skopje region, reported that on the same day, around 16:00, in the restaurant located on "Madzhari" Street, he was been physically assaulted by four unknown persons. While he was sitting in the café, the perpetrators entered and one of them hit him with a glass on the head. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18.03.2018 at 16:30 h, restaurant on “Madzari” Street, Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 victim.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 4 (four) perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);

2. *Location* – The incident took place in the residential area of Chento, where such and similar assaults had also previously occurred and where people of different ethnicities live and pass by

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that measures and activities are taken to identify and sanction the perpetrators of this incident, in accordance with the Law on Offenses against the Public Order and Peace.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 36. An official assaulted on grounds of ethnicity

**What happened:** On 18.03.2018, at 21:20, at the Sector for Internal Affairs in Skopje it was reported that on the same day, around 18:30 in the village of Petrovec – Skopje region, in the “Strasho Pindzur” barracks, while doing his assignments as a guard of the helicopter department a professional soldier noticed three people who came with a passenger vehicle. After they were warned to step away from the barrack fence as it is a military object, the perpetrators started throwing stones at him, and then they fled the time scene. S.M. was provided with medical help in the General City Hospital “8th September” and then sent home to rest. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 18.03.2018, at 21:20, in the village of Petrovec – Skopje region, in the “Strasho Pindzur” barracks.

**Source of information:** daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one professional soldier

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** three unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Location* – The incident took place at a locaitgon where the surrounding villages are populated by people of Albanian ethnicity.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that the police officers interviewed and talked to several summoned people and that they were taking measures and activities to fully clarify the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 37. A grave located opposite a Mosque in Ohrid desecrated

**What happened:** On 23.03.2018, at 16:00, at the Police Precinct in Ohrid, a citizen reported that an unknown person was damaging a religious object – a grave on “Goce Delchev” Street, opposite the Haydar Pasha Mosque. After conducting inspection, it was established that around 15:50, an unknown perpetrator broke the roof tiles on the cover of a “Turbe” (a grave of an unknown Muslim saint), and fled the scene. From the measures undertaken it was established that the perpetrator was E.Sh. (38), from Ohrid. He was identified, deprived of liberty and taken into custody at the Police Precinct Ohrid for further proceedings.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 23 March, around 16:00h, in Ohrid, near Haydar-Pasha Mosque.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Desecration of a grave (Article 400, CC), Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Grounds Article 319, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – religious objects and cemeteries had previously also been desecrated and destroyed.
2. *Location* – The incident took place in the vicinity of the Haydar-Pasha Mosque.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s answer to the request for information states that criminal charged had been pressed to the competent PPPO for the crime of “Desecrating a grave” (Article 400, CC).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 38. Molotov cocktail on the car of former BPS (Bureau for Public Safety) Director Ljupcho Todorovski

**What happened:** In the early morning hours, in the vicinity of “Tri biseri” in the residential area of Aerodrom, unknown persons threw a flammable device on the SUV Nissan Navara with Skopje registration plates, which according to the Mol records belongs to A.S. (62) FROM Skopje, but had been sold to Lj.T. (Author’s note – Ljupcho Todorovski – Radnikot) from Skopje in the meantime. Measures are taken to solve the case, Mol informs.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 01.04.2018, at 05:55 h, “Jane Sandanski” Blvd, at a parking lot in front of the Trade Center “Tri biseri”.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet ako.mk, slobodenpecat.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator/s.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents*– This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that the crime of Causing general danger in accordance with Article 288 of CC was registered and notification was submitted to PPPO on 23.07.2018.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** Incidents of this kind call into question the safety of the country in general.

### 39. A young man in Michurin beaten up

**What happened:** 04.04.2018, around 18:30 it was reported that in park on “Anastas Mitrev” Street in Skopje, a bigger group of unknown perpetrators (aged 16 – 18) physically assaulted D.C. (23). Mol has taken measures to identify the perpetrators and solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 04.04.2018, around 18:30, “Anastas Mitrev” Street in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet kurir.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 victim.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Participation in a fight (Article 132, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a larger group of perpetrators, including minors..

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – the target of the attacks are lone minors or young people, and the perpetrators come in a larger group;
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a location where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that this incident was registered as attempted robbery and a record was submitted to PPPO pressing charges against an unknown perpetrator.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 40. Violence on “Partizanska” Street in Skopje

**What happened:** On “Partizanska” Street, near the bus stop which is close to the “La delicious” pastry shop, two adults beat up a younger man. There were about 15 people in the vicinity of the bus stop none of whom reacted, while I was standing a bit further away (where I could also observe). When leaving, the two thugs shouted out “are there any other Schiptars here” and left without getting an answer.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 05 April, unspecified, “Partizanski odredi” Blvd, in the vicinity of the pastry shop “La delicious”, Skopje

**Source of information:** Facebook status of the witness.

**Victim(s) involved:** a young man.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two unidentified perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents of this type had also been previously registered at public places
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a location where the majority of citizens are of Macedonian ethnicity.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case has not been recorded yet.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 41. A minor stabbed in Gjorche Petrov

**What happened:** On 08.04.2018, at 01:00, at the Police Precinct in Gjorche Petrov E.S. (51) reported that on 07.04.2018 his son E.S. (17) had been intercepted by two unknown persons around 22:30, while was moving down the "Angel Vinichki" street. One of them took out a knife and stabbed him in his left thigh. The minor was transported to the General City Hospital "8 September" in order to get medical aid and the doctor found that he had sustained bodily injury. Actions are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 07.04.2018, around 22:30, "Angel Vinichki" Street, Gjorche Petrov, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet sudstvo.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 1)

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and the is of different ethnicity than the perpetrators (Macedonian and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – lone minors are targeted, and the attackers are adults or in a group
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a residential area where previous such and similar attacks occurred and where people of different ethnicities live and pass through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case has been solved and was registered as an offence against the public order and peace under Article 11 of the Law on Offenses against the Public Order and Peace (author's note: the case was registered as a fight, not an assault). Mol's explanation was that in accordance with the standard police procedures and in consultation with PPPO, they were unable to find criminal attributes to this case, so they registered it as a misdemeanor!

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 42. Damage to gravestones in the village of Brnjanci

**What happened:** On 09.04.2018, at 09:30, it was reported to the Sector for Internal Affairs in Skopje that in the village of Brnjanci, Skopje region, an unknown perpetrator had damaged some of the gravestones in the local cemetery. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 09.04.2018 at 09:30 h, village of Brnjanci, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Desecration of a grave (Article 400 of CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).



**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** The bias motive in this incident is religion and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Such cases where religious objects or gravestones were damaged had occurred previously as well.
2. *Location* – The incident took place in the village of Brnjanci where cases where religious objects or gravestones were damaged had been registered previously, along with religious and ethnic intolerance.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information stated that this case has been registered as the crime of Desecration under Article 400 of the CC, a report had been sent to PPPO against an unknown perpetrator and they were looking for the perpetrators.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 43. Two people from Turkey physically assaulted

**What happened:** On 14.04, at 19:07, at the Information and Command Unit Skopje, it was reported that the Turkish citizens E.I. (24) and S.J. (26) with temporary residence in Skopje were taken to the Emergency Center Skopje, after, according to their statement, being physically assaulted by several unknown persons in the vicinity of the "J.B. Tito" High school. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 14.04.2018, at 19:07 h, in the vicinity of the "J.B. Tito" High school, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** two foreign citizens.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Severe bodily injury (Article 131, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a larger group of unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** The bias motive in this incident is status of a refugee or a migrant, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Assumed status of refugees or migrants* – the victims are foreign citizens of Turkish ethnicity

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** In the answer that we got from Mol, this incident is registered as the crime of Severe bodily injury, under article 131 of CC and charges against an unknown perpetrator have been submitted to PPPO. Mol is working to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 44. A minor attacked on Bit Pazar

**What happened:** On 23.04.2018, at the Police Precinct Bit Pazar, Z.S. (54) from Skopje reported that on the same day, around 20.45, his 17-year-old son was assaulted by four unknown persons who fist-punched him the head, at a bus stop on "Krste Misirkov" Boulevard. The police is working to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 23.04.2018, around 20.45 at a bus stop on Krste Misirkov Blvd, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor (17).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** four unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the perpetrators are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assault of lone minors, while the attackers move in groups
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a bus stop and street where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnicities live and pass through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this case was registered as a violation of the public order and peace according to Article 12 and measures were taken to fully clarify the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 45. Two professors in Gostivar attacked by members of DUI

**What happened:** In a statement for "Focus", the Mayor of Gostivar, Arben Taravari, said that two professors in Gostivar were attacked by members of DUI today. One of the professors sustained serious injury and was hospitalized at the Neurosurgery Ward with a brain concussion. The other was sent home. Previously, in his public appearance on Telma TV, Taravari said that the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Oliver Spasovski, often attended private celebrations of DUI officials in Gostivar, and Taravari hoped that the minister would make take measures for this case to be clarified.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 13 April, unspecified time, Gostivar.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet Telma TV, fokus.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** two adult males.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Severe bodily injury (Article 131, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a larger group of perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is political affiliation, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to our request for information states that this case has not been recorded at all.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** Incidents of this kind call into question the safety of the country and the political stability in general.

#### 46. Assault on "Aleksandar Makedonski" Blvd

**What happened:** In the Police Precinct Gazi Baba, in the period between 21:00 and 21:15 h, a 17-year old person from Skopje, the 31-year old I.K. from Skopje and D.I. (age 18) from Skopje reported that they had been attacked by several unknown persons in the vicinity of the bus stop on "Aleksandar Makedonski" Blvd. Mol are taking measures to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 13 April, 21:00 to 21:15h, bus stop on "Aleksandar Makedonski" Blvd, Skopje.



Source of information: Electronic media outlet [skopjeinfo.mk](#).

Victim(s) involved: three victims, one of whom is a minor (17).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims and the attackers are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents*– similar to all previous assaults at bus stops
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a bus stop and street where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnic communities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states contains no additional information on the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 47. Sixteen-year-old boy stabbed by his peer

**What happened:** A sixteen-year-old boy stabbed his peer in the stomach in the schoolyard of the school that they both attend, Mol informed.

The Sector for Internal Affairs, Skopje, pressed criminal charges against a 16-year-old minor from Skopje on grounds of reasonable suspicion of him committing the crime of "Severe bodily injury". According to the information of the police, on 10 April this year around 13:00h, in the schoolyard of a secondary school in Skopje, and after a previous verbal argument with his peer F.R., the suspect inflicted a stab wound to his stomach with a knife.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 10 April, around 13:00h, in a secondary school in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet [fokus.mk](#)

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 16).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Severe bodily injury (Article 131, CC), Participation in a fight (Article 132, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 1 minor perpetrator (16).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrator;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of students in, or in the vicinity of a school

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information provided no additional information on this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 48. A minor (age 12) boy physically assaulted

**What happened:** Last night around 19:00h, four unknown underage persons attacked a 12-year-old boy on “Makedonski vojski” Street in Skopje. According to Mol, the case was reported at the Police Precinct Gjorche Petrov last night at 21:40h, by A.T. (42), the mother of the assaulted boy. The police is taking measures to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 01 May, 21:40, “Makedonski vojski” Street, in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Nova Makedonija daily

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** 4 unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of lone minors in the streets or in the vicinity of a school.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that this incident was registered as a violation of the public order and peace in their records and that they are taking measures to identify the perpetrators.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 49. Bus no. 65 stoned in the village of Singjelikj

**What happened:** On 14.05.2018, around 18:50 h, on “Alija Avdovikj” Street, a bus of the Public Transport Company which transited on line 65, from the Transport Center to the village of Stajkovci, was stopped by A.J. (18) and a 16-year-old, both residents of the village of Singjelikj, with a passenger vehicle Peugeot 206, with Kumanovo registration plates. After they stopped the bus, they got out of their vehicle and asked the bus driver to open the doors. The driver refused, whereby the 16-year-old broke one of the side bus windows with a stone. Immediately after being notified, the police officers went to the crime scene and undertook adequate measures and activities. The two persons were taken into custody at the Police Precinct and there they stated that they stopped the bus because three people who had previously attacked them were on it. After the damage to the bus was done, two people complained of injuries in the back, whereby they were sent to be examined at the General City Hospital. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 14.05.2018 around 18:50, on “Alija Avidovkj” street in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Nova Makedonija daily.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 2 identified perpetrators, one of whom is a minor (16).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks and stoning of buses, in particular bus no. 65.
2. *Location* - The attack took place in the village of Singjelikj, a place where interethnic conflict between youth often occurs.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's answer to the request for information states that in their records, this incident is registered as violation against the public order and peace under Article 12 of the LVPOP.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 50. Physical assault of a passer-by on Quay 13th November

**What happened:** On 17.05.2018 at 23:15 in the General City Hospital "St. Naum of Ohrid", M.P. (22) from Skopje, reported that around 22:30, on "Quay 13th November" street, he was physically assaulted by three unknown males. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 17.05.2018 at 23:15h on "Quay 13th November" street.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 victim.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** 3 unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Location* – incidents of this type had previously occurred at this location as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation against the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrators.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 51. The monument of fighters from the Second World War in Tetovo desecrated

**What happened:** The Monument of the Revolution in the center of Tetovo dedicated to the fighters from the Second World War was desecrated with inadequate and provocative content. The Shkendija supporter group – "Balisti" have put their signature on the monument along with today's date, which is when the football club is planning to celebrate the champion title in the First football league.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 21 May, in the evening hours, in the center of Tetovo.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – cases of demolition of damage of monuments from WWII had also been registered before.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they registered this case as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrators.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 52. Minor attacked in the bus no. 65 in Stajkovci

**What happened:** In bus no. 65B by the Public Transportation Company, three unknown person who were on the bus physically assaulted a 16-year old minor. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 21 May, 18:25, bus no. 65, in the village of Stajkovci.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** 3 unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the attackers;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of lone minors in the street, near a school, in a bus.
3. *Location* – bus no. 65 has often been the place where such assaults occur.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 53. An underage (age 14) boy attacked in a children's playground

**What happened:** On 20.05.2018, around 22:00 h, his 14-year-old son was physically assaulted by an unknown person in the children's playground on "Doncho Shtipjancheto" Street.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 20.05.2018, around 22:00 at the children's playground on the "Doncho Shtipjancheto" Street.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** 1 unknown perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the attackers;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of lone minors in the street or in the vicinity of a school.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrators.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 54. Celebrating a victory with offensive cheering

**What happened:** Offensive cheering songs which are on the repertoire of the “Balisti” supporter group and which are chanted at every match against Vardar, also found their way to their celebration: “Kaur pussies” and “Macedonian girls, a real bitch”, resounded on the streets of Tetovo.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 21 May, in the evening hours, Tetovo.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet mkd.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – such incidents of hate speech and inciting national intolerance had previously been registered as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have no additional information on this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 55. Another minor attacked in bus no. 65

**What happened:** On 25.05.2018, around 23.10 h, several unknown persons attacked a 16-year-old boy in in bus no. 65. The perpetrators got on the bus in the village of Stajkovci and attacked the boy immediately. Measures are taken to identify the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 25.05.2018 around 23.:10, in bus no. 65, in the village of Stajkovci.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of underage persons in a bus.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 56. A young man (age 21) physically assaulted on bus no. 57

**What happened:** On 02.06.2018, sometime after midnight, in PTC's bus no. 57, a young man aged 21 was physically assaulted by several persons. After the other passengers started shouting out loud, the attackers got off the bus and escaped.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 02 June, after midnight, "Cvetan Dimov" Street, bus no. 57, in Skopje.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet судство.мк.

**Victim(s) involved:** one male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** a group of unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults on buses transiting through the region where there population of mixed ethnicity lives.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 57. Boy (age 13) physically assaulted in Chento

**What happened:** A thirteen year old boy was attacked last night on "Metodija Andonov – Chento" Street in Skopje, at the bus stop. As Mol informed, the case was reported to the police by I.S. (43), the child's father. His son was attacked while he was waiting for a bus by an unknown person aged 15 to 18, who was together with three other people. Then the perpetrators left the crime scene, but returned with an even larger group of people after a short while. The boy and his friends escaped and informed their parents. The police is working for fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 06 June, in the evening hours, at the bus stop on "MA Chento" Street in Skopje (the last bus stop for bus no. 45).

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet mkd.mk, skopjeinfo.mk, press24.mk.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators 4+.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of underage persons on the street, at bus stops or in the vicinity of schools

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).



**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 58. Athlete from the national team incites ethnic intolerance

**What happened:** “Kumanovo is Albania” The former North Macedonian national youth team representative, Taulant Sulejmanov, who in the meantime changed his surname to Seferi, caused a major scandal. After the friendly match of the youth selections against Belarus on Tuesday, Seferi, who in the meantime decided to play for Albania, posed in the dressing room wearing a T-shirt that read “Kumanovo is Albania”.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 07 June, unspecified time, social media profile.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet markukule.mk, offnet.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – sports events have been used as a platform to express hate speech and incite ethnic intolerance in previous occasions as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this incident has not been recorded yet.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 59. A citizen physically assaulted at Bit Pazar

**What happened:** On 11.06.2018, at 03:20 h, in the Police Station Bit Pazar, Gj.D (43) from Skopje, reported than on 10.06.2018, at 23:30, while he was moving down “Metodija Mitevski” street, he was physically assaulted by several unknown persons. Measures are taken to find the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 10.06.2018, around 23:30, while he was moving along “Metodija Mitevski” Street, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of citizens on the streets, at bus stops

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.



## 60. More attacks in Avtokomanda

**What happened:** On 11.06.2018, at 21:30, at the Sector for Internal Affairs, M.S. (19) reported that around 20:50, at the “Aleksandar Makedonski” Blvd, he was physically assaulted by two unknown persons. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 11.06.2018, around 20:50, on “Aleksandar Makedonski” Blvd, Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** 2 unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of citizens on the street, at bus stops

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 61. A man from Tetovo assaulted near Skopje

**What happened:** At 23.40, M.K. (53) from Tetovo, reported that that same night, at around 23:00 he was physically assaulted by several unknown persons in front of a Casino in the Skopjanka Trade Center. M.K. sustained injuries from the attack and was taken to the General City Hospital “St. Naum Ohridski” where he was given medical treatment. Measures are taken to identify the perpetrators and fully clarify the case (violence/ethnic).

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 16 June, around 23:00, Skopjanka TC.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet sitel.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** one male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of citizens on the street, at bus stops, in trade centers.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 62. The vehicle of MP Hari Lokvenec set on fire

**What happened:** Yesterday night, around 23:00h, the Mini Cooper of the SDSM MP Hari Lokvenec was set on fire by unknown perpetrators. Lokvenec was in Prespa yesterday, at the signing of the Agreement between North Macedonia and Greece.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 17 June, around 23 h, in Prilep.

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet sitel.mk, Nova Makedonija daily, Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319, CC), Causing general danger (Article 288, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents from several months before, when the citizens protested in front of the home of this MP.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that measures are taken to identify the perpetrator and that the case has been reported to PPPO.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This types of incidents call into question the political situation and the safety in the country in general.

## 63. Statues of national heroes in Mavrovi Anovi damaged

**What happened:** At 11 h last night, at the Police Department Mavrovo, S.B. (74) reported that in the residential area Mavrovi Anovi two of the bronze statues of the national heroes Chede Filipovski and Zlate Malakoski had been pulled down from their stands by means of physical force. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 21 June, in the evening hours, Mavrovi Anovi.

**Source of information:** Nova Makedonija daily, Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damaging objects of others (Article 243, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Other incidents of destroying and desecrating monuments from WWII and other historical objects of importance to the Macedonian ethnic community had been previously registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information stated that they had registered this incident as the crime "Damaging objects of others" under Article 243 of CC and submitted criminal charges against an unknown perpetrator to PPPO.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 64. Another assault in bus no. 57 on Cvetan Dimov Street

**What happened:** On 21.06.2018, at 23:30, at the Sector for Internal Affairs in Skopje, it was reported that at the intersection between streets “John Kennedy” and “Cvetan Dimov” in JSP bus no. 57, two unknown persons physically assaulted B.D. (20) from Skopje. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 21.06.2018, at 23:30, at the intersection between streets “John Kennedy” and “Cvetan Dimov”, in JSP’s bus no. 57.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one adult male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of citizens in bus. No 57 have also been registered in the previous reports

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as “Violence” and have submitted records for charges to PPPO.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 65. VMRO-DPMNE’s headquarters in Centar attacked

**What happened:** On 23.06.2018, at 23 h, a responsible person from the political party VMRO-DPMNE reported via phone to the Information and Command Unit that unknown perpetrators had thrown paint on and around the facility owned by the party, located on VMRO boulevard. Police officers went to the crime scene and measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 23.06.2018, at 23h, Main square in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of objects of other (Article 243, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents where the party headquarters of SDSM had been demolished

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as the crime of “Damaging objects of others” in accordance with Article 243 from the CC.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 66. An underage boy (age 13) attacked in Topansko pole

**What happened:** On 26.06.2018, at the Police Precinct Bit Pazar S.M. (33) reported that on the same day, around 15:30 on street “376” three underage males and one female physically assaulted her 13-year-old son, whereby he sustained visible injuries. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 26.06.2018, 15:30, on “376” street

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrator;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of minors on the streets, at bus stops or in the vicinity of schools

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they have registered this incident as a violation of the public order and peace and are taking measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 67. 21-year-old youth beaten at a bus stop in Avtokomanda

**What happened:** A twenty one year old youth is fighting for his life in the Skopje clinics after yesterday afternoon, at 17:20 h he was beaten up by unknown persons in the residential area of Avtokomanda. Yesterday and in the course of the night the boy was unconscious. According to the initial information by Mol, he was beaten up by three, for the time being, unknown persons. The unknown person got off a Mercedes bends car, beat the boy who was moving down the Aleksandar Makedonski Blvd. in the vicinity of the bus stop near the head offices of Alkaloid and Skopska Pivara. On 09.07.2018, the injured succumbed to the injuries and passed away.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 29.06.2018 17:30, at the bust top near Alkaloid, in Avtokomanda

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter, Nova Makedonija daily

**Victim(s) involved:** one adult male (21).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Murder in a cruel way (Article 123 p. 2 i. 1, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** three unknown perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Assaults of members of supporter groups; In this specific case the attacked youth was a member of Komiti, and the attackers were members of Shverceri.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that this incident had first been registered as “Violence” and that two of the three perpetrators had been immediately put into custody, and that they were looking for the third one. After the case was submitted to PPO and after the

autopsy of the body and the collecting of additional evidence was conducted, this case was re-qualified as “Murder in a cruel way”.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 68. A minor (age 17) boy attacked in Centar

**What happened:** On 01.07.2018, at 18:15h at the Police Precinct Centar I.S. (47) reported that on that same day, on “Luj Paster” Street, at 00:30 his 17-year-old son had been physically assaulted by a group of persons. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 01.07.2018 at 18:15 h, on “Luj Paster” Street in Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage minor.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of underage persons on the street, at bus stops or in the vicinity of a school.

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was closed, there was still no response from Mol. (The response arrived in January, it was recorded as a physical assault, and they are working to solve the case).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 69. Migrants robbed on the road Negotino-Gradsko

**What happened:** On 02.07.2018, at 9:40, police officers from the Police Precinct for Border Surveillance “Mihajlovo”, spotted to persons – migrants from Afghanistan, on the Negotino-Gradsko motorway, in the vicinity of “Stobi”. They were interviewed and they stated that two days ago they had illegally crossed the Greek - North Macedonian border on foot. The migrants, going along the railway, were intercepted by four people and robbed at 07:00am, on 02.07.2018, whereby, according to their testimonies they were robbed of 700 EUR and two mobile phones. The police officers handed over the migrants to the police officers from the Police Precinct Negotino, for further proceedings. The police are working to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 02.07.2018, at 07:00 h, in the vicinity of the railway station in Negotino.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** two persons -- refugees/migrants.

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is the victims’ status of migrants, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims are migrants -- refugees;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of migrants, especially in the vicinity of a railroad or a road, have been registered before.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was still no answer from Mol. (We got a response in January, and criminal charges were pressed against unknown persons under Article 237 of CC-Robbery, and the police is working to fully clarify the case.)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 70. A person from the village of Studenichani assaulted in bus no. 67

**What happened:** On 02.07.2018, at 20:30, in the Police Precinct Kisela Voda, N.A. (48) from the village of Studenichani, Skopje region, reported that on the same day, around 17:30, on the “Boris Trajkovski” Boulevard, while he was on a bus of the Public Transport Company no. 67, was physically assaulted by the company ticket control officer, Z.G (54) from the village of Oreshani, Skopje region. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 02.07.2018, 17:30, on bus no. 67.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one adult male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of citizens on a bus and at a bus stop had been registered previously as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. (We got the response in January 2019, the case was recorded as a violation under Article 12 of LVPPO)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 71. Graffiti scribbled on a school in Chento

**What happened:** On 10.07.2018, at 08:00 am M.M (42) reported to the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, that on 09/10.07.2019, on “Srechko Puzhalka” street, unknown perpetrators had damaged five candelabras and removed their fuses in a primary school. The perpetrators also used spray to write offensive content. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 09/10.07.2018, unspecified, on “Srechko Puzhalka” street, in a primary school.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter. A representative of the Helsinki Committee went to the scene, but there were no visible graffiti because the walls of the school had been freshly painted, which is why we weren’t able to take a photo record of the case.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damaging objects of others (Article 243, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:



1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents of wiring graffiti in public spaces had previously been registered as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. (We got the response in January 2019, the case was recorded as a violation under Article 12 of LVPPO).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 72. SDSM headquarters in Kichevo demolished

**What happened:** On 18.07.2018, around 19:30, it was reported that in Kichevo, G.P. (43) from Kichevo, broke the glass from the headquarters of the political party SDSM, located on “Marshal Tito” Street. The person was detained in the Police Precinct Kichevo, and they are working to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** on 18.07.2018, around 19:30, on “Marshal Tito” Street, SDSM headquarters, in Kichevo

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damaging objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents where the SDSM party headquarters were demolished.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. (We got the response from Mol in January 2019, the perpetrator has been identified and the plaintiffs were instructed to press charges as individuals)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 73. 17-year-old youth stabbed in a bus, he was a member of the Komiti supporter group

**What happened:** On 21.07.2018, around 23:15 h, on city bus no. 22 which transits from Centar to Volkovo, in the vicinity of the Policlinic Gjorche Petrov, a verbal argument between two groups grew into a fight, whereby one of the participants got hurt by a knife. The injured is a minor (age 17). Two people were detained in the precinct. There is information on the social media that the assaulted youth was a member of the supporters’ group of the Vardar Football Club – Komiti, and the two attackers were members of the supporters’ group Shverceri of FC Shkupi from Chair. The police is taking measures to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 21.07.2018, around 23:15 h, city bus no. 22 which operates from Centar to Volkovo, in the vicinity of the Gjorche Petrov policlinic.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter, electronic media outlet sportklub.mk, iportal.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators, 2 persons have been identified.



**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim was of Macedonian ethnicity and was a member of the supporter group Komiti, while the attackers were allegedly of the Albanian ethnicity and members of the supporter group Shverceri;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – conflict situations and clashes between supporter groups of different ethnicities
3. *Location* – the incident took place on board bus. 22, while it was transiting through the residential area of Gjorche Petrov.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. (We got a response from Mol in January 2019, the case has been recorded as a violation under LVPOP, and a notification has been submitted to PPO)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 74. Migrants attacked and robbed at the Tabanovce border transit

**What happened:** On 24.07.2018, at 11:30 h, at the railroad Tabanovce-Preshevo, police officers discovered eight persons – migrants from Iran. These persons reported that on the same day, after they illegally entered North Macedonia from the Republic of Greece, at about 200 meters distance from the borderline with R. Serbia, two unknown persons, threatening them with a knife, proceeded to rob them, depriving them of 8000 EUR. The team of the Red Cross provided the migrants with medical aid. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 24.07.2018, at 11:39, at the railroad Tabanovce-Preshevo

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** eight persons – migrants.

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is the status of a migrant-refugee, as the victims were migrants, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Status of a migrant/refugee* – the victims are migrants/refugees;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of migrants, especially in the vicinity of a railroad, have been also registered before

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol. (We got a response from Mol in January 2019, they have taken record of the case, but say it is not under their jurisdiction)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 75. Inappropriate graffiti in Radishani

**What happened:** On 29.07.2018, at 18:00 h, at the Sector of Internal Affairs, Skopje, Sh. Sh. (50), reported that on 28.07.2018, on "Radishanska" Street, an unknown perpetrator had scribbled graffiti with offensive and inappropriate content on the front side of his house. The police are working to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 29.07.2018, at 18:00, on “Radishanska” Street

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter. A representative of the Helsinki Committee went to the scene, but there were no visible graffiti (apart from one house – “Aleks Design”, where there seemed to have been some traces of fresh paint, and nearly unnoticeable traces of black graffiti), which is why we were not able to take photo record of the event.

**Victim(s) involved:** Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident..

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC). **Perpetrator(s):** Unknown perpetrator

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents of graffiti with political or ethnic content, sprayed in public spaces have previously been registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was finished, there was no response from Mol to the request for information of public character that the Committee sent in relation to this incident. (We got a response from Mol in January 2019, they are working to fully clarify the case.)

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 76. Migrants robbed in the vicinity of Vinichani, Veles

**What happened:** On 01.08.2018, around 16:30, it was reported that near the railway station in the vicinity of the village of Vinichani, Veles region, four unknown persons who were in a passenger motor vehicle “Opel Astra” committed a robbery and robbed T.K. (22) from Pakistan, who was moving alongside the railway of around 150 EUR and 6000 MKD. The inspection team from the SIA from Veles conducted inspection and they are working to fully clarify the case.

The Sector for Internal Affairs Veles pressed criminal charges against A.S. (27), P.M. 28), M.P. (28), S.E. (23), all of them from Gradsko, due to reasonable doubts that they had committed the crime of “Robbery”. In fact, on 01.08.2018, around 16:30, in the village of Vinichani, Veles region, near the railroad station, the suspects, who were in a passenger vehicle “Opel Astra”, by using physically force, committed robbery of T.K. (22) from Pakistan and robbed him of 150 EUR and 6000 MKD.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 01.08.2018, around 16:30, in the vicinity of the village of Vinichani, Veles region

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** One person, a migrant

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 4 identified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is the status of a migrant/refugee, considering the fact that the victims are migrants, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Status of a migrant/refugee* – the victim is a migrant/refugee;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of migrants, particularly next to a railroad, had been registered previously as well

**Status of the case:** Criminal charges have been pressed.

**Response of the local authorities:** Criminal charges were pressed under KU no. 303/18 by SIA Veles.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety of migrants and refugees transiting through the country.

## 77. Violence on Bit Pazar

**What happened:** On 10.08.2018, at 23:10h, in the Police Precinct Bit Pazar, S.N. (27) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, around 22:00 h, on “Krste Misirkov” Blvd, he had been physically assaulted by 10-12 unknown persons, whereby he sustained bodily injury. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 10.08.2018, around 22:00, on “Krste Misirkov” Blvd.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** One adult male.

**Type of crime(s):** Bodily injury (Article 131, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 10-12 unidentified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Location* – The incident took place on Bit Pazar, where there such and similar attack had occurred previously as well, and where people of different ethnic communities live in and move through.
2. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the perpetrators are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians)

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 78. Violence in the City Park in Skopje

**What happened:** On 11.08.2018, at 04.25 h, at the Police Precinct in Karposh A.F.Sh (25) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, at 03.20 h, in front of a disco club in Gradski Park, he was physically assaulted by two unknown persons, who came with a passenger vehicle. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 11.08.2018, at 04.25 h, in the City Park

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** One young male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two unidentified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Location* – The incident took place in the City Park, where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnic communities live in and move through.
2. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the perpetrators are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians)

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 79. 18-year-old youth attacked at “Rekord” in PCO bus no. 5

**What happened:** On 16. 08.2018, at 12:40, at the Police Precinct Centar, D.S. (18) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, at 00:35 h, at the bus stop on “Dimitrija Chupovski” Street, when getting on PTC’s bus no.5, he was physically assaulted by two unknown persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 16.08.2018, at 12:40, at the bus stop on “Dimitrija Chupovski” Street, bus no. 5.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** young male (18).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown persons.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – PTC bus no. 5 transits through a region where people of different ethnicities (Macedonians and Albanians) live in and move through;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – similar to all previous stoning and attacks of busses, as well as attacks in public transport buses
3. *Location* – The incident took place at a bus stop on a street where similar attacks had taken place previously as well, and where people of different ethnic communities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** In the response we got from Mol, they informed us that they were working to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 80. Turkish national attacked at Bit Pazar

On 26.08.2018, at 01:20, at the Police Precinct Bit Pazar, B.A.M. (23) from Germany, reported that on the same day, around 00:15, on “Krste Misirkov” Blvd, he and his friend G.S. (33) from Turkey were physically assaulted by unknown persons. Measures are taken to identify the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 26.08.2018, at 01:20, “Krste Misirkov” Blvd, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** two foreign nationals

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** a larger group of unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is ethnicity, nationality or language, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity and nationality* – the victims are foreign nationals of Turkish ethnic origin
2. *Location* – The incident took place at a bus stop on a street where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they are taking measures to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 81. Minors attacked in Gjorche Petrov

**What happened:** On 07.09.2018, at 22:45, at the Police Precinct Gjorche Petrov D.N. (39) and M.H.A. (45), both from Skopje reported that on the same day, around 21:50, on “Isaija Mazhovski” Street, their sons aged 12 and 15 had been physically assaulted by several other minors. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 07.09.2018, at 22:45 h, on “Isaija Mazhovski” Street, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** two minors (ages 12 and 15).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Participation in a fight (Article 132, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several underage persons.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims are minors and of a different ethnicity than the attackers (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – minors who are alone are assaulted, while the attackers are adults or in a group
3. *Location* – The incident took place in the Municipality of Gjorche Petrov, where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they are taking measures to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 82. Violence over a minor in the vicinity of ASUC

**What happened:** On 14.09.2018, at 11:30, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, D.P. (38) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, around 09:45h, in the vicinity of the “Boro Petrushevski” Secondary School his 15-year old son was physically assaulted by several underage persons. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 14.09.2018, at 11:30, in the vicinity of the “Boro Petrushevski” School, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor (age 15).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC),

**Perpetrator(s):** several minors.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the assaulted minor and the underage attackers are of different ethnicities (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occurs very often, particularly in the capital. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school and a residential area where people of different ethnicities live and students of different ethnicities attend school.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that measures are taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 83. Migrants robbed near Krivolak-Negotino

**What happened:** The Sector for Internal Affairs Veles, pressed criminal charges against R.M. (26), E.M. (22) and B.R. (23) from the village of Krivolak, Negotino, on grounds of reasonable suspicion that they committed the crime of "Robbery". On 19.09.2018, around 08:00, in the vicinity of the village of Krivolak, the suspects robbed four migrants from India, depriving them of 950 EUR and four mobile phones, whereby they fled the scene.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19.09.2018, around 08h, in the vicinity of the village of Krivolak, Negotino.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** four refugees/migrants.

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** three identified perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this case the bias motive is the victims' status of migrants and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims are migrants/refugees;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of migrants, particularly in the vicinity of a railroad or a road have been previously registered as well

**Status of the case:** Criminal charges have been pressed.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that this incident has been clarified and that criminal charges have been pressed against three people.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety of the country in general and the safety of migrants and refugees.

### 84. The municipal office of SDSM in Prilep damaged

**What happened:** On 19.09.2018, around 09:40 h, damage to the municipal office of the political party SDSM in the residential area of "Tochila" in Prilep was reported, whereby one glass pane had been broken. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19.09.2018, around 09:40 h, in the residential area of "Tochila" in Prilep

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** : In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by other incidents, when the SDSM's headquarters were demolished.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.



**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the incident, the crime is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the political stability in the country in general.

#### 85. Another SDSM office in Prilep damaged

**What happened:** On 19.09.2018, at 08:30 h, on “Orde Chopela” Street in Prilep, the damage to the municipal office of the political party SDSM was reported, whereby two window panes were broken. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19.09.2018, around 08:30 h, on “Orde Chopela” Street, SDSM headquarters in Prilep.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by other incidents, when the SDSM’s headquarters were demolished

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the incident, the crime is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the political stability in the country in general.

#### 86. Minor assaulted on bus no. 65

**What happened:** On 20.09.2018, at 14:00, at the Police Precinct Gazi Baba, A.Z. (45) from the village of Singjelikj – Skopje region, reported that at 13:30, at the bus stop on “Aleksandar Makedonski” Boulevard, on bus no. 65 his 15-year-old son was attacked by several underage persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 20.09.2018, 13:30, on bus no. 65, at the bus stop on “Aleksandar Makedonski” boulevard.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage person.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several underage persons.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor, and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of lone minors on the street, in the vicinity of a school, on a bus.
3. *Location* – bus no.65 has often been the scene of such incidents.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the case.



**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 87. SDSM headquarters in Kumanovo demolished

**What happened:** Today (24.09) around 10:40, at the Police Precinct Kumanovo, damage done to the headquarters of the political party SDSM in Kumanovo on “Tode Mendol” Street was reported, whereby three windows of the facility had been broken.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 24.09.2018, around 10:40 h, on “Toda Mendol” Street, SDSM headquarters in Kumanovo

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage to objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by other incidents when the SDSM’s headquarters were demolished

**Status of the case:** Solved.

**Response of the local authorities:** The incident has been solved, whereby it was found that the perpetrator was D.S. The case is prosecuted upon a private lawsuit.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the political stability in the country in general.

#### 88. SDSM headquarters in Kumanovo damaged

**What happened:** On the same date (24.09.2018), in the Police Precinct Kumanovo, another damage was reported, on “Ilindenska” Street. According to the report, three windows were broken on each of the locations. D.S. (34) from Kumanovo was detained in relation to the incident.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 24.09.2018 on “Ilindenska” Street, SDSM Headquarters, Kumanovo

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** one identified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents*– This incident was preceded by other incidents, when the SDSM’s headquarters were demolished

**Status of the case:** Solved.

**Response of the local authorities:** The case was solved, whereby it was found that D.S. was the perpetrator. The case is prosecuted based on a private lawsuit.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the political stability in the country in general.

## 89. An activist physically assaulted in relation to the Referendum 2018

**What happened:** On 26.09.2018, at 19:00, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, A.Z. (37) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, around 18:30, on “Palmiro Toljati” Street, while he was handing out leaflets for the referendum, he was physically assaulted by B.M. (54) from Skopje. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 26.09.2018, at 19:00 h, on “Palmiro Toljati” Street, Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one adult male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** V.M. from Skopje

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is the political affiliation of the victim and the perpetrator, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Solved.

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that the case has been registered as a violation against the public order and peace.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 90. SDSM headquarters in Dolno Kolichani demolished

**What happened:** Yesterday night, at the Police Precinct in Drachevo, it was reported that the SDSM headquarters in the village of Dolno Kolichani had been demolished.

“On 25.09.2018, at 09:40, at the Police Precinct in Drachevo, S.I. from the village of Dolno Kolichani, Skopje region, reported that in the course of the night on 24/25.09.2018, an unknown perpetrator broke four windows of the headquarters of the political party SDSM from the village of Dolno Kolichani. Measures are taken to find the perpetrator and fully solve the case”, the police informed.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 24/25.09.2018 in the village of Dolno Kolichani.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlet Fokus.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of objects of others (Article 243, CC), **Perpetrator(s):** one unidentified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location are the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by other incidents, when the SDSM’s headquarters were demolished

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to clarify the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the political stability in the country in general.

## 91. Leaflets with threats about the Referendum 2018

**What happened:** On 27.09.2018, at 10:22, at the Police Precinct in Kisela Voda, L.J. T. reported that in front of her building on “Lokov” Street, leaflets were thrown with threats about the referendum. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 27.09.2018, “Lokov” Street, Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** none

**Type of crime(s):** Endangering the safety (Article 144 од CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrator

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

## 92. An activist in Tetovo physically assaulted because of the referendum 2018

**What happened:** On 27.09.2018, around 13:20, at the Police Precinct Tetovo, D.A. (23) and H.Dz. (18), both from Tetovo, reported that on “Marshal Tito” Street, around 11:50h, they first been insulted, and then D.A. was assaulted by S.A. (43) from Tetovo. They both reported that they had been handing out leaflets with content related to the upcoming referendum, and according to their statements, S.A. crumpled their leaflets, insulted them, and at a certain point tried to hit D.A. with his fist, but he avoided the blow, whereby S.A. kicked him in the back and together with to more people, who were with him, left the scene. The police are working to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 27.09.2018, at 11:50h, on “Marshal Tito” Street, Tetovo.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** two males

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** S.A. from Tetovo

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is the political affiliation of the victim and the perpetrator, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Solved

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol’s response to the request for information states that they had submitted Notification no. 34.2.3-10764/1 from 26.11.2018 to the PPO in Tetovo about the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the safety and the political stability in the country in general.

### 93. Violence over a 13-year-old minor in a PTC bus no. 65

**What happened:** On 27.09.2018, at 22:30, in the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, D.I. (44) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, around 19:00, in PTC's bus no. 65, on "Nikola Karev" boulevard, his 13-year-old son was physically assaulted by two unknown persons. The assault occurred when the bus abruptly stopped and the child flung into the two persons who immediately started arguing with him, and then proceeded to physically assault him. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 27.09.2018, around 19:00 h, in bus no. 65 on "Nikola Karev" boulevard.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown persons.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of lone minors on the street, in the vicinity of schools, in buses;
3. *Location* - bus no. 65 has often been the scene of such incidents.

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 94. Beaten to unconsciousness because of the referendum 2018

**What happened:** On 29.09.2018, at 13:30 h, at the Police Precinct Centar, I.E. (44) from Skopje, reported that around 00:15, while he was in a café in Skopje with his friend, J.L (33) from Skopje that he was acquainted with before, approached him and started verbally threatening him in relation to the voting on the referendum, and at a certain point him hit him with his fist, whereby the plaintiff was briefly unconscious. Measure and activities to solve the case have been taken and adequate charges were pressed against J.L.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 29.09.2018, at 00:15 h, at a café in Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol's newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one adult male.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** J.L. from Skopje.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is the political affiliation of the victim and the perpetrator, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident is one in the series of incidents against members or supporters of political parties or former and acting officials.

**Status of the case:** Solved

**Response of the local authorities:** Mol's response to the request for information states that the case has been registered as a violation under Article 12 of the LVPOP

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 95. A minor attacked in Chair

**What happened:** In the Police Precinct Bit Pazar, F.A. (33) from Skopje (Chair), reported that on the same day, around 13:00 h, on “Prohor Pchinski” Street, several unknown persons physically assaulted his 15-year-old son. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 30.09.2018, around 13:00 h, on “Prohor Pchinski” Street, in Chair, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age15).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown persons.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident which took place on a street in Chair (an ethnically mixed environment) the bias motive is ethnicity, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the assaulted minor and the perpetrators are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occur very frequently, particularly in the capital of the country. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school attended by students of different ethnicities and in a neighborhood populated by people of different ethnicities.

**Status of the case:** Unknown

**Response of the local authorities:** Measures are taken to solve the incident.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 96. Damage to church property in Drachevo

**What happened:** The priests indicate that on 10.03.2018, incidents involving damage to church property i.e. writing Satanist graffiti on the wall of the St. Spas Church in Drachevo occurred. Such incidents also happened before, and the cases were reported to the Police Precinct and to the Municipality of Kisela Voda. The priests qualify these as serious incidents which cannot simply be ascribed to underage persons.

The police is after the perpetrators.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 10.03.2018, St. Spas Church, Drachevo, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter, electronic media outlet ako.mk. **Victim(s) involved:** Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident. **Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC). **Perpetrator(s):** Unknown perpetrator(s).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is religion and religious affiliation, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents involving damage to church property and religious insignia have been previously registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators that would verify hate crime, we got an answer identical to the one in Mol’s newsletter, i.e. that they had gone to the scene and that they were taking measures to fully solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 97. Fight at the bus stop in the vicinity of ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin”

**What happened:** On 09.10.2018, at 11:08, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, it was reported that at the bus stop near ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin”, on “Blagoja Stefkovski” Street, a fight between several persons occurred. Police officers went to the scene, and found that a group of five to six students from the school physically assaulted N.S. (18) from Skopje, who was also a student in the same school. One of the attackers was found at the scene. A 16-year-old minor from Skopje is in question. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 09.10.2018, around 11:08 h, at the bus stop near ETUC “Mihajlo Pupin” Madzari, “Blagoja Stefkovski” Street.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** one 18-year-old person

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** more than 5 unknown perpetrators, one 16-year-old perpetrator found at the scene.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – this school is attended by students of different ethnicities and bus lines connecting residential areas with mixed ethnic structure stop at the bus stop;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – conflicts situations and clashes between young people of different ethnicity
3. *Location* - the incident took place at the bus stop in front of the secondary school where bus lines no. 65, 55, 45 stop.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got an response in January 2019, stating that the case has been registered as a violation under LVPOP (Law on Violations against the Public Order and Peace).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 98. A minor attacked in Chair

**What happened:** On 09.10.2018, at 10:20, at the Police Precinct Chair, M.I. (56) from Skopje reported that on the same day around 09:15, on “Tale Hristov” Street, his 15-year-old son was physically assaulted by two unknown persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 09.10.2018, around 09:15, on “Tale Hristov” Street

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor aged 15.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:



1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of minors have previously been registered in this part of the city as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 99. Robbery of a migrant from Iran

**What happened:** On 15.10.2018, at SIA Kumanovo, R.R (32) from Iran reported that three unknown persons had robbed him and had physically assaulted him. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 15.10.2018, Kumanovo.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one migrant from Iran.

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC), Bodily injury (Article 130 CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** The bias motive in this incident is the status of a refugee or a migrant, i.e. the victims were migrants, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Status of a migrant/refugees* - the victim is a migrant/refugees;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks on migrants in this part of the country, in the vicinity of the border crossings have been previously registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response stating that Mol were taking measures to fully solve the case, that after the medical intervention the person had been accommodated, like all other migrants, in the Reception and Transit Center for Refugees in Tabanovce, that the Iranian Embassy had been informed, and that while they were making efforts to provide an interpreter, the person independently left the migrant transit center and headed in an unknown direction.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

## 100. A person physically assaulted on “Crnogorska” Street in Gjorche Petrov

**What happened:** On 16.10.2018, at 22:30 h, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, F.A.Lj. (19) from Skopje reported that at 22:00 h on the same day he had been physically assaulted by three unknown persons on “Crnogorska” Street. Measures are taken to clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 16.10.2018, around 22:00 h, on “Crnogorska” Street.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one victim aged 19.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** three unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:



1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of young people in this part of the city had been previously registered as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 101. Fight on a bus near Chucher Sandevo

**What happened:** On 19.10.2018, around 20:50 h, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, it was reported that at the bus stop in front of Chucher Sandevo, on PTC's bus no. 81 which transits from Skopje to Dolno Blace, several people entered the bus carrying hard objects and attacked A.F. (18) from the village of Dolno Blace, and three other persons, two of which aged 15 and one aged 16, all of them from the village of Dolno Blace. The team of the Emergency Medical Service provided them with medical aid at the scene, and A.F. and one 15-year-old were taken to the complex of clinics "Majka Tereza". After the event, several resident of the village of Dolno Blace expressed their outrage on the scene, bus soon withdrew. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 19.10.2018, at the bus stop near the village of Chucher Sandevo, on a PTC bus no. 81 which transits from Skopje to Dolno Blace.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** 4 victims, 3 of whom are minors.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 4 unknown perpetrators, 1 perpetrator identified through recognition.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – this part of the city is populated by people of different ethnicities, and the buses that stop at the bus stop also transit through neighborhoods with mixed ethnic structure;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – Conflict situations and clashes between young people of different ethnicities on buses and at bus stops.
3. *Location* – the incident occurred on bus no. 81

**Status of the case:** A notification has been submitted to PPO, further status unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response identical in January 2019, stating that in regard to this case, they had taken measures to find and identify the perpetrators. One person has been identified and a notification has been submitted to PPO for further action.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 102. Threats via Twitter

**What happened:** The Sector for Internal Affairs Strumica, in coordination with the Sector for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics under the Ministry of Interior, submitted criminal charges against I.S. (41) from Strumica to the competent public prosecution, for reasonable suspicion that he had committed the crime

of “Endangering the safety” and “Spreading racist and xenophobic materials through a computer system”. On 19.10.2018, at 09:20 h he posted racist and xenophobic content related to the persons S.A. and I.S. on the social network Twitter and was summoned for an interview in SIA Strumica, where he explained that the Twitter profile where the post was published is his and that he was the author of the post

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On Twitter social network on 19.10.2018, at 09:20 h.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

**Type of crime(s):** Spreading racist and xenophobic materials through a computer system (Article 394-CT. 1, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** I.S. (42) from Strumica

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents of committing these crimes via social networks had previously been registered as well.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges pressed KU no. 33.4-500 from 26.10.2018

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response in January 2019, stating that in regard to this case, they submitted criminal charges to KU no. 33.4-500, from 26.10.2018 to the competent PPO for further action.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 103. Threats against the Members of Parliament via Facebook

**What happened:** On 20.10.2018, the Sector for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics under the Ministry of Interior submitted a Notification for revealed content which contain calls to violence or announcements of behavior which would jeopardize someone’s safety, and which had been posted on Facebook profiles in the past 24 hours and were adequately documented.

Criminal charges will be pressed against G.T. (48) from Skopje for spreading hate speech and Endangering the safety of the MPs in the Assembly of North Macedonia in accordance with Article 319 and Article 144 paragraph 4 of the Criminal Code to the competent Prosecutor’s Office, Mol informed.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On Facebook – the social media platform, on 19.10.2018

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

**Type of crime(s):** Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 41.319) and Endangering the safety (Article. 144 paragraph 4 CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** G.T. (48) from Skopje.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents where such crimes were committed via social media had previously been registered as well.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges pressed to the competent PPPO.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response in January 2019, stating

that in regard to this case, they submitted criminal charges for the crimes under Article 3019 and Article 144 paragraph 4 to the competent PPO for further action

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

#### 104. Endangering the safety of a Member of the Parliament via Facebook

**What happened:** On 22.10.2018, SIA Skopje, in collaboration with the Sector for Computer Crime and Digital Forensics under the Ministry of Interior will submit criminal charges against 38-year-old A.N. from the Skopje village of Konjari, for a posted comment on the Facebook Social Media Platform which caused endangering of the safety of the members of the Parliament of North Macedonia and for spreading racist and xenophobic materials through a computer system, i.e. for reasonable suspicions of him committing the crime under Article 144 “Endangering the safety” and under Article. 394-d “Spreading racist and xenophobic materials through a computer system” of the Criminal Code, the police informed.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On the Facebook Social Media Platform, on 21.10.2018

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

**Type of crime(s):** Spreading racist and xenophobic materials through a computer system (Article 394-g para. 1, CC) and Endangering the safety (Article. 144 paragraph 4 CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** A.N. (38) from the village of Konjari, Skopje region

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is political affiliation or political convictions, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – incidents where such crimes were committed via social media had previously been registered as well.

**Status of the case:** OJO criminal charges pressed to the competent PPPO.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response in January 2019, stating that in regard to this case, they submitted criminal charges for the crimes under Article 394-d and Article 144 paragraph 4 to the competent PPO for further action.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the general political stability in the country.

#### 105. A minor assaulted in Kamnik - Chento

**What happened:** On 22.10.2018, at 22:30, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje, I.D. (41) reported that on the same day, around 20:15, on “Juzhnomoravski Brigadi” Street, while his 14-year-old son was moving together with his friends, two unknown persons aged 14-16 approached him, and one of the physically assaulted him. Measures are taken to fully clarify the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 22.10.2018, around 20:15, on “Juzhnomoravski Brigadi” Street

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one underage victim, aged 14.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity*– the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of young people in this region had been previously registered as well.

**Status of the case:** the case has been registered as a violation under Article 12 of the Law on Violations against the Public Order and Peace.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response in January 2019, stating that this case has been registered as a violation under Article 12 of the Law on Violations against the Public Order and Peace (LVPOP).

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 106. Minors in ASUC physically assaulted

**What happened:** On 31.10.2018, at the Police Precinct Gazi Baba, D.P. (38) and D.N. (39), both from Skopje, reported that around 09:10 h, their children aged 15 had been physically assaulted by three unknown persons in the vicinity of the “Boro Petrushevski” Secondary School. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 31.10.2018, around 09.10 h, in the vicinity of the Secondary School ASUC “Boro Petrushevski”.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** two children aged 15.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** more than 3 unknown perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – this school is attended by children of different ethnicities;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – conflict situations and clashes between young people of different ethnicities
3. *Location* - The incident occurred in the vicinity of the secondary school ASUC “Boro Petrushevski” where such incidents between the students and other young people have previously been registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case, we got a response in January 2019, stating that measures were taken to solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 107. Violence caused by support groups in Tetovo

**What happened:** On 02.11.2018, around 21:30, in the vicinity of a restaurant on “Boris Kidrich” Street in Tetovo, after finishing the celebration of the anniversary of the supporter group, a 15-year-old youth from Tetovo, who was with a group of several friends, was physically assaulted by an unknown person who was with a group of several other persons. The minor was hit on his back, whereby the perpetrators escaped. The shop window of one of the nearby stores was damaged along with a passenger vehicle owned by A.M. (27) from Tetovo. Mol Tetovo is taking measures to solve the case.

On 23.11.2018, the police pressed criminal charges against 14 persons, including a minor, for the violence caused on 02.11 by the supporter groups of Vojvodi and Balisti.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 02.11.2018, around 21:30 h, Tetovo

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlets: makfax.com.mk, fokus.com.mk and gol.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 person.

**Type of crime(s):** Bodily injury (Article 131, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 7 identified perpetrators, one of whom is a minor.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are

1. *Ethnicity and belonging to a supporter group* – the victim was of Macedonian ethnicity, and the attackers were of the Albanian ethnic community and members of the supporter group “Balisti”.
2. *Location* – the incident took place in the center of Tetovo, after a sport match.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges were pressed against 7 perpetrators.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, Mol had not responded to the Committee’s request for public information regarding this case, asking whether this incident contains indicators which would verify a hate crime. The information about the criminal charges pressed was obtained from the media.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

#### 108. Incident at a football match in Tetovo

**What happened:** On the 3rd November, in the period 12 to 16 h in Tetovo, before the start of the match between the football clubs “Teteks” from Tetovo and “Trim lum” from Struga, as well as during the match, the five reported men from Tetovo, together with the two reported men from Skopje, started shouting offensive slogans.

On 23.11.2018, the police pressed criminal charges against 14 persons, including one minor, for the violence caused on 02.11 by the supporter groups of “Vojvodi” and “Balisti”.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 03.11.2018, from 12 to 16 h, Tetovo

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlets: makfax.com.mk, fokus.com.mk and gol.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none, only material damage

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 7 identified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Ethnicity and belonging to a supporter group* – the victim was of Macedonian ethnicity and the attackers were of Albanian ethnicity and members of the support group “Balisti”.
2. *Location* – the incident took place in the center of Tetovo, after a match.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges were pressed against 7 perpetrators.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, Mol had not responded to the Committee’s request for public information regarding this case, asking whether this incident contains indicators which would verify a hate crime. The information about the criminal charges pressed was obtained from the media.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 109. “Balisti” supporters demolished through Tetovo

**What happened:** On 4th November, in the period between 12 and 15 h in Tetovo, before the start of the match between the football club “Shkendija” from Tetovo and the football club “Shkupi” from Skopje, six other people from Tetovo together with a minor from Trebosh, while walking down several streets shouted insulting slogans, and before a cafe facility on “Boris Kidrich” Street the reported persons, as part of the support group “Balisti, started throwing stones and glass bottles towards the patio of the object.

For the three incidents, the Tetovo police pressed criminal charges against 14 persons, 7 of which belonging to Balisti and 7 belonging to Vojvodi.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 4 November, between 12 and 15 h in Tetovo.

**Source of information:** Electronic media outlets: makfax.com.mk, focus.com.mk and gol.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** none, only material damage.

**Type of crime(s):** Damage of Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** 7 identified perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are

1. *Ethnicity and belonging to a supporter group* – The victim was of Macedonian ethnicity, and the attackers were of Albanian ethnicity and members of the supporter group “Balisti”.

2. *Location* – the incident took place in the center of Tetovo after the match.

**Status of the case:** criminal charges pressed against 7 perpetrators.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, Mol had not responded to the Committee’s request for public information regarding this case, asking whether this incident contains indicators which would verify a hate crime. The information about the criminal charges pressed was obtained from the media.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 110. Minor stabbed on “John Kennedy” Street

**What happened:** On 05.11.2018, at 13:15 h, at SIA Skopje it was reported that M.R. (18) from Skopje, and Z.I. (18) from Skopje had been brought to the General City Hospital “St. Naum Ohridski” with stab wounds. According to the report, they were assaulted by several persons on “John Kennedy” Street. SIA Skopje has taken measures and activities to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 05.11.2018, on “John Kennedy” Street, Chair

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 2 victims aged 18.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of young people in this part of the city have also been previously registered

**Status of the case:** Unknown.



**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 111. Minors attacked in Topansko Pole

**What happened:** On 05.11.2018, it was reported to SIA Skopje that around 20:00 h, in front of a café on "Blagoja Parovikj" Street – Topansko Pole in Skopje, two 16-year olds were physically assaulted by A.A. and several other unknown persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 05.11.2018, around 20:00, in front of a café on "Blagoja Parovikj" Street – Topansko Pole in Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** two underage victims aged 16.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** one identified and several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the perpetrator are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of minors in this part of town have been previously registered as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 112. Young man from Saraj assaulted on "Aminta Treti" Street

**What happened:** On 11.11.2018, at 22:00 at the Police Precinct Centar, B.A. (21) from the village of Saraj – Skopje region, reported that on the same day, at around 20:00 h, in front of a café on "Aminta Treti" Street, he was physically assaulted by two persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 11.11.2018, around 20:00 h, in front of a café on "Aminta Treti" Street

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one male aged 21.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of young people in this part of town have been registered previously as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 113. 17-year-old minor attacked in a café

**What happened:** On 12.11.2018, at 23:50 h, at SIA Skopje, R.R. (47) from Skopje reported that on the same day, around 19:30 h, in the vicinity of a café on "Vtora Makedonska Brigada" street, his 17-year-old son was physically assaulted by two persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

On 13.11.2018, at 23:50, at SIA Skopje, R.R. (47) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, at 19:30, in the vicinity of a café on "Vtora Makedonska Brigada" Street, his 17-year-old son was physically assaulted by two persons. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 13.11.2018, around 19:30, in the vicinity of a cafe on "Vtora Makedonska Brigada" Street.

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** One minor aged 17.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** two perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of minors in this part of the city had been registered previously as well.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** To the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case, we got a response identical to the one in Mol's newsletter, stating that they are taking measures to fully solve the case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 114. Young people from Kavadarci attacked on PRC's bus no. 55

**What happened:** On 14.11.2018, at 20:00, at SIA Skopje, M.J. (19) and J.S. (19), both from Kavadarci, reported that they had been attacked by several people on PTC's bus no. 55. Measure are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 14.11.2018, PTC, bus no. 55

**Source of information:** Mol's daily newsletter

**Victim(s) involved:** 2 victims

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – in this part of the city the population is of mixed ethnicity, and also, the buses that stop at the bus stop connect residential areas with mixed ethnic structure. In this specific case, the

victims were of Macedonian ethnicity, from Kavadarci (a town with ethnic Macedonian population) and most of the people who use bus no. 55 are of Albanian ethnicity;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – conflict situations and clashes between young people of different ethnicity on buses or at bus stops.

3. *Location* - 55 the incident took place on bus route no. 55

**Status of the case:** unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, there was no response to the request submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 115. A minor assaulted in the Secondary School Cvetan Dimov in Chair

**What happened:** On 27.11.2018, at 13:30 h, Sh.Sh (43) from Skopje, reported that on the same day, around 12:00, on “John Kennedy” Street, in the schoolyard of the secondary school (“Cvetan Dimov”), her 16-year old son was physically assaulted by his peer. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 27.11.2018, around 12:00 h, on “John Kennedy” Street, in the in the schoolyard of the secondary school (“Cvetan Dimov”).

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor 16-year-old minor.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** one minor perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of minors in this part of the city have been previously registered as well

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** There has been no response yet to the request for public information submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators confirming hate crime in this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 116. A minor assaulted in Kjeramidnica

**What happened:** On 28.11.2018, at 15:30, I.U. (32) reported that on the same day, around 13:00, on “520” Street in the residential area of Kjeramidnica in Skopje, his 14-year-old son was physically assaulted by N.M. (41) from Skopje. After measures were taken, adequate charges were pressed.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** On 28.11.2018, around 13:00, on «520” Street in the residential area of Kjeramidnica.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor, aged 14.

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** identified perpetrator N.M.(41)

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim and the attacker are of a different ethnicity;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – assaults of minors in this part of the city have been previously registered as well
3. *Location* - *People of different ethnicities, mainly Roma and Macedonian, live in this part of the town.*

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** There has been no response yet to the request for public information submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 117. A person with disability assaulted and robbed in Bitola

**What happened:** On 30.11.2018, in Bitola, a man with cerebral palsy was attacked while he was out working. He was robbed of two mobile phones and the entire earnings from the day that he had on him.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 30.11.2018 in Bitola

**Source of information:** electronic media outlet: slobodenpecat.mk

**Victim(s) involved:** one person with a disability.

**Type of crime(s):** Robbery (Article 237 CC).

**Perpetrator(s):** unidentified perpetrator.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident the bias motive is disability and the bias indicators are:

1. *The characteristic of the victim* – the victim is a person with a disability.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** There has been no response yet to the request for public information submitted to Mol in relation to this incident, asking whether there are indicators verifying hate crime in this case.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** These types of incidents call into question the inclusion of people with disabilities in society.

### 118. Physical assault of a minor at the bus stop at Bit Pazar

**What happened:** On 12.012.2018, at 19:50, at the Police Precinct Bit Pazar, B.Sh. (42) from Skopje, reported that on 12.12.2018, around 17:00 h, at the bus stop on “Krste Misirkov” Boulevard, her 16-year-old son had been physically assaulted by several people. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 12.12.2018, around 17:00, “Krste Misirkov” BLVD, Bitpazar, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor (age 16)

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several unknown perpetrators

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of lone minors on the street, in the vicinity of a school, in a bus
3. *Location* – these types of attacks have often occurred on “Krste Misirkov” BLVD

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report there was still no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 119. Minor attacked on bus no. 2 in Skopje

**What happened:** On 14.12.2018, at 22:10 h, K.J. (37) from Skopje reported that around 16:00 h, in a PTC bus no. 2, on “Aleksandar Makedonski” Blvd in Skopje, her 14-year-old son was attacked by minors. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 14.12.2018, 22:10, on bus no. 2, on “Aleksandar Makedonski” Blvd.

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor (age 14).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** several minors.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victims is a minor and of a different ethnicity than the perpetrators;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of lone minors on the street, in the vicinity of a school, on a bus.
3. *Location* – bus no. 2 has often been the scene for these types of assaults

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report there was still no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 120. A secondary school student stabbed in the Skopje school “Arsenij Jovkov”

**What happened:** On 17.12.2018, at 11:15, at the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje it was reported that in the Secondary School “Arsenij Jovkov” S.R. (18) from Skopje had been attacked with a knife by E. Dz (17), A.B. (16) and another person, and then they physically attacked three more students aged 17 and 18 and then fled the scene. S.R. was taken to the General City Hospital “8 September” to be provided with medical help. Measures are taken to solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 17.12.2018, at the State Secondary School “Arsenij Jovkov” in Chair, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 4 minors (17-18 год.).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** three persons (two minors aged 16-17 and one young adult, aged 18) **Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident which occurred in a secondary school which is located in Chair (mixed ethnic environment) the bias motive is ethnicity and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the attacked minor and the minors who attacked him are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occur very frequently, particularly in the capital of the country. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school and in a residential area where mixed ethnic population lives and which is attended by students.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was closed, there was still no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 121. Another injured in the Secondary School “Arsenij Jovkov”

**What happened:** On 25.12.2018, around 09:50, the General City Hospital “Sveti Naum Ohridski” reported that they had received a 17-year old person from Skopje with a stab wound on the left shoulder. The injured was inflicted by a 15-year old person from Skopje on the Secondary School “Arsenij Jovkov” where they are both students. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 25.12.2018, at SSS “Arsenij Jovkov”, Chair, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 16 ).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** one underage person (age 15).

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident which occurred in front of the schoolyard of a secondary school located in Chair (mixed ethnic environment) the bias motive is ethnicity and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – The attacked minor and the underage attackers are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians)
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occur very frequently, particularly in the capital of the country. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school and in a residential area where mixed ethnic population lives and which is attended by students.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time this report was closed we still had no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 122. 12-year-old minor attacked in Skopje

**What happened:** on 27.12.2018, around 21:00 in Skopje, on “Krste Petkov Misirkov” Blvd, three minors aged 15, physically assaulted a 12-year-old minor from Skopje, whereby one of the attackers inflicted a stab wound on his leg. Measures are taken to solve the case.



**Date, time and location of the incident:** 27.12.2018, around 21:00, on “Kriste Misirkov” Blvd, Skopje

**Source of information:** Mol’s daily newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** one minor (age 12).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** three minors.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity*– the victim and the attackers are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – attacks of line minors, while the perpetrators are in a group.
3. *Location* – the incident took place at a bus stop on a street where such and similar attacks had previously occurred as well, and where people of different ethnicities live and move through.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.

**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, there was still no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

### 123. Another assault in the Secondary School Arsenij Jovkov

**What happened:** On 28.12.2018, around 17:00 h, it was reported that in the secondary school “Arsenij Jovkov” – Skopje, near the school gate, several students physically assaulted a 16-year-old student. Measures are taken to fully solve the case.

**Date, time and location of the incident:** 28.12.2018, in front of the schoolyard of State Secondary School Arsenij Jovkov in Chair, Skopje.

**Source of information:** Mol’s newsletter.

**Victim(s) involved:** 1 minor (age 16).

**Type of crime(s):** Violence (Article 386, CC)

**Perpetrator(s):** A group of minors.

**Brief description of the event with bias indicators:** In this incident which occurred in front of the schoolyard of a secondary school located in Chair (mixed ethnic environment) the bias motive is ethnicity and the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the attacked minor and the underage attackers are of a different ethnicity (Macedonians and Albanians);
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – clash and conflict between students from different ethnicities occur very frequently, particularly in the capital of the country. These incidents most often take place between children of Macedonian and Albanian ethnic origin, while the other communities are very rarely or never involved in such incidents.
3. *Location* – The incident took place in a secondary school and in a residential area where mixed ethnic population lives and which is attended by students.

**Status of the case:** Unknown.



**Response of the local authorities:** By the time of writing of this report, there was still no response from Mol.

**Impact on the victims and the community:** This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.





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