

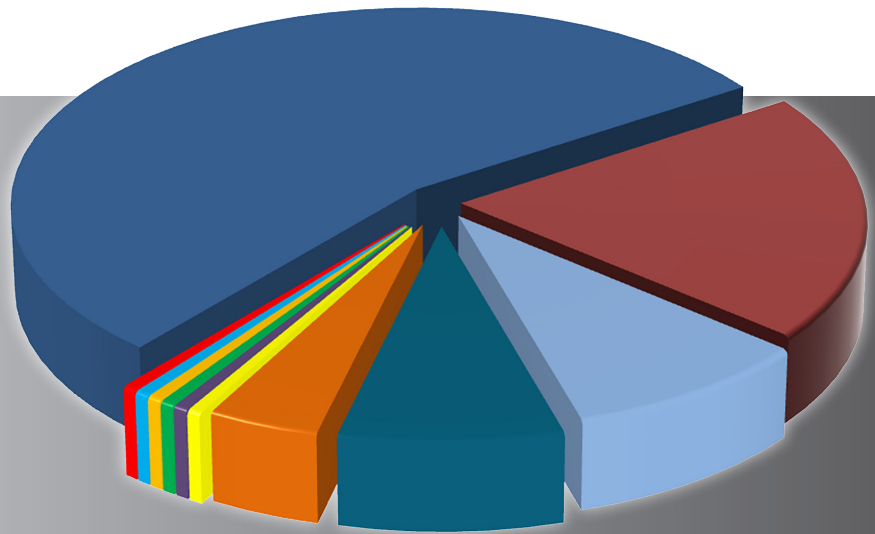
# MONTHLY REPORT


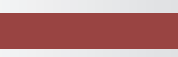
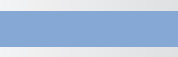
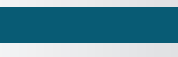







## THE SITUATION WITH HATE SPEECH IN THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

AUGUST 2024



### GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE HATE SPEECH SITUATION IN AUGUST 2024



	Hate speech based on nationality	105
	Hate speech based on ethnicity	39
	Hate speech based on sexual orientation and gender identity	18
	Hate speech based on political affiliation	16
	Hate speech based on sex and gender	8
	Hate speech based on social origin	1
	Hate speech based on race/skin color	1
	Hate speech based on refugee or migrant status	1
	Exposure to the ridicule of representatives of foreign countries	1
	Hate speech based on health status	1
	Hate speech based on intellectual or physical disability	1

**\*158 original cases of hate speech were registered on the platform - in some of the cases, more than one protective feature was registered.**

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Throughout the month  
**158** of August, a total of  
cases containing elements of hate  
speech, discrimination and harassment on various  
grounds were registered on the web platform  
**www.govornaomraza.mk**

Specifically in August  
there were,

**105 (55%)**

cases of hate speech  
based on nationality,

**39 (20%)**

cases on the basis of  
ethnicity,

**18 (9%)**

cases on the basis of  
sexual orientation and  
gender identity,

**16 (8%)**

cases on the basis of  
political affiliation.

At the outset of August, social networks witnessed the emergence of hate speech following the news of Algerian boxer Iman Helif's victory. Reports in the media, albeit unconfirmed, suggested that she is intersex, resulting in headlines such as "Biological man boxed with a woman at the Olympic Games in Paris. The Italian with tears in her eyes surrendered the match in 45 seconds." These headlines, disseminated by internet portals, triggered hate speech and harassing remarks based on sexual orientation and gender identity, as evidenced in the comments.

On August 8, Karpalak commemorated the anniversary of the death of the Macedonian defenders who lost their lives during the armed conflict in 2001. The report that the memorial plaque of the fallen defenders near the village of Karpalak has been damaged, just one day after the anniversary of their death, elicited reactions on social networks, featuring disturbing and hateful speech based on ethnic and national grounds.

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