MONTHLY REPORT THE SITUATION WITH HATE SPEECH IN THE REPUBLIC OF **NORTH MACEDONIA**

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GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF THE HATE SPEECH SITUATION **IN OCTOBER 2024**

Hate speech based on nationality	64
Hate speech based on ethnicity	44
Hate speech based on political affiliation	15
Hate speech based on sexual orientation and gender identity	13
Hate speech based on religion and religious belief	4
Hate speech based on sex and gender	3
Exposure to the ridicule of representatives of foreign countries	2
Exposure to the ridicule of representatives of international organizations	2
Hate speech based on race/skin color	1
Hate speech based on health condition	1
Hate speech based on social origin	1
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*109 original cases of hate speech were registered on the platform - in some of the cases, more than one protective feature was registered.







In October, the web platform

www.govornaomraza.mk

registered cases involving elements of hate speech, discrimination, and harassment across various grounds.

Among this month's cases,

64 (43%)

were related to hate speech based on nationality,

44 (29%)

were based on ethnicity,

15 (**10**%)

were due to political affiliation,

13 (9%)

were related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

During the past month, and continuing into this month, a trend has emerged on social networks concerning national affiliation in the Western Balkans. This trend includes discussions about territorial claims and geographical maps that depict concepts such as Greater Albania, Greater Macedonia, and Greater Serbia. Additionally, there have been instances of citizens from the Republic of Bulgaria denying the identity of the Macedonian people.

On October 11, the Day of the Macedonian Uprising against Fascism, insulting and disparaging speech between different ethnic and national groups was observed on social networks

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