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1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

This report is the outcome of the “Prevention of Discrimination and Tackling Hate Crime/Hate Speech” Project which was financially supported by the OSCE Mission to Skopje, and was conducted in the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017. 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 biased 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, MHC conducted the following activities with regard to hate crime:

1. Continued monitoring of incidents/hate crimes with special attention to sports violence with bias motivation;
2. Reviewed reported hate cases and contributed to the OSCE/ODIHR Annual report on hate crime and incidents in the OSCE Region;
3. Maintained, updated and translated the website www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk;
4. Prepared monthly briefs on the hate crime situation in the country;
5. Prepared, translated and published the hate crime monitoring report for 2017 in Macedonian, Albanian and English;
6. Observed the proposed Hate Crime Victims Day (22 July) by organizing a press-conference and the “Turlitava” event;
7. Shared the findings of the monitoring report for 2016 with the institutions that could find it of interest;
8. Organized a press-conference to share the findings of the monitoring report; and
9. Included information about hate crimes in the MHC Monthly Reports on the human rights situation in the country.

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 and www.grid.mk), as well as by using the advanced search options under the “News” section of 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 (see activity 2.3 below). As a result of the implementation of this activity, in the period between 1 January and 31 December 2017, the MHC managed to note down and publish 70 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

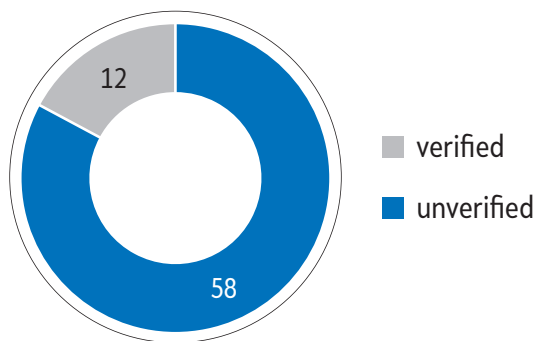
The web portal – www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com (also available as www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk since 2014) is an interactive tool enabling citizens to receive information on and report hate crimes. It contains an interactive map showing the exact or approximate location of the incidents. The home page lists 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 courses 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 and 2016, this report and the web portal for hate crime reporting -- www.zlostorstvaodomraza.mk, represent the first and most extensive efforts to map, monitor and report incidents of hate crime in the country.

3.2 Number of incidents



In the period between 1 January and 31 December 2017, the MHC registered a total of 70 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, 58 incidents were verified, while 12 incidents remain unverified.

The majority of incidents were confirmed by contacting the police, 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.

Political affiliation (35 incidents) and nationality (30 incidents) constitute the main grounds on which the hate crimes committed in 2017 were based. In addition, 2 incidents occurred on grounds of religious belief, 2 incidents took place as a result of racial discrimination, 2 due to the victim's status as a refugee or migrant, and 2 incidents were registered following a sporting event. 3 events 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, and 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 majority of these crimes include: violence (34), property damage (30) and bodily and severe bodily injury (30). Additionally, 5 incidents fall under the incitement of hatred, discord and intolerance on national, racial, religious or other discriminatory grounds, 5 under jeopardizing security and 4 incidents under the threat of a dangerous weapon during a fight or a quarrel.

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 victim/victim and the community can be found in the Annex titled "Hate Crime Incidents in 2017" 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 April 2017, the MHC sent its Annual Hate Crime Report for 2017 to OSCE/ODIHR¹. The MHC remains the only non-governmental organization informing OSCE/ODIHR about the hate crime situation in the country.

The number of incidents registered in 2017 is identical to the number of incidents in 2016. However, there are significant changes with regard to the bias motivation on which the hate crimes committed were based.

The most significant change concerns the number of hate crimes committed due to political affiliation or conviction. While in 2016 30% of all incidents were committed on the grounds of political affiliation or political conviction of the victims/perpetrators (21 out of 70), in 2017 this type of incident soared and their number reached 50% (35 of 70) of all registered incidents. The increase in this kind of hate crime was particularly striking before and during the elections. These types of incidents were on the rise before and during the early parliamentary elections in 2014, the presidential elections that same year and the early parliamentary elections in 2016. In addition, as many as 26 out of 35 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.

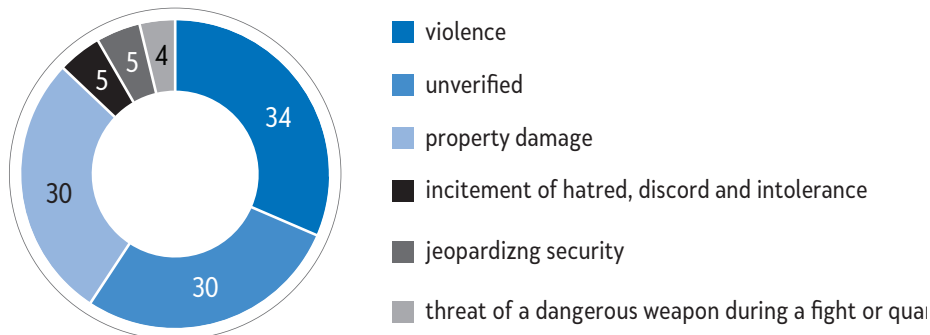
1) <http://hatecrime.osce.org/former-yugoslav-republic-macedonia>

This year, the aforementioned types of incidents particularly intensified after the political party VMRO-DPMNE failed to secure a majority of at least 61 MPs within the constitutional time limit and during the negotiations for establishing a Government. During the course of the year, the number of hate crimes committed on grounds of political affiliation or political conviction went up again in the wake of the pre-election campaign for the local elections. 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. However no significant trends of a decrease in this type of incident can be observed, and they remain the most pressing issue, bearing in mind that a large majority of the victims and perpetrators in these incidents are juveniles.

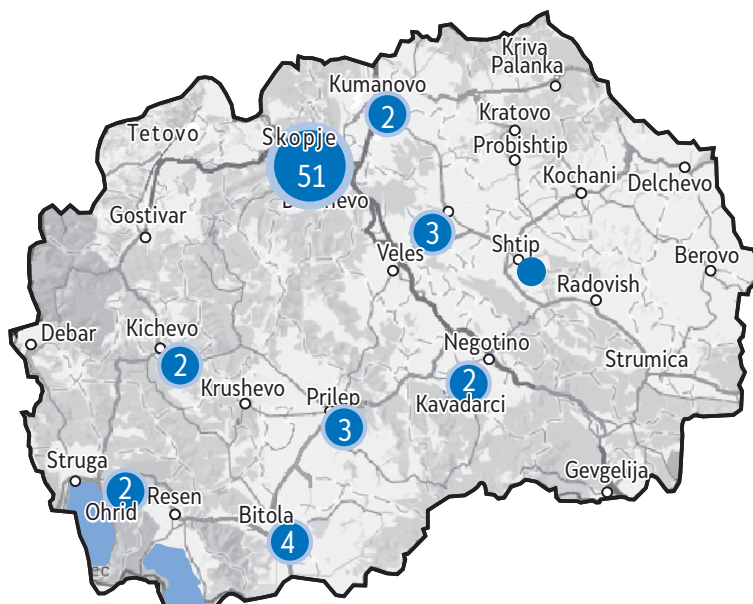
Identically to 2015 and 2016, in 2017 not a single hate incident due to the sexual orientation/gender identity of the victim was registered. This fact does not necessarily mean that society has become more tolerant towards the LGBT community. It must be noted at this point that the state authorities failed to properly investigate the incidents in 2013 and 2014, and the police failed to arrest any of the perpetrators. The failure of the state to act in protecting the victims, the refusal of the Parliament to include sexual orientation as grounds on which discrimination and hate crime may occur, and the plans of the previous Government to constitutionally define marriage as cohabitation only between a man and a woman, has had a negative effect on the LGBT people who might be afraid to report crimes committed against them. However, 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 open 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.

3.3 Types of crimes

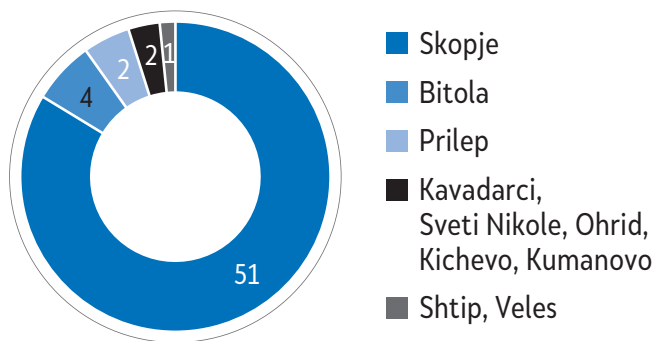


The majority of incidents were committed by young people. There are also a large number of unknown perpetrators. Victims and perpetrators are usually members of different ethnic communities (Macedonian and Albanian). The reported incidents were related to some of the criminal acts laid down in the Criminal Code. Most of the alleged crimes include: violence (34), damage to the property of others (30) and bodily and severe bodily injury (30). In addition, 5 of the incidents fall under incitement of hatred, discord and intolerance on national, racial, religious or other discriminatory grounds, 5 for jeopardizing security and 4 incidents under the threat of a dangerous weapon during a fight or quarrel. Often one incident met the criteria for two or more alleged crimes, hence the greater number of crimes than incidents presented under this chapter.

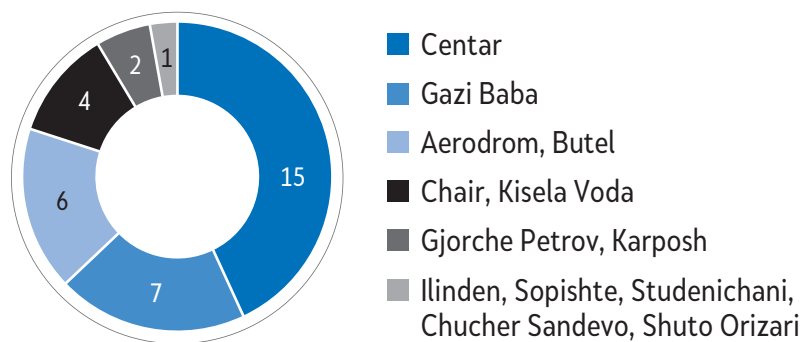
3.4 Incidents by location



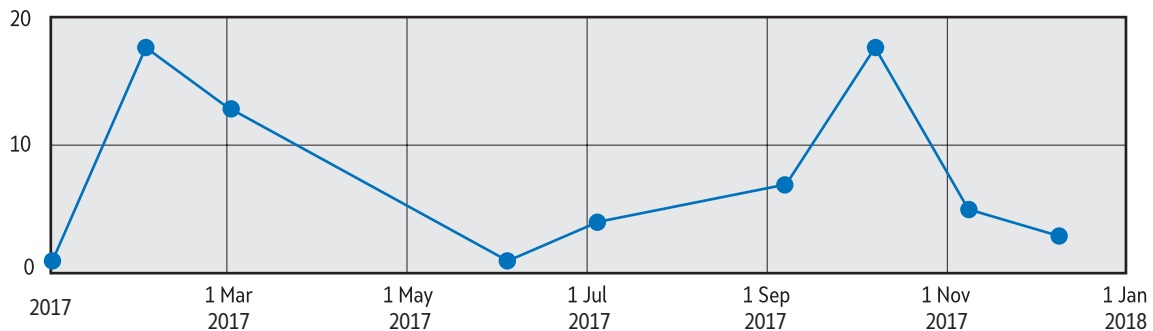
51 incidents (73%) occurred in Skopje and its metropolitan area. There were 4 incidents in Bitola, 3 in Prilep, 2 in Kavadarci, Sveti Nikole, Ohrid, Kichevo and Kumanovo and 1 incident in Shtip and Veles (all cities with their metropolitan area).



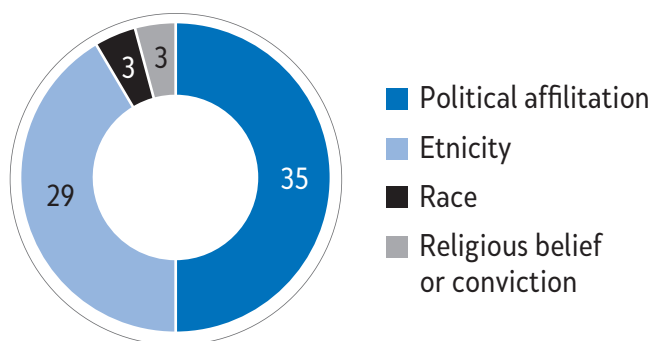
The incidents in Skopje and its vicinity involved attacks between members of Macedonian and Albanian ethnicity, as well as damaging the property of political parties. Such incidents were observed in several municipalities such as: Centar (15), Gazi Baba (7), Aerodrom (6), Butel (6), Chair (4), Kisela Voda (4), Gjorche Petrov (2), Karposh (2), Ilinden (1), Studenichani (1), Chucher Sandevo (1) and Shuto Orizari (1).



3.5 Incidents by month



The highest number of incidents occurred in February and October - 18 incidents per month (more than 51% of the total number of incidents registered during the whole year occurred within these two months). There were also 13 incidents in March, 7 in September, 5 in November, 4 in July, 3 in December and only 1 in January and June. On the other hand, there were no recorded incidents in April, May and August. In February, the incidents intensified after the political party VMRO-DPMNE failed to secure a majority of at least 61 MP seats within the time limit set by the Constitution. The reason for the steep increase in incidents in October is probably the escalating levels of hate speech during the pre-election campaign and local elections.

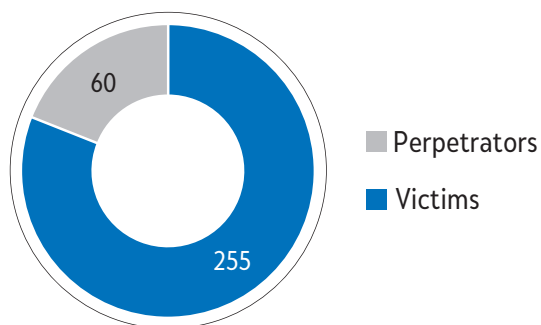


3.6 Incidents by bias motivation

Hate crimes occurred on the grounds of political affiliation (50%), ethnicity (43%), race (4%) and religious belief or conviction (3%). 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 60 victims and 255 perpetrators of hate crime. Whenever the media reported about an undefined number (for example, between 10 and 15) perpetrators, 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 31 out of 70 incidents, the perpetrators acted as a group. The majority of victims were young males. At least 24 of the victims were minors.



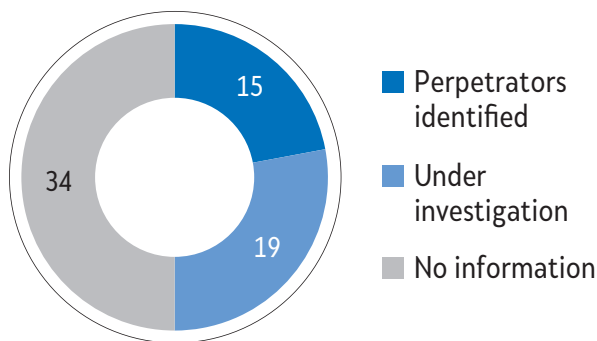
3.8. Status of the cases

Considering the fact that there is no 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 observed 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. The most recent requests, including the follow-up requests, were sent in February 2018, and the responses received by mid-March 2018. Until the closing of this report, Mol provided information on 63 of the 70 registered incidents. There were no responses for only 3 incidents. In addition, the received response from the Ministry regarding 4 incidents was unsatisfactory and did not contain any specific information

regarding the status of the incident, since it only noted that the event in question was not recorded, i.e. registered in the records of MOI.

The obtained information shows that in 3 cases the persons refused to fill in the form about the incident, whereby the cases were closed by the police because of the established non-existence of any criminal or misdemeanor offence. Police have located



suspected perpetrators associated with at least 15 out of the 70 incidents. At least 19 incidents are under investigation, and the status of 36 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 charges against one person.

Out of the 35 incidents in which the biased motive was political affiliation or belief, criminal charges were pressed in only 2 cases, and misdemeanor charges in one case. 9 of these incidents are still under investigation, 2 incidents have not been put in the records at all, i.e. have not been registered by the Ministry of Interior, although they were verified in a different manner, while in one case no criminal or misdemeanor offence was detected. However, the status of the largest number, i.e. all the other incidents, remains unknown. In addition, these incidents include victims who are members of political parties, as well as some candidates from the October 2017 local elections.

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 and www.daily.mk), as well as by using the advanced search options under the “News” section of 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 (see activity 4.3 below). By conducting this activity, the MHC recorded and published 70 hate crimes/incidents for the period between 1 January and 31 December 2017.

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

In April 2017, the MHC sent its Annual Hate Crime Report for 2017 to OSCE/ODIHR.² 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

During the reporting period, 70 incidents, 37 photos, and 7 videos were placed on the portal. The annual report on hate crime in 2016 was published in Macedonian, Albanian, and English under the “Materials” tab. All incidents registered in 2017 will be translated into Albanian and English and will be available on the portal in these languages.

Between January 1 and December 31 2017 the portal was visited by more than 8,649 individual visitors who generated 19,630 views of the site. Apart from the portal, the Facebook group and Twitter account were regularly updated. The number of Facebook followers in 2017 was 4706, while in 2016 it was 3668. 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 2017:

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

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

2) <http://hatecrime.osce.org/former-yugoslav-republic-macedonia>

regarding the hate crime situation in the country on a monthly basis. The monthly bulletins for March, June, July, September, October and November were published on the MHC,³ website, as well as on the Facebook page Zlostorstva od omraza (Hate crimes).⁴ Given that no incidents were recorded in April, May and August, no bulletins were published for these months.

4.5 Preparing, translating and publishing the Hate Crime Monitoring Report for 2017

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

The MHC marked July 22, the European Day for Victims of Hate Crime by organizing two separate events. The first event was a press conference for the media, while the second event was organized in City Park in Skopje. The press conference was organized in the premises of the MHC and during the course of the event, the Annual Hate Crimes Report for 2016 was also presented. The second event, the picnic titled “Turlitava 4”, was organized for the fourth time in order to celebrate tolerance and peaceful coexistence among the members of the various communities in the country. The event included tasting food from the traditional Macedonian, Albanian, Turkish, Roma, Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian cuisine, as well as music and mingling among the participants of different ethnic backgrounds. The event emphasized the importance of equal treatment of different groups in society and the need for their coexistence. The media attended both events and published 12 articles in Macedonian and 9 articles in Albanian covering them.

4.7 Disseminating the findings from the monitoring report for 2016 to the institutions covering the same areas of interest

The electronic version of the Annual Hate Crimes Report for 2016 was sent to over 50 organizations and institutions. In August 2017, the report was sent to these stakeholders in hard copy as well.

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 February, March, April, September and October 2017, when the highest number of incidents were reported.

3) <http://www.mhc.org.mk/pages/reports>

4) <https://www.facebook.com/zlostorstvaodomraza>

5. CONCLUSIONS

- The number of incidents registered in 2017 is identical to the number of incidents in 2016;
- There was an increase in the number of incidents occurring on grounds of political affiliation or belief and the number of such incidents amounted to an alarming 50% of all registered incidents;
- Political parties often resort to hate speech during public debates and election campaigns, which, in turn, results in hate crimes committed by their supporters. Hate speech is also widely used in the comment sections of electronic media that generates political news;
- There has been a slight decline in the number of incidents between members of the Macedonian and Albanian ethnicities, but they continue to be the cause of greatest concern bearing in mind that the vast majority of victims and perpetrators of those incidents are juveniles/youth;
- The Government has taken its first steps towards increasing the protection of the rights of the LGBTI community;
- It is still unclear whether the authorities are aware of the distinction between hate crimes and hate speech;
- Some of the hate crimes 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;
- Very few efforts have been made to introduce preventive measures, including education about human rights and raising public awareness;
- 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; and
- The majority of victims are juveniles.

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 opportunities 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 courses, taking steps to educate the public on the values of cultural diversity and inclusion, and aiming for all sectors of society to have a role in combating such intolerance.

HATE CRIME INCIDENTS IN 2017

1. Racial discrimination in Bitola (verified)

What happened: The walls of the primary school Gjorgji Sugarev in Bitola were painted with swastikas and graffiti saying “Death to Gypsies” and “Gypsies, die”. Most of the students in the school are of Roma ethnicity (about 80%). After the reaction of an informal group of citizens, representatives of the Roma community from the Municipality of Bitola, the graffiti and swastikas were removed. The case was reported to the local office of the Mol in Bitola.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 January, around 00.30, PS Gjorgji Sugarev, Bitola

Source of information: Tera TV - Bitola

Victim(s) involved: Other than 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 319, CC), Racial and other Discrimination (Article 417, CC), Damage to 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 racial discrimination, while the bias indicators are:

1. *The content of the graffiti* –The insulting and threatening messages are directly aimed at the Roma ethnic community;
2. *Target location* – the messages are written on the wall of a school where the majority of pupils belong to the Roma ethnicity.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime was “Damage of Objects of Others”, which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit, and that SIA Bitola was working to clarify the incident and identify the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident brings into question the security of the various ethnicities in the country.

2. A fight among secondary-school students from Skopje after a football tournament (verified)

What happened: Immediately after the end of a football tournament at the level of secondary schools from Skopje, in the secondary school “Zef Ljush Marku”, at the last bus stop of bus no. 9, the students from the SPS Ilinden were approached by a group of about 30 people, most of them students in SPS “Boro Petrushevski”, who by using various objects, attacked the students from SPS “Ilinden”. Five of the total of nine students went to see the school principal and informed him about the incident, whereby he reported it to the EIK Skopje. The students who had sustained injuries, were sent to CH

“Naum Ohridski” to get medical treatment. The persons D.M. (18) and D.A. (18) were found to have sustained severe bodily injury, while B.S. (18), M.N. (18) and N.S. (18) were found to have sustained bodily injuries. Mol’s daily bulletin stated that they had taken measures to fully clarify the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 7 February, around 15:30, in the vicinity of the secondary school Zef Ljush Marku.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior; Electronic media outlet MKD.mk; Electronic media outlet Tochka.

Victim(s) involved: 5 students from the SPS “Ilinden”.

Type of crime(s): Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Severe bodily injury (Article 131, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC)

Perpetrator(s): A group of about 30 unknown perpetrators.

Brief description of the event with bias indicators: The bias motive in this incident which took place immediately after the sports match, is ethnicity, citizenship or language, and the bias indicators are:
1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – due to the different ethnic origin of the students studying in the said schools, it is possible that the members of the two groups were of different ethnicity;
2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that regarding this criminal offence, SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution in Skopje about the criminal act “Violence”, punishable under Article 386 from the CC. KU. No. 1347/17.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These types of incidents call into question the safety in the country in general, the coexistence of different ethnic groups in the society and the safety of people attending or near sports matches.

3. Pakistani immigrants attacked in the vicinity of the village of Bunardzik (verified)

What happened: After it was reported in EIK Skopje, by a telephone call, that on the motorway Skopje-Kumanovo (in the vicinity of the village of Bunardzik) there were two people with injuries to the head and body, police officers went to the location and found I.A.S. and F.K.A., citizens of Pakistan, who had illegally entered the country. According to their statements, they were attacked by five unknown persons carrying bats and iron rods who took their money, on the bridge leading to the village of Bunardzik. I.A.S, who was unconscious, and F.K.A. were transferred to a Medical Center in Skopje, where it was found that they had sustained serious bodily injuries. On 25.02.2017, a doctor from the Clinic of Neurosurgery at the Clinical Center - Skopje reported that the injured I.A.S had died. The daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior stated that measures were being taken to find the perpetrator and resolve the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 16 February, 00:10, on the Skopje-Kumanovo motorway, in the vicinity of the village of Bunardzik.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior.

Victim(s) involved: Two Pakistanis.

Type of crime(s): Robbery (Article 237, CC), Violence (Article 386, CC), Severe bodily injury resulting in death (Article 131(4), CC)

Perpetrator(s): 3 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, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is the latest in a growing trend of robberies and attacks on migrants.

Status of the case: Closed.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the above-described assault on the two Palestinian nationals who are migrants was carried out by 4-5 unknown male persons, whereby they were robbed of a gold ring and a mobile phone. At the order of the Public Prosecutor, the body of the deceased was handed over for autopsy, while the other Palestinian citizen, who was together with the deceased when the crime was committed, did not want to submit the record of his report because he wanted to leave the country and was released. Mol has no information about what exactly the deceased person was robbed of.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the safety of migrants entering and transiting through the country.

4. MP Muhamed Zekiri attacked (unverified)

What happened: The SDSM MP Muhamed Zekiri was physically attacked by a dozen people in a bar on "Kej 13th Noemvri". According to his testimony, he and his friends were sitting at a table they had reserved in the bar. At a certain point he was approached by N.M., (a person employed as a bodyguard of Sasho Mijalkov -- the former director of the Security and Counterintelligence Directorate), who was sitting at another table with a dozen other unknown persons and was asked to leave the premises because, allegedly, it had been reserved for a private party. As they did not go out immediately, NM turned their table over, and the rest of his companions violently, using physical force, pushed MP Zekiri and his friends out. As M.Z. reported, one of the persons showed his ID Badge revealing himself to be a police officer and asked MP Zekiri to show his identification documents. At the moment when he was taking his wallet out, he received several blows by an unknown person to the back of his neck and to his head. The daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior stated that measures were being taken to find the perpetrator and resolve the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 18 February, around 00:30, in a bar on "Kej 13 noemvri" st, Skopje.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior; Electronic media outlet TV 21; electronic media Sloboden pechat (Free Press).

Victim(s) involved: One person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of about a dozen 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 statement issued for the media, the victim perceives the incident as bias-motivated;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that after providing medical assistance to the injured party, the police

officers from the Sector for Internal Affairs instructed him to submit a record of filing a report at the police station “Centar”, which he did in relation to the committed criminal act “Violence” under Article 386 of the Criminal Code. At the same time, for the purpose of determining the actual situation and solving the case, an interview was conducted with D.B. (employed as a shift manager in the bar), and a public prosecutor was informed about the event and proceeded to give instructions to act in accordance with the Law on Offenses against Public Order and Peace. Pursuant to Article 282 of the Law on Criminal Procedure by the Unit for Violent Crime at the SIA Skopje, a written notification No. 28.11.2 / 02-85 from 20.02.2017 was submitted to the Public Prosecutor’s Office in Skopje. Acting upon this notification and upon the requests submitted to the BPPO Skopje, additional measures and activities were undertaken to solve the case, and three more people were invited for an interview. At the same time, the entire medical documentation was provided from Mother Teresa Clinical Center in Skopje, as well as from DTUUD “Stenik Dion” DOOEL Skopje, which was the company in charge of the video surveillance set in and outside the premises of the catering facility. Two notifications (no.28.11.2-373 from 22.02.2017 and no.28.11.2-393 from 24.02.2017) were submitted about the measures taken by the Unit for violent crime under the SIA Skopje to the PPO Skopje.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the political stability of the country in general.

5. Juvenile supporters of FK Shkupi attacked players from the FC Vardar Youth (verified)

What happened: Two juveniles were physically attacked by a group of 20 to 30 people, most probably fans of the FC Shkupi. After the two juveniles went out of the sports venue and headed towards the City Park, they noticed that the group was moving behind them, in the immediate vicinity of the Vardar Academy. When passing by, one of the people from the group punched one of the juveniles on the face with his fist while several other people physically attacked the other juvenile punching him and kicking him on the head and body. The juveniles noticed that one of the attackers had a knife in his hand, and several other attackers had iron rods which they did not use. One of the juveniles was taken to the General City Hospital 8 September with an ambulance where it was found that he had sustained bodily injury. Previously, immediately before the incident took place, the police officers who were on duty to keep order at the football match between FC Vardar and FC Shkupi, had intervened and six people from Skopje and one person from Veles had been taken to the Police Station Centar. The daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior stated that measures were being taken to find the perpetrator and resolve the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 February, 13:30, in the vicinity of the Vardar Academy, Skopje.

Source of information: Dnevnik, daily newspaper.

Victim(s) involved: Two persons.

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

Perpetrator(s): Group of about twenty supporters of FC Shkupi.

Brief description of the event with bias indicators: In this incident, which took place immediately after a football match, the bias motive is ethnicity, nationality or language, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* - The members of the fan clubs of Vardar and Shkupi are of different ethnicity;

2. *Time* – the incident took place after a football match between the clubs Vardar and Shkupi whose fans/supporters are of different ethnicity;

Status of the case: Unknown

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that in connection to this criminal offence SIA Skopje submitted a written notification regarding the criminal act "Violence" punishable in accordance with Article 386 of the Criminal Code (KU.br.1743 / 17) to the Skopje Public Prosecutor's Office.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These types of incidents call into question the safety in the country in general, the coexistence of different ethnic groups in the society and the safety of people attending or near sports matches.

6. Mass fight at the Quay of River Vardar in the center of Skopje (verified)

What happened: A mass fight involving several dozen people took place on the quay of River Vardar in the vicinity of the national T-Arena. According to unofficial information of eye-witnesses, the fight took place between the fan groups of Vardar and Shkupi, immediately after the championship match took place in an empty stadium (due to the penalty imposed on Vardar by the Football Federation meaning that they must play in an empty stadium) and several people were hurt, while some were also detained. On the same night, according to information released by the Mol and published in the media, a group of young people, probably members of the fan club "Komiti", revolted by the detention of their members who had violated the public order at the football match between FC "Vardar" and FC "Shkupi", which took place at the "Philip 2" stadium in Skopje, organized in two groups, started stoning and throwing other heavy objects at the Police Station Center.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 February, around 15:20, bank of River Vardar, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Press 24.mk

Victim(s) involved: 2 persons.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily Injury (Article 130, CC), Participation in a Fight (Article 132, CC)

Perpetrator(s): A group of unknown number of fans from the FC Vardar's and FC Shkupi's fan clubs.

Brief description of the event with bias indicators: In this incident which took place immediately after a sports match, the bias motive is ethnicity, nationality or language, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – The members of the fan clubs of Vardar and Shkupi are of different ethnicity;
2. *Time* – the incident took place after a football match between the clubs Vardar and Shkupi whose fans/supporters are of different ethnicity;
3. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by another incident on the same day, when two juveniles, most probably fans of FC Vardar were attacked by supporters of FC Shkupi.

Status of the case: Unknown

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that in connection to this criminal offence SIA Skopje submitted a written notification regarding the criminal act "Violence" punishable in accordance with Article 386 of the Criminal Code (KU.br.1743 / 17) to the Skopje Public Prosecutor's Office.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: These types of incidents call into question the safety in the country in general, the coexistence of different ethnic groups in the society and the safety of

people attending or near sports matches.

7. A student attacked due to her nationality and religious belief (verified)

What happened: A young woman, a student at the Justinianus I Law Faculty, wearing a hijab, was physically and verbally assaulted by a group of males at Square “Makedonija” in Skopje. The attackers tried to pull her hijab, calling her “a terrorist”, a “filthy Shkipitar” and saying “go back to Arabia.” Several citizens confronted the group at the scene, which led its members to flee.

Date, time and location of the incident: 23 February, around 14:00 “Makedonija” square, Skopje

Source of information: The case was reported to the MHC by an acquaintance of the student.

Victim(s) involved: One victim.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of unknown perpetrators.

Brief description of the event with bias indicators: In this incident the bias motive is ethnicity, nationality or language, and/or religious belief or conviction, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Content of the slurs* – The victim was a target of insults and threats due to the hijab she was wearing that the attackers tried to take off from her.

2. *The nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: At the time of writing this report, the Mol had not responded to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the safety of the different ethnic and/or religious communities in the country.

8. The windows of the SDSM headquarters in Drachevo broken (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrators stoned the external window panes of the SDSM headquarters in the village of Drachevo.

Date, time and location of the incident: 24 February, around 01:10, party headquarters of SDSM in the village of Drachevo.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Meta.mk; Tera TV.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that they had officially recorded the incident, and the Forensic Unit inspected the crime scene.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

9. SDSM headquarters in Prilep stoned (verified)

What happened: The local SDSM headquarters in the residential area of Varosh, Prilep, were damaged in the early hours of the morning. According to the information from SDSM Prilep, the headquarters had been stoned, whereby the external window panes got broken.

Date, time and location of the incident: 24 February, 02:00, SDSM headquarters in the residential area of Varosh, Prilep.

Source of information: Electronic media outlets Sloboden Pechat, A1on.mk

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by another incident on the same day, when SDSM's headquarters in the village of Drachevo were demolished.

Status of the case: Not registered.

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that the incident in question had not been registered.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

10. The windows of the SDSM headquarters in Sopsishte broken (verified)

What happened: In the village of Sopsishte, Skopje area, in the vicinity of the roundabout, an unknown perpetrator, at an unspecified time, damaged the headquarters of the political party SDSM, breaking two window panes. The MOI's bulletin states that measures have been taken to find the perpetrator and fully solve the crime.

Date, time and location of the incident: 26 February, 01:00, SDSM's party headquarters in the village of Sopsishte.

Source of information: MOI daily bulletin, electronic media outlet Sloboden pechat.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by incidents two days earlier, when the SDSM party headquarters in Prilep and in the village of Drachevo were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that on 2 March 2017, the political party SDSM submitted a report for this event, stating that it occurred on the night between February 25 and 26, 2017, between 21:00 and 06:00 hours, and three window panes were broken causing a material damage of about 7,000 MKD. There is no indication of any other actions that were taken by the Ministry of Interior for the purpose of investigating this incident.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the

political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

11. The windows of the SDSM headquarters in Bitola broken (verified)

What happened: The SDSM headquarters in the residential area of Karposh in Bitola were stoned, whereby the window panes were broken and the room furnishings were damaged. According to the information presented by the media, the Bitola police inspected the crime scene and took measures to identify the perpetrator(s).

Date, time and location of the incident: 26 February, 13:30, SDSM party headquarters in the residential area of Karposh, Bitola.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Reporter.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by similar incidents on the same night, when the SDSM headquarters in Prilep and the village of Sopsishte were stoned.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that the criminal act of "Damaging Objects of Others" which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit, and that local SIA was working to solve the case and identify the perpetrator(s).

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

12. Other SDSM headquarters in Prilep stoned (verified)

What happened: The headquarters of the SDSM political party in the residential area of Bonchejca in Prilep was stoned which inflicted damage to the glass.

Date, time and location of the incident: 26 February, around 13:30, SDSM headquarters in Prilep.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet A1On.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents from the same night, as well as the previous days, when the SDSM party headquarters in Prilep, in the village of Drachevo, in the village of Sopsishte and in Bitola had been stoned.

Status of the case: Unregistered

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that the incident in question had not been registered.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

13. Six people attacked in the center of Skopje (unverified)

What happened: On the “Makedonija” Street in Skopje, while the 24-year old T.U. from Ferizaj/Uroševac, was strolling down the street with his friends, R.U., F.U., A.M. and R.U., they were physically attacked by a larger group of young people, after which the attackers fled in an unknown direction. According to the information given in the media, the police informed that the injured person was sent to a hospital in Skopje where he was given medical aid, while the persons S.N. (19), A.Z. (19), NM (19) and two juveniles aged 15 and 16, all of them from Skopje, were arrested. After being interviewed, the juveniles were released, while the others were detained for further proceedings. The media also reported that measures were being taken to fully solve the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 26 February, 17:00, “Makedonija” Street, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet, Skopje24.mk

Victim(s) involved: 5 people.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5 people, two of whom are juveniles.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the victims were Kosovo residents;
2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Criminal charges have been pressed against five people for the crime of “Participation in a Crowd which Commits a Crime”, in accordance with Article 385 from CC.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident states that after taking adequate measures and activities SIA Skopje submitted criminal charges to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje (CU no. 2351/17) against five people on grounds of reasonable suspicion that they have committed the crime of “Participating in a Crowd which Commits a Crime” in accordance with Article 385 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

14. SDSM headquarters in Aerodrom stoned (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator(s) used an object to break the glass of the SDSM party headquarters in the residential area of Aerodrom, Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: 27 February, around 01:20, the SDSM party headquarters in residential area of Aerodrom, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Mkd.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party.

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by similar incidents from the previous days, when the SDSM headquarters in Prilep, the village of Drachevo, the village of Sopsishte and Bitola were stoned.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime of "Damage of Objects of Others" is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit in accordance with Article 243 from the Criminal Code and that they were still working to clarify the incident and identify the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

15. SDSM headquarters in the center of Skopje stoned (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator(s) broke the glass of the windows and the entrance door of the SDSM headquarters on Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov Blvd by using hard objects.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 February, around 01:30, SDSM party headquarters in the center of Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media Mkd.mk

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party.

3. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by similar incidents from the previous days, when the SDSM headquarters in Prilep, the village of Drachevo, the village of Sopsishte, Bitola and the residential area of Aerodrom in Skopje were stoned.

Status of the case: No criminal or misdemeanor incident was registered.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime was not reported by the damaged party and, as such, no criminal act or misdemeanor offence could be established.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

16. The café where the donations for the Colorful Revolution were collected demolished (verified)

What happened: In the late night hours, the windows of the Izlet café, where the fund-raising events for the payment of the misdemeanor charges against the protesters from the Colorful Revolution who were throwing paint filled balloons took place, were damaged.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 February, around 04:00, Izlet café, Skopje.

Source of information: Focus daily.

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 political affiliation or political conviction, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Target location* – the target location was the café famous for the fund-raising events for payment of the misdemeanor charges against the protesters from the Colorful Revolution who were throwing paint filled balloons.

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by similar incidents during the previous days, when SDSM party headquarters were damaged in several cities across the country.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime of "Damage of Objects of Others" is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit in accordance with Article 243 from the Criminal Code and that they were still working on solving the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

17. A group attacked a juvenile in JSP bus no. 58 (unverified)

What happened: At the bus stop in front of the Vero Jumbo Mall, in a JSP bus no.58 which was heading towards the Transport center, a large group of youths aged 16-18 entered, and once the bus started moving the young people attacked a 17-year old juvenile and broke one window pane. After the bus stopped, at the bus stop in the Transport Center, the perpetrators got off and fled in different directions. The injured juvenile was admitted to the Mother Teresa – Emergency Clinic where it was found that he had sustained bodily injury. The police officers from the SIA took measures to solve the case, whereby due to the disturbing of the public order and peace with elements of violence the Alfa Unit from the Police Precinct of General Jurisdiction "Centar" deprived 9 (nine) people of liberty, five of whom aged between 14 and 18 as possible perpetrators, while the rest of them in the role of witnesses. The possible perpetrators were interviewed in the presence of their parents and attorneys, whereby the juveniles were released, while one adult was kept in custody.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 February, around 13:00, JSP bus no. 58.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of five people, four of whom were juveniles.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities

2. *The nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: A written notification was sent to the Basic Public Prosecution in Skopje for the crime of Violence in accordance with Article 386 from the Criminal Code.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje (CU no.2285/17) for the reported criminal act of Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

18. SDSM headquarters in Kisela Voda stoned (verified)

What happened: Two masked perpetrators stoned the SDSM headquarters in Rasadnik – residential area of Kisela Voda.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 February, 13:15, SDSM party headquarters in Rasadnik, Kisela Voda, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Plusinfo.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Two persons.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by incidents from the previous days, when the SDSM party headquarters were damaged in Prilep, the village of Drachevo, the village of Sopsishte, and the residential areas of Centar and Aerodrom in Skopje;

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that the criminal act of "Damaging Objects of Others" is prosecuted upon a private lawsuit in accordance with Article 243 from the Criminal Code and that they were still taking measures and activities to clarify the incident.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

19. Young people injured in an incident due to their ethnicity (verified)

What happened: Two people were injured in a fight in the central area of Skopje. Two groups started fighting at the bus stop near the National Bank, whereby two people got injured, one of whom was from the village of Brazda and the other from the village of Sopsishte. One of the injured people was 17, while the other was 19 years old. The team of 24TV was at the location where they observed an ambulance, as well as police officers who did not allow the team to get close to the crime scene. According to the information reported in the media, the son of one of the Mayors of a municipality in Skopje got hurt in the fight. The media also reported that the juvenile was taken to the Clinical Centre with injuries to the front part of the head, and that another person was later taken to the Emergency Center, as well as that the Mol was taking measures to solve the case. According to the Al Jazeera Balkans journalist – Milka Smilevska, the incident was committed by members of the Albanian community in retaliation for the incident involving the physical and verbal attack on an Albanian student at "Makedonija" Square in Skopje (<http://www.zlostorstvaodomraza.com/reports/view/377>). The journalist obtained this information personally, in the Emergency Center in Skopje.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 February, around 19.00, at the bus station near the National Bank, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet 24Vesti, facebook profile of the Al Jazeera Balkans

reporter Milka Smilevska.

Victim(s) involved: Two persons.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of several people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – due to the location of the incident which took place at a bus stop where busses transiting through areas with mixed ethnic population stop, it is assumed that the ethnicity of the perpetrators was different to the ethnicity of the victims.

2. *Nature of the violence* – it is assumed that this incident occurred in retaliation for the physical and verbal attack on an Albanian student by several males in the center of Skopje, which occurred several days before;

Status of the case: Criminal charges had been filed against one person for committing the crime of “Violence” in accordance with Article 386 from the CC.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that after taking the necessary measures and activities, SIA Skopje submitted a lawsuit to the Basic Public Prosecutor Skopje for the criminal act of “Violence” in accordance with Article 386 from the CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question ethnic co-existence in their community.

20. A juvenile attacked near the Transport Center (unverified)

What happened: A fifteen year old boy from the village of Kadino was physically attacked by five or six other juveniles aged 16 to 18 for no apparent reason, in front of the JSP office at the Transport Center. The Mol’s daily bulletin states that they are taking measures to identify the perpetrators and fully solve the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 01 March, 18:35, Transport Center Skopje.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin, electronic media outlet 24 News

Victim(s) involved: One person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5/6 people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place at the Transport Center, which is the place where the buses transiting from areas populated by people of different ethnicities set off from;

2. *The nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that the misdemeanor of “Physical Assault” pursuant to Article 12 of the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order was in question and that they were still taking measures to solve the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

21. Two people beaten up in a sweet shop in the Skopje residential area of Aerodrom (unverified)

What happened: In a sweet shop on “Vladimir Komarov” St. in Skopje, two people, F.C. (19) and A.M. (20), were physically attacked by 5 or 6 unknown males who were also present in the same sweet shop, for no apparent reason. F.C. and A.M. were taken to the Remedika Hospital where a doctor found that F.C. had sustained severe bodily injury. The daily bulletin of the Mol states that they are taking measures to identify the perpetrators and fully solve the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 01 March, around 20:00, a sweet shop on “Vladimir Komarov” St., Skopje.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin, electronic media outlets Press24, Vesti.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Two people.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily Injury (Article 130, CC), Severe Bodily Injury (Article 131, CC)

Perpetrator(s): A group of 5 or 6 people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – due to the mixed ethnicity of the people frequenting the sweet shop, it is possible that the members of the two groups had different ethnic origin;
2. *Nature of the violence* - the incident took place in public.

Status of the case: Unknown

Response of the local authorities: The MOI’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje (CU no.2284/17) for the reported criminal act of “Violence” in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

22. A boy attacked in JSP bus no. 68 (verified)

What happened: One person aged 18 was attacked for no apparent reason by about 7 or 8 unknown persons in JSP bus no. 68 which was en route from Madzari Cinema Hall to ASUC. After the attack the perpetrators fled in an unknown direction. The Mol’s daily bulletin states that they were taking measures to identify the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 02 March, about 12:30, JSP bus no.68

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin, electronic media outlet Plusinfo.

Victim(s) involved: One person

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

Perpetrator(s): Group of 7 or 8 unknown perpetrators.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on board JSP bus no. 68 transiting through areas inhabited by people of a different ethnicity; the final destination is a school attended by children of different ethnicities.
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is another in a growing number of fights on board JSP

bus no. 68.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that the misdemeanor of "Physical Assault" pursuant to Article 12 of the LMPO was in question and that they were still taking measures to solve the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

23. A juvenile attacked on JSP Skopje bus no. 50 (verified)

What happened: At the bus stop near ASUC in the residential area of Avtokomanda, several unknown perpetrators physically attacked one 16 year old boy in JSP bus no. 50, following which they got off and fled in an unknown direction. The Mol's daily bulletin states that they were taking measures to identify the perpetrators and fully clarify the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 02 March, around 13:00, JSP bus no. 50.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior, Electronic media outlet Mkd.mk

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of several unknown perpetrators.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on board JSP bus no. 68, at a bus stop in front of a school attended by students of different ethnicities;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is another in a growing number of fights on board JSP bus no. 50

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that the misdemeanor of "Physical Assault" pursuant to Article 12 of the LMPO was in question and that they were still taking measures to solve the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

24. The windows of SDSM headquarters broken (verified)

What happened: The windows of the SDSM party headquarters on Juzhnomoravski Brigadi St. in the residential area of Chento were broken by unknown perpetrators.

Date, time and location of the incident: 3 March, around 03:00, SDSM party headquarters in the residential area of Chento, Skopje

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Business news.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by previous incidents from the month before, when the SDSM headquarters in Prilep, Bitola and several residential areas in Skopje were damaged;

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime of "Damage of Objects of Others" pursuant to Article 243 of the CC was in question in this case, which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit, and that they were still taking measures and activities to solve the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

25. The Museum of Albanian Alphabet torched with Molotov cocktail (verified)

What happened: Four masked persons threw Molotov cocktails on the Museum of the Albanian Alphabet in Bitola. The persons wanted to set the facility on fire, but failed to do so, and then only broke the glass. Some of the glass panes in the windows and doors of the museum were broken, and there were visible traces of the Molotov cocktail in front of the entrance.

Date, time and location of the incident: 07 March, around 04:00, Museum of the Albanian Alphabet, Bitola.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Tera TV, electronic media outlet Reporter.

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), Causing national, racial or religious hate, discord and intolerance (Article 319, CC)

Perpetrator(s): Four persons

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

1. *Target location* – the target location was the Museum of the Albanian Alphabet in Bitola;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this was the fifth attack on the Museum of the Albanian Alphabet in Bitola;

Status of the case: Criminal charges were brought against four people on reasonable grounds for suspicion of committing the criminal act of "Creating General Danger" pursuant to Article 288 of the CC.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that after taking adequate measures and activities SIA Bitola submitted criminal charges against four people on grounds of reasonable suspicion that they have committed the crime of "Creating General Danger" in accordance with Article 288 from CC. In addition, the response also states that after conducting interviews with the suspects, SIA Bitola did not find any indication that the crime was committed due to the ethnicity of the people, but that it was done independently and without any influence.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

26. SDSM activist attacked in Prilep (verified)

What happened: Susana Trajkovska, activist of SDSM-Prilep, was intercepted and attacked by two

unknown persons whose faces she could not see as they were covered with hoods. According to her testimony, the people came from behind her, grabbed tightly and lifted her, and then warned her not to turn her head either left or right and told her: “You are very exposed on TV and if you continue like that we will destroy you”. They then let her go, warning her not to turn back to look at them as they were leaving. The people wore black knitted gloves, black sweatshirts with hoods and according to her perception were older than 30.

Date, time and location of the incident: 16 March, 21:00, Republikanska St. Prilep

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Plusinfo

Victim(s) involved: One person.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Endangering Security (Article 144, CC)

Perpetrator(s): Two persons.

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. *The content of the threats* – The victim was insulted and threatened because she was publicly active as a political activist;
2. *The victim's perception* – according to the statement given to the media, the victim perceives the incident as bias motivated.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that upon getting the report, the police officers registered the report of the crime of “Endangering Security” pursuant to Article 144, paragraph 1, which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit, and that SIA Prilep was working to clarify the incident and identify the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative implications on the political party members and causes security concerns in the community.

27. VMRO-DPMNE's headquarters in Chair stoned (verified)

What happened: A person reported that while he was sitting inside the VMRO-DPMNE headquarters on “Cvetan Dimov” St., juveniles damaged the facility by stoning it (they broke a window pane). The Mol's daily bulletin states that they were taking measures to solve the case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 18 March, around 22:45, VMRO-DPMNE party headquarters in the residential area of Chair, Skopje

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior.

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): Group of several juvenile persons.

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 was the headquarters of a political party;
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by similar incidents during the previous month, when the SDSM party headquarters in several cities across the country were damaged;

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information

regarding this incident stated that the crime of “Damage of Objects of Others” was in question in this case, which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit in accordance with Article 243 from the Criminal Code and that they were still working on solving the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

28. A student attacked in a public transport minibus (verified)

What happened: A 17-year-old boy, while travelling on route Kumanovo - Skopje in a minibus with his two friends, on “3-ta Makedonska Brigada” Blvd in Skopje near the “Maria Curie Sklodowska” school, was physically attacked by six unknown people, most likely students who traveled in the same minibus who, after asking him something, hit him with a fist on the head, whereby the victim fell to the ground. According to the information reported to the media, based on the victims’ and his father’s statements, he was first approached by one of the perpetrators, who was later joined by the others who started threatening him and telling him not to come to school anymore, after which they physically attacked him by hitting him with their fists and kicking him on the head and body. The juvenile got off in the vicinity of SUGS “Dimitar Vlahov” and reported the incident to police officers. The boy sustained injuries to the head and body from the physical attack. Measures are being taken to fully solve case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 22 March, 13:30, in a public transport minibus travelling on route Kumanovo-Skopje.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior, Electronic media outlet 21 TV.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Endangering the Security (Article 144, CC)

Perpetrator(s): Group of 6 people.

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

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – due to the different ethnicity of the students in the aforementioned secondary school, it is possible that the perpetrators and the victims are of a different ethnicity;

Status of the case: Criminal charges have been pressed against three persons on grounds of suspicion of committing the criminal act of “Violence” pursuant to Article 386 of the CC.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding these incidents stated that after taking adequate measures and activities SIA Skopje submitted criminal charges (CU no.2993/17) to the Basic Prosecution Skopje against four people on grounds of reasonable suspicion that they committed the crime of “Violence” in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

29. Juveniles in the Skopje residential area of Aerodrom attacked (verified)

What happened: One 17 year old person, together with his friend, was physically attacked by about 20 unknown persons in bus no. 7 of JSP Skopje. At the bus stop on “3-ta Makedonska Brigada” Blvd in Skopje near the “Maria Curie Sklodowska” secondary school, about 20 unknown persons aged

between 14 and 18 got on the bus. Several of them started dragging the juvenile and once they pushed him outside, they physically attacked him, hitting him and kicking him all over the body. Then they turned to his friend and started slapping him on the face and hitting him on the back of his head, but he managed to escape. Measures are being taken to fully solve this case.

Date, time and location of the incident: 22 March, 14:00, JSP no.7

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Two juveniles.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of about 20 people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on JSP bus no. 7 which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities; the bus stop where the perpetrators got on board is located in front of a school attended by students of different ethnicities;

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is another in a growing trend of fights in JSP buses.

Status of the case: Unknown

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that in this event, one person (17) was physically attacked by 3-4 unknown people. Following the measures and activities undertaken by the SIA Skopje to the Public Prosecutor's Office Skopje, criminal charges (KU.br.2993 / 17) were filed against 3 persons on grounds of suspicion of committing a criminal act "Violence" in accordance with Article 386 of the Criminal Law.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

30. SDSM headquarters in Aerodrom stoned (verified)

What happened: In the course of the night, while the members of SDSM were holding a meeting, their headquarters in Aerodrom were stoned. Several windows got broken in the attack. According to the information reported in the media, apart from the material damage, no people were injured in the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 22 March, 20:00, SDSM party headquarters in the residential area Aerodrom, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet A1on.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to 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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - This incident was preceded by similar incidents during the previous month, when SDSM party headquarters were damaged in several cities across the country;

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information

regarding this incident stated that the crime of “Damage of Objects of Others” was in question in this case, which is prosecuted upon the filing of a private lawsuit in accordance with Article 243 from the Criminal Code and that they were still working on solving the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

31. The two language signpost of PDFM in Ohrid broken (verified)

What happened: The employees in the regional department of the Pension and Disability Fund in Ohrid noticed that the information board at the entrance to the facility, written in two languages, had been broken. According to the information reported in the media, the spokesperson for SIA Ohrid said that they have information about the possible perpetrator and that they were taking measures to solve the case in collaboration with the Public Prosecutor.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 March, around 13:40, Pension and Disability Fund, regional department, Ohrid.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Meta.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), 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, nationality or language, while the bias indicators are:

1. *The object that was the target of the attack* – the broken information board contained information in both Macedonian and Albanian;

Status of the case: A written notification was sent to the Basic Public Prosecution in Ohrid identifying and including data on the possible perpetrators.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that SIA Ohrid had immediately taken measures to detect the perpetrator, for which a written notification was sent to the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office in Ohrid identifying and including data on the possible perpetrators. The public prosecutor had said that the suspects would be summoned for an interview in the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office in Ohrid, but by the time this report was written, there was no information as to whether the persons had been summoned and whether measures had been taken, and the Basic Public Prosecutor’s Office Ohrid did not provide guidelines and tasks for further action.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

32. The national flag taken down and replaced with the Albanian flag in Kumanovo (verified)

What happened: Two teenagers took the big national flag down set up at the fountain in front of former hotel “Crystal” in Kumanovo, and put an Albanian flag at half mast in its place. According to the sources from the Ministry of Internal Affairs which were reported by the media, these are two young people who were immediately detained, in the meantime stronger police security was put in place, and in the attempt to remove the flag some clashes with the police occurred whereby two officers of Mol Kumanovo were injured. According to the portal “Kumanovski muabeti” two people of

Albanian nationality, from the village of Slupchane, took down the national flag and tried to put up the Albanian flag on the mast in the city center. The media outlet reported that there were at least four other people on the spot, but the rest of them fled, whereby two people were detained, and several witnesses were taken in for questioning.

Date, time and location of the incident: 31 March, 16:00, Kumanovo.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Kumanovski muabeti, electronic media outlet Pravdiko.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Bodily injury (Article 131, CC, Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds (Article 319, CC)

Perpetrator(s): Four people

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

1. *The target object in the incident* – the national flag was removed and replaced with the Albanian flag;

Status of the case: Criminal charges were brought against two persons from the village of Slupcane and two other unknown persons, on the basis of a reasonable suspicion that the alleged persons committed the criminal act “Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds” (Article 319, CC), as well as for committing the criminal act “Assaulting an official while performing security duties” according to Article 383 paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident states that there are indications that this incident was committed due to the ethnicity of the people involved, and that on 01.04.2017 SIA Kumanovo submitted criminal charges against two people from the village of Slupchane, and two more unknown persons to the Basic Public Prosecution in Kumanovo for committing the crime of Inciting Hatred, Discord or Intolerance on National, Racial, Religious and other Discriminatory Grounds” (Article 319, CC), and for committing the criminal act “Assaulting an official while performing security duties” according to Article 383 paragraph 1 of the Criminal Code.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic co-existence of the two major ethnic communities in the country.

33. Five people brutally beat up a young male from Studenichani (verified)

What happened: A 25-year-old from Studenichani was brutally attacked by several unknown people. The attack occurred at “Jugodrvno” in Skopje, where the person was waiting for the bus to Studenichani. According to his statements in the media, the people who beat him were fans of “Vardar” who were headed to the main square to celebrate the victory of “Vardar” in the league of European handball champions. Namely, several persons got off bus number 5 and asked him if he was an Albanian. When confirmed, they started hitting him. One person caught him and held him while the others were hitting him. Then, they stripped off his shirt and drew some crosses back and forth across his body with a knife. There were five attackers and four of them beat him, while one did not come close. They were wearing masks, shawls with state symbols and shirts of “Vardar”. After the attack they headed for the square.

Date, time and location of the incident: 4 June, 22:00, near Jugodrvno, Skopje

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Alsat-M.

Victim(s) involved: One person.

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

Perpetrator(s): Five people

Brief description of the incident with bias indicators: In this incident, the bias motive is ethnicity, nationality or language, while the bias indicators are:

1. *Difference in ethnicity* – the victim was attacked after he confirmed that he was an Albanian: the attackers had a symbol on them – the state flag;
2. *The nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public

Status of the case: Unknown

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that SIA Skopje had submitted the form from a statement taken (KU no. 5225/17) for the reported crime of "Violence" in accordance with Article 386 from the CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the general stability, as well as the ethnic coexistence of the two major ethnicities in the country.

34. 27 tombstones in the village of Ljuboten demolished (verified)

What happened: 27 tombstones in the Orthodox cemetery in the village of Ljuboten were damaged by unknown perpetrators. According to information transferred to the media, the Mol intensively implements all their operative-technical and field activities that enable the collection and analysis of the evidence in order to identify the perpetrators of this act and to initiate the corresponding criminal proceedings against them.

Date, time and location of the incident: 10 July, around 19:30, orthodox cemetery in the village of Ljuboten.

Source of information: The daily bulletin of the Ministry of Interior, electronic media outlet Pozitiv.mk

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown

Brief description of the incident with bias indicators: This is an incident inciting hatred, discord or intolerance, the bias motive is religious affiliation, and the bias indicators are:

1. *The target location* – the target location was the orthodox cemetery in the village of Ljuboten;

Status of the case: Under investigation

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the crime in question was "Desecration of a Tomb" in accordance with Article 400 of the Criminal Code. In addition, the answer states that after completing the documentation on the event, an appropriate submission will be submitted to the competent Basic Public Prosecution by SIA Skopje.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the safety of the different religious communities in the country.

35. Robbery of a Pakistani in the village of Vaksince (unverified)

What happened: According to information transmitted to the media, a person from Pakistan was

attacked by three other people from Pakistan, who robbed him of 150 EUR. According to his remarks, he came along with a group of people from Pakistan in the village of Vaksince, where they were welcomed by three people, also from Pakistan (aged 25-30), who were in charge of welcoming and sending groups of migrants outside the country. The above-mentioned organizers of all migrant workers asked for 2,000 EUR per person to take them across the state border to Serbia. Since the damaged party had no money, one of the organizers attacked him, striking him on the face, after which he took away the money and left.

Date, time and location of the incident: 22 July, 22:00, village of Vaksince, Kumanovo.

Source of information: Daily bulletin of Mol; Electronic media outlet Kumanovski muabeti.

Victim(s) involved: One person.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386 CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Robbery (Article 237, CC)

Perpetrator(s): One person.

Brief description of the incident with bias indicators: In this incident, the bias motive is the migrant or refugee status, and the bias indicators are:

1. *Model of previous incidents* – this incident was another from the trend of robberies and assaults on migrants.

Stauts of the case: No response from the Mol.

Response of the local authorities: By the time of writing of this report, the Mol had not responded to the MHC request for public information regarding this case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the safety of migrants entering and transiting through the country.

36. Attacked and injured Roma persons at the pool in Veles (verified)

What happened: In the City Pool Snoopy in Veles, several Roma persons from Skopje were beaten by around ten persons, among which were members of the security guards from the pool security agency - SGS. One of the lifeguards of the Snoopy Pool in Veles, in a rude and violent way, addressed the boy from the Roma ethnic community who jumped into the pool with the words "Who are you to tell me who can jump in the pool! You can't!" The boy's relatives reacted to this, causing a minor scuffle which was stopped soon enough, after the security – SGS and the owner of the pool intervened. In the words of one of the beaten citizens, at around 19:00, when almost all the guests of the pool left and while they were preparing to return home to Skopje, while his nephew I. U. was walking out of the dressing room, and without any explanation, a person with a glass bottle struck him on the head, after which he had a visible bodily injury - a cut above his right eye. The person further adds that they then came to see what was happening, but at that moment, about twenty people in civilian clothes entered with batons and bars, and began to beat them. According to his statements, the attackers, including members of the security guard of the pool from SGS, were called by the boss, the lifeguard and other members of the pool security. Twenty minutes later, after they had already been beaten and bloody, police officers intervened, handcuffed the Roma people and began to shout at them.

Date, time and location of the incident: 23 July, around 17:00, pool Snoopy Veles.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Libertas.

Victim(s) involved: Two persons.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Body injury (Article 130, CC), Racial and other Discrimination (Article 417, CC)

Perpetrator(s): A group of around ten people.

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

1. *Content of the threats* – the attacked person was not told that jumping in the pool was forbidden for everyone; he was specifically told that he is not allowed to jump in the pool;
2. *The victim's perception* – the victims see this event as an incident with bias motivation.

Status of the case: Under investigation/ Adequate charges are expected to ensue.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that SIA Veles and the Basic Public Prosecution are working on collecting additional information on the incident and according to them SIA Veles will file adequate charges.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

37. The windows of SDSM headquarters in Shtip broken (verified)

What happened: On the Str. Sremski Front in Shtip, an unidentified perpetrator broke the office windows in the headquarters of the political party SDSM. According to the information reported by the media, SIA Shtip is taking measures to fully clarify the incident.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 July, 10:20, party headquarters of SDSM in Shtip.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Libertas; TV Star.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of SDSM
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* - this incident was preceded by incidents that happened in the previous months, when the party headquarters of SDSM were damaged in several cities around the country;

Status of the case: No response from the Mol.

Response of the local authorities: By the time of writing of this report, the Mol had not responded to the MHC's request for public information regarding this case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

38. Young boy injured with a knife in JSP bus (unverified)

What happened: Around 19:45, at the Str. Gjorche Petrov in Skopje, in JSP bus no.56, in the direction towards the village of Bojane, there was a fight between persons on the bus, which disturbed the public order. Following the intervention of police officers, R.R. (20) from the village of Arnakija was detained in the police station, after the police found a knife in his possession. S.F. (18) incurred a scratch on his arm during the fight. The Emergency Medical Assistance was called, and after he was given medical assistance he was sent home to recover.

Date, time and location of the incident: 13 September, 19:45, JSP bus no. 56.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Skopjeinfo.mk.

Victim(s) involved: One person.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Endangerment with a weapon during a fight or argument (Article 133, CC)

Perpetrator(s): One person.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the incident happened while the bus was driving along St. Gyorche Petrov near the bus station, after the roundabout. Following the incident, the police officers from the Police Station Gyorche Petrov arrived at the scene and detained R.R. (20) from the village of Arnakija, who had physically attacked F.S. (18) from the village of Ljubin and scratched his arm. The Emergency Medical Assistance arrived on the spot and after providing medical treatment to F.S. sent him home to recover. Upon consulting with a public prosecutor the police filed a report on a minor criminal charge in compliance with Article 12 of the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order (LMPO).

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

39. JSP bus stoned near Bit Pazar (unverified)

What happened: On the Bul. Krste Misirkov, in front of the Bit Pazar Polyclinic, around ten unknown persons damaged the windows of the JSP bus no. 50 with a hard object.

Date, time and location of the incident: 15 September, around 01:00, Bul. Krste Misirkov, in front of the Bit Pazar Polyclinic.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Press 24.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the bus was transiting an area inhabited by people of mixed ethnic background; the street where the bus was stoned was in an area inhabited by people with mixed ethnic background;

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Perpetrator(s): A group of 20 unknown male persons.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the incident that took place on 15 September 2017 was reported in the Unit for Reporting and Command in SIA Skopje by the bus driver, D.T. who claimed that the incident happened around 00:20. According to his statement, the bus was stoned by 20 unfamiliar male persons with concrete tiles and metal rods in the course of which they broke two windows and

damaged the interior of the bus. The Crime Scene Unit photographed the crime scene, and JSP submitted their report of the event through their lawyer.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

40. SDSM headquarters smeared with faeces (verified)

What happened: One of the SDSM headquarters in the Municipality of Aerodrom was smeared with faeces.

Date, time and location of the incident: 25 September, 01:45, party headquarters of SDSM in the Municipality of Aerodrom, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Lokalno.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

Status of the case: Not registered.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the incident in question was not reported to the Sector for Internal Affairs Skopje.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

41. VMRO-DPMNE headquarters in Kisela Voda stoned (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator or perpetrators broke the glass windows of the VMRO-DPMNE headquarters in Kisela Voda.

Date, time and location of the incident: 25 September, 01:50, party headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Kisela Voda, Skopje.

Source of information: TV Sitel.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

Status of the case: No response.

Response of the local authorities: By the time of writing of this report, the Mol had not responded to the MHC request for public information regarding this case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

42. Damaged SDSM party headquarters in Butel (verified)

What happened: The SDSM party headquarters located on Str. Butel, in the Municipality of Butel was damaged. The premises were used in the election campaign of the candidate for Mayor of the Municipality of Butel, Velimir Smilevski and the coalition councillor list.

Date, time and location of the incident: 26-27 September, 01:00, party headquarters of SDSM in Butel, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media Plusinfo.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE and SDSM were damaged in several locations, i.e. around several municipalities around the City of Skopje.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that when the incident was reported the Crime Scene Investigation unit, police officers from the PS in Chair photographed the crime scene and told the people responsible for the headquarters to file a report, however the report was still not submitted by the time the Mol sent its response.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

43. Damaged DPSM headquarters in Skopje (unverified)

What happened: There was an armed robbery in the premises of the Democratic Party of the Serbs on Bul. Kocho Racin in Skopje, where the perpetrator(s) took 100.000 MKD from the desks of the employees, a Nikon camera and Swarovski cuff links, after which they managed to leave the scene unnoticed.

Date, time and location of the incident: 27 September, 09:30, party headquarters of DPSM in Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media Plusinfo.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE and SDSM were damaged
3. *Perception of a person involved in the event* – the president of DPSM, Ivan Stoilkovikj stated for the media that the goal of the incident was to exert political pressure and intimidate the party membership.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information

regarding this case stated that on 27 September 2017, around 09:30, there was a report that on the same day, an unknown perpetrator committed an armed robbery in the premises of DPSM. After this, the Unit for destruction of property and juvenile delinquency Centre-Bit Pazar submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje no.28.13.4-5069 dated 11 December 2017.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

44. VMRO-DPMNE headquarters in Kavadarci stoned (verified)

What happened: The windows of the VMRO-DPMNE headquarters located on the Str. Mosha Pijade in Kavadarci were broken.

Date, time and location of the incident: 28 September, 01:00, party headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Kavadarci.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Makfaks.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM and DPSM were damaged.

Status of the case: Misdemeanour charges were filed for false incident reporting.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that they determined that this was a case of false reporting and misdemeanour charges have been filed against the person who reported the incident in compliance with Article 16 of the Law on Misdemeanour against the Public Order – False incident reporting.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

45. Damaged BESA headquarters in Butel (verified)

What happened: Unknown persons damaged the party headquarters of the political party „BESA” on Str. Tale Hristov, in the Trade Centre Skopje Sever, where two windows were broken with a heavy object and six posters were torn.

Date, time and location of the incident: 01 October, 01:00, party headquarters of the political party BESA in Butel, Skopje.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM and DPSM were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that a person reported the incident and filed charges.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

46. Two boys attacked at a bus station (verified)

What happened: At the bus station on Bul. Krste Misirkov, two persons from the village of Mirkovci, aged 19 and 20, were physically attacked by several unknown persons. After the attack the attackers left the scene, and the injured boys received medical treatment in the General City Hospital St. Naum Ohridski where it was concluded that they had suffered bodily injuries.

Date, time and location of the incident: 01 October, 17:30, bus station on Bul. Krste Misirokov.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Mkd.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Two persons.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of several people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident happened at a bus station in an area inhabited with people of mixed ethnic background.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown / Misdemeanour charges are expected to ensue.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje has recorded the incident and has taken measures and activities for clarifying the disruption of public order, after which in accordance with the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order they are to file misdemeanour charges in the Basic Court Skopje 1.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

47. The windows of the SDSM headquarters in v. Indzikovo broken (verified)

What happened: In the village of Indzikovo, Skopje, an unknown perpetrator broke the glass on the door and the window of the SDSM political party headquarters.

Date, time and location of the incident: 02 October, 01:00, party headquarters of the political party SDSM in the village of Indzikovo, Skopje.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM and BESA were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case stated that they prepared a report and official notes on the reported incident, and the Crime Scene Investigation unit photographed the crime scene.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

48. The Mayor of Shuto Orizari, Elvis Bajram, injured in a fight (verified)

What happened: Elvis Bajram, who was the Mayor of the Municipality of Shuto Orizari at the time of the incident, as a candidate for Mayor from the coalition led by VMRO-DPMNE on the local elections, was injured in a fight between two groups in Shuto Orizari. After the fight Bajram was taken to the Hospital 8th of September where the doctors determined a head injury.

Date, time and location of the incident: 02 October, 19:00, Shuto Orizari.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Free Europe.

Victim(s) involved: One person – Mayor of Municipality of Shuto Orizari.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of several people.

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. *Time* – the attack took place during the election campaign presentation.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident only stated that eight reports were submitted for the charges stipulated in Article 11 para.2 of the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

49. Damaged VMRO-DPMNE headquarters in Bitola (verified)

What happened: In Bitola, the glass window on the door of the VMRO-DPMNE political party premises at Str. Crveni Steni was broken.

Date, time and location of the incident: 02 October, 20:30, party headquarters of the political party VMRO-DPMNE in Bitola.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Shetalishte.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM and BESA were damaged.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the criminal act in question was "Damaging Objects of Others", which was prosecuted upon a private lawsuit, and that SIA Bitola was working on clarifying the incident and finding the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

50. Damaged headquarters of DUI in Skopje (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator broke two windows and a glass door in the headquarters of the political party DUI, on Str. Tale Hristov, in Skopje-Sever.

Date, time and location of the incident: 03 October, 15:00, party headquarters of the political party DUI in Skopje-Sever.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Press24.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM and BESA were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the Mol prepared a report and official notes, and the Crime Scene Investigation unit processed the crime scene.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

51. Damaged headquarters of "Obedineti za Makedonija" (OM) in Drachevo (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator damaged the glass of the headquarters of the political party of OM located on Str. Zhivko Firfov in the neighbourhood of Drachevo with a stone.

Date, time and location of the incident: 07 October, 23:00, party headquarters of the political party OM in Drachevo.

Source of information: TV Nova.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA and DUI were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this case was only that the report and official notes were prepared, and the Unit for Reporting and Command in SIA Skopje where the incident was reported took photographs of the crime scene.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

52. Broken windows of the VMRO-DPMNE headquarters in the village of Drugovo, Kichevo (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator, using a heavy object, broke two glass windows of the premises used as the headquarters of the political party VMRO-DPMNE.

Date, time and location of the incident: 09 October, 01:00, party headquarters of the political party VMRO-DPMNE in the village of Drugovo, Kichevo.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Tocka.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA and DUI were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident was that the incident was reported by a citizen from the village of Drugovo, and the Mol is taking the respective measures and activities to clarify the case and find the perpetrator after which they will notify the damaged party.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

53. Juvenile severely beaten in JSP bus (verified)

What happened: In Skopje, on Str. Alija Avdovikj, in bus no.65 in the direction from the neighbourhood of Chento to the village of Stajkovci there was a fight.

At the bus stop near the Primary School 25th May, a group of around ten juveniles pushed a 17-year-old boy from the village of Smiljkovci, student in the 4th year of the Secondary School ASUC, out of

the bus and physically attacked him hitting him with fists and kicking him in the head and body. At one point, the attackers hit him with a hard object in the head, after which the group disbursed. The Emergency Medical Ambulance took the boy to the General City Hospital St. Naum Ohridski where he received medical treatment, after which he was sent home to recover.

Date, time and location of the incident: 10 October, 19:00, JSP bus no. 65.

Source of information: Electronic media Republika.mk.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

Type of crime(s): Violence (Article 386, CC), Bodily injury (Article 130, CC), Endangerment with a weapon during a fight or argument (Article 133, CC)

Perpetrator(s): A group of around ten juvenile persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities, it is possible that the ethnicity of the perpetrators was different to the ethnicity of the victims.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje for the reported criminal act of Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC (CU. no. 10002/17).

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

54. Damaged headquarters of the political party GROM in the village of Bardovci (verified)

What happened: The headquarters of the political party GROM in the Skopje village of Bardovci was damaged after an unknown perpetrator threw a hard object which damaged one glass window.

Date, time and location of the incident: 10 October, 20:15, party headquarters of the political party GROM in Bardovci.

Source of information: Focus.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA and DUI were damaged.

Status of the case: Closed; the person who reported the incident did not want to press charges regarding the incident.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident confirms that the incident was caused when an unknown person threw a rock at the headquarters of the political party „GROM”, and right after the incident was reported

to the police, police officers from the PS Karposh arrived at the scene, however during a telephone conversation with the person who reported the case, he underlined that he is not interested in giving a statement and pressing charges regarding the damage.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

55. Shooting near the headquarters of DUI (verified)

What happened: In the village of Plasnica, during a rally organized by the political party DUI, when the motorcade moving from the village of Lisichani to the village of Plasnica via the village of Preglovo, arrived near the headquarters of DUI in the centre of the village, several shots were fired, most probably from a pistol, from moving vehicles. The same night, at around 20.00, in the village of Lisichani, during the address of the Mayor of the village of Plasnica at the rally, an unknown person fired several shots.

Date, time and location of the incident: 12 October, 20:50, party headquarters of the political party DUI in the village of Plasnica.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

Type of crime(s): Damage to Objects of Others (Article 243, CC), Creating General Danger (Article 288, CC)

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Time of the incident* – directly prior to the shooting near the headquarters of the political party DUI, the Mayor of the village of Plasnica addressed the attendants of the rally, during the course of which an unknown person fired several shots.
3. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA and DUI were damaged.

Status of the case: Not registered.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding these incidents stated that such incidents were not registered by the Ministry.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

56. Broken glass in the headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Kavadarci (verified)

What happened: On St. Ilindenska in Kavadarci an unknown perpetrator broke the glass at the premises used by the coalition led by the political party VMRO-DPMNE.

Date, time and location of the incident: 13 October, 00:30, party headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Kavadarci.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Vesti.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA, DUI and GROM were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that since the identity of the perpetrator has not been determined, the case has not been submitted to the Basic Public Prosecution Kavadarci.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

57. Damaged headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Skopje (verified)

What happened: Unknown perpetrator damaged the headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE, located on Str. Cvetan Dimov, by breaking the windows with rocks.

Date, time and location of the incident: 14 October, 00:30, party headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE in Chair, Skopje.

Source of information: Electronic media Netpress.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident was preceded by previous incidents from the previous days, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA, DUI and GROM were damaged.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident does not give any additional details with respect to the measures and activities undertaken to resolve the incident and clarify the case.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

58. Violence in front of the headquarters of GROM in Skopje (verified)

What happened: In Skopje, on St. Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov, a Mercedes with Skopje license plates, stopped in front of the headquarters of the political party „GROM” where around 100 citizens were gathered, S.R. got out of the vehicle and took out a knife and handcuffs, and threatened the citizens present at the location after which he left in his vehicle.

Date, time and location of the incident: 15 October, 22:00, party headquarters of GROM in Skopje.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Several activists from the political party GROM.

Type of crime(s): Endangering the safety (Article 144, CC), Endangerment with a weapon during a fight or argument (Article 133, CC)

Perpetrator(s): One person.

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 was the headquarters of a political party

2. *Perception of a person involved in the incident* – in his media statement, the president of the political party GROM, Stevcho Jakimovski, said that the political party SDSM had sent criminals from the underground, to attack activists from GROM.

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MOI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that police officers from SIA Skopje arrived at the scene and saw the Mercedes with Skopje license plates stopping in front of the headquarters of „GROM” and S.R. and E.S. getting out of the vehicle, swearing, threatening and offending the citizens and activists of the political party present. With the aim of clarifying this incident, the police interviewed three persons, and S.R. and E.S. were brought in for interrogation, at the same time, the incident was reported to the Public Prosecutor who instructed the officials to interrogate the persons and invite other persons and evidence from the scene, and submit all the material along with a notification to the Basic Public Prosecution in Skopje. Moreover, the Violent Crime Unit of SIA Skopje submitted a written notification no.28.11.2/02-616 dated 18.10.2017 to the Basic Public Prosecution.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

59. Several persons were injured in the celebration of the victory in Sveti Nikole (verified)

What happened: Several persons were injured in Sveti Nikole when a police officer from the Police Station in Sveti Nikole, who was not on duty, and a group of citizens disrupted the public order while celebrating the victory of the candidate for Mayor of Sveti Nikole. Several people were injured and requested medical assistance in the Hospital of Sveti Nikole.

Date, time and location of the incident: 16 October, 00:10, Centre of Sveti Nikole.

Source of information: Electronic edition of the Nova Makedonija newspaper.

Victim(s) involved: Group of people.

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

Perpetrator(s): One person.

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. *Time of the incident* – the incident happened during the celebration of the victory of the candidate for Mayor of Sveti Nikole in the local elections, in the square in Sveti Nikole.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident confirmed the incident, stating that on the authorization of the public prosecutor, the police inspected the scene and interviewed the involved persons and witnesses, and collected the medical documentation from the Hospital in Sveti Nikole. The interviews along with

the prepared official note have been submitted to the Basic Public Prosecution in Sveti Nikole, which is in charge of clarifying the incident, while the overall documentation on the taken measures was submitted to the Sector for Internal Control and Professional Standards – Section Shtip.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

60. Juveniles attacked near the Transport Centre in Skopje (unverified)

What happened: Three juvenile persons were attacked at a bus stop near the Railway Station, the Transport Centre in Skopje. While waiting for the bus, the three minors, two aged 16 and one aged 15, were approached by a larger group of 10-15 unfamiliar persons aged 15 to 17 years, and one of the persons began to hit one of the minors on the head. Then the other minor was attacked, after which the attackers fled the scene running off in an unknown direction.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 October, 12:15, bus station on Bul. Krste Misirkov.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Libertas.

Victim(s) involved: Three juvenile persons.

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

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

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident happened at a bus station transited by people from various ethnic backgrounds, it is possible that the ethnicity of the perpetrators was different to the ethnicity of the victims.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information confirmed this incident and stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje no.28.22.2/02-646 dated 27 October 2017.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

61. Violence in Sveti Nikole (verified)

What happened: A policeman from Sveti Nikole attacked and injured a married couple in the city centre. According to the husband's allegations, the policeman broke the glass on his vehicle without any reason and started kicking him and hitting him with his fists, after which he grabbed his wife, who was sitting next to him, by the neck. The event took place around midnight after the celebration of SDSM's victory in Sveti Nikole, when the couple stopped at a crossroads. The couple are SDSM activists. According to the policeman's allegations, a VMRO-DPMNE supporter, the couple provoked him and allegedly he was previously attacked by around one hundred SDSM activists, who came in front of his building, urging him to come out and damaged his car. They tried to get into his apartment which was when he went out to see what was happening. According to the policeman's allegations, he was the target of an attack, because during the pre-election silence he prevented SDSM activists from distributing campaign materials.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 October, 20:40, Sveti Nikole.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet 24vesti.

Victim(s) involved: Married couple.

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

Perpetrator(s): One person.

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. *Time of the incident* – the incident happened in the aftermath of the local elections and the celebration of the victory of candidate for mayor of Sveti Nikole on the central square in Sveti Nikole.

Status of the case: Under investigation.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information confirmed this incident, and stated that the incident was connected with incident no.59 of this Annex. Moreover, the Mol stated that complete official documentation was submitted to the Basic Public Prosecution Sveti Nikole, however at the time of sending the reply, the Mol had not been notified about the measures taken and the legal qualification of the act.

62. Fifteen-year-old juvenile attacked in a bus (verified)

What happened: A fifteen-year-old male juvenile from the village of Nikishtani, Skopje, a student in the Secondary School Cvetan Dimov, was attacked on JSP bus no.22 by 7-8 students, as a result of which he was found to have suffered damage to the head and the body. The doctor at the City Hospital St. Naum Ohridski found that he had sustained bodily injuries after which he was sent home to recover.

Date, time and location of the incident: 25 October, 19:00, JSP bus no. 22 located at Bul. Partizanski Odredi

Source of information: Electronic media outlet 24vesti.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of 7-8 males.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that after interviewing the injured juvenile it was concluded that while he was on the JSP bus no. 22, at the bus station near the St. Clement of Ohrid Church (Soboren hram) in Skopje, 7-8 males aged 17-18 years of age got on the bus and physically attacked him causing injuries to his head and body, after which they got off and ran away to an unknown destination. SIA Skopje has submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje for the reported criminal act Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC (CU. No. 10538/17).

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

63. A juvenile attacked in JSP bus no.81 (verified)

What happened: A fifteen-year-old boy was injured with a metal rod on a bus by several people who got on the bus at the bus stop in the village of Brazda, Skopje. At the bus stop in the village of Brazda, about 12 people boarded the bus and, before getting off at the next bus station, probably with a metal rod, they hit the boy from the village of Brazda on the leg. The boy was transferred to the City General Hospital with a private vehicle, where it was found that he had sustained injuries after which he was sent home to recover.

Date, time and location of the incident: 03 November, 21:00, JSP bus no. 81

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Libertas.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of twelve persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas populated by people of different ethnicities
2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Criminal charges have been pressed for the reported criminal act Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted criminal charges to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje (CU. no. 717/18) for the reported criminal act Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

64. Two boys attacked at a bus station (verified)

What happened: At the bus station on Str. Bosnia and Herzegovina, one nineteen-year-old from Skopje was physically attacked by several unknown persons. They hit him in the face with a rock, which left him visibly injured.

Date, time and location of the incident: 12 November, 00:00, bus station on Str. Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: One person.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of 4 or 5 unknown persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident happened at a bus station in an area inhabited by people of various ethnic backgrounds.
2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Under investigation/ Misdemeanour charges are expected to ensue.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information

regarding this incident states that the person was attacked at around 21:00 by 4 or 5 unfamiliar persons, who hit him in the face with a rock. A report was prepared about the incident along with two official notes, and SIA Skopje is taking measures and activities for clarifying the disruption of public order after which, pursuant to the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order, they will submit a request for bringing misdemeanour charges to the authorized misdemeanour section in the Basic Court Skopje 1.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

65. Person stabbed with a knife on the quay in Skopje (unverified)

What happened: On the street. “Quay 13th of November” one person, with initials D.M. (22) from the village of Trubarevo, was physically attacked by two unknown persons, and one of them used a knife to stab him. The person was transferred to the City General Hospital “St. Naum Ohridski” -Skopje, where the doctor found that he had sustained bodily injuries.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 November, 16:30, St. “Quay 13th of November”.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: One person.

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

Perpetrator(s): Two persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* - in the past several years, near the quay and the city park, ethnically motivated incidents have occurred on several occasions.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MOI’s response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, stated that on 19 November 2017, the Emergency Medical Assistance team received a phone call that a 22-year-old with a stab wound from a sharp object in the chest and visible injuries to the head was found behind the building of the Government. After the interview with the injured person, it was concluded that he was attacked by two unknown persons at the above-mentioned location, after which they prepared a report on the received charges along with two official notes.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

66. Two persons attacked on the quay of the River Vardar (unverified)

What happened: In Skopje, on the quay of the Vardar River, two persons were physically attacked by a larger group of persons wearing hoodies, who left the scene after the attack. The injured persons were transferred to the City General Hospital “St. Naum Ohridski” with an ambulance, where they were found to have sustained bodily injuries and after medical assistance was provided they were sent home to recover.

Date, time and location of the incident: 19 November, 20:30, St. “Quay 13th of November”.

Source of information: Mol daily bulletin.

Victim(s) involved: Two persons.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of 10-12 unknown persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* - in the past several years, near the quay and the city park, ethnically motivated incidents have occurred on several occasions.

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – the same day, several hours earlier, one person was stabbed with a knife on the quay of the river Vardar.

3. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: The incident was qualified as disruption of the public order by physical attack.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident, confirms the above-mentioned incident, stating that the two victims, aged 18 and 19, had visible injuries and cuts on their heads. After conducting the interview with the victims, they were informed that near MKC they were physically attacked by 10-12 unknown persons, aged around 20 to 23, and dressed in hoodies. After consulting with the Public Prosecutor the event was qualified as a disruption of the public order with a physical attack, criminal act provided in Article 12 of the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

67. Juvenile attacked on a street in Skopje (verified)

What happened: A sixteen-year-old boy was physically attacked by 5-6 unknown males aged 16-20. The attackers punched him using their fists and kicked him in the body and head, after which they left the scene.

Date, time and location of the incident: 25 November, 21:30, Str. Metodija Andonov-Chento

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Mkd.mk.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

Perpetrator(s): Group of 5-6 persons.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – due to the fact that the incident took place in an area inhabited by a mixed ethnic population, it is possible that the ethnicity of the perpetrators was different to the ethnicity of the victims.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Under investigation/ Misdemeanour charges are expected to ensue.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the duty officer filed a report on the pressed charges along with five official notes on information received from citizens. Moreover, the response stated that SIA Skopje is taking measures and activities for clarifying the disruption to public order, after which pursuant to the Law on Misdemeanours against the Public Order a request to initiate misdemeanour charges will be filed before the authorized section in the Basic Court Skopje 1.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

68. VMRO-DPMNE party premises broken into in Ohrid (verified)

What happened: The premises of the municipal committee of VMRO-DPMNE in Ohrid were broken into. Apart from the two broken exterior windows through which the persons entered the premises, there was no damage to the office furniture in the headquarters.

Date, time and location of the incident: 10 December, around 00:00, party headquarters of VMRO-DPMNE on Ohrid.

Source of information: Skopjeinfo.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Apart from material damage, there were no victims in this incident.

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

Perpetrator(s): Unknown.

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 was the headquarters of a political party
2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – This incident was preceded by incidents during the election campaign and the election process, when the party headquarters of the political parties VMRO-DPMNE, SDSM, DPSM, BESA, DUI and GROM were damaged.

Status of the case: Criminal charges have been filed against an unknown perpetrator.

Response of the local authorities: The Mol's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that SIA Ohrid filed criminal charges to the Basic Public Prosecution Ohrid against an unknown perpetrator on the grounds of reasonable suspicion of committing the criminal act of Armed robbery, as stipulated in Article 236 para.1 and Article 19 of the CC, and that SIA Ohrid continues to take measures for resolving the incident and finding the perpetrators.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident has negative financial implications on the political party and causes security concerns in the community it operates.

69. A juvenile physically attacked on JSP bus (verified)

What happened: Several unknown persons aged 15 to 18 physically attacked a fifteen-year-old boy in JSP bus no. 65 on the way from the village of Stajkovci to the Transport Centre-Skopje. Namely, in the village of Singelich, several unknown persons entered the bus and, after having climbed to the upper deck, they physically attacked the juvenile, and his companions.

The boy sustained injuries and was given medical assistance in the City General Hospital St. Naum Ohridski.

Date, time and location of the incident: 15 December, 13:20, JSP bus no. 65.

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Vesti.mk.

Victim(s) involved: One juvenile person.

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

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

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – the incident took place on a bus which transits through areas

populated by people of different ethnicities

2. *Pattern of previous incidents* – this incident is another in a growing number of attacks on board JSP bus no.65

3. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MoI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje for the reported criminal act Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.

70. Beaten juveniles in Butel (confirmed)

What happened: Two juvenile persons were physically attacked by a large group of males aged 16-18 years on the street Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Skopje neighbourhood of Butel. One of the juveniles was injured with a hard object around the area of his left shoulder, probably with a knife, after which he was given medical assistance at the Mother Teresa Emergency Centre. Reportedly, the physical attack occurred in the school yard of Zef Ljush Marku.

Date, time and location of the incident: 18 December, 21:00, St. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Source of information: Electronic media outlet Skopjeinfo.mk.

Victim(s) involved: Two juvenile persons.

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

Perpetrator(s): A group of several people.

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

1. *Assumed difference in ethnicity* – due to the fact that the incident took place in an area inhabited by a mixed ethnic population; it is possible that the ethnicity of the perpetrators was different to the ethnicity of the victims.

2. *Nature of the violence* – the incident took place in public;

Status of the case: Unknown.

Response of the local authorities: The MoI's response to the MHC request for public information regarding this incident stated that the SIA Skopje had submitted a written notification to the Basic Public Prosecution Skopje for the reported criminal act of Violence in accordance with Article 386 from CC.

Impact on the victim(s) and the community: This incident calls into question the ethnic coexistence between the two largest communities in the country.