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Threats, acts of vandalism and offensive graffiti painted on places of worship and public places in Spain, in 2024

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OLRC is a civil association registered under Spanish law in 2006 (*Ministerio del Interior*, N. 588984). The goal of OLRC is to raise awareness concerning the human right and constitutional right to live in society and participate in public life without being attacked, harassed or discriminated on account of ethical or religious views and beliefs.

In addition to reporting attacks on religious freedom, OLRC organises seminars, training sessions and conferences on religious freedom and collaborates with the media and with other similar civil society organisations. OLRC has been collaborating with ODIHR (OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights) for many years.

See OLRC's past reports of attacks against religious freedom in Spanish and English (<https://libertadreligiosa.es/informes/>) (<https://libertadreligiosa.es/hate-crimes-reports/>).

Reporting methodology and the state of religious freedom in Spain in 2023

This report prepared by OLRC focuses on hate crimes in Spain against Christians of different denominations, Jews and Muslims, during 2024. Our reporting chart is adapted to the guidelines suggested by ODIHR. Each case reported includes information on the date of the incident, location (town, province and/or region), source of information (newspapers, social media, etc), a brief description of the incident, indicators of anti-religious bias in the attack and any useful additional information.

An alarming new development in 2023 and 2024 is the much higher number of **threats against Jewish citizens as well as attacks against synagogues**, which have been vandalized with offensive and anti-Semitic graffiti. We can only hypothesise that this alarming increase in anti-Semitic activity may be related to the news coverage of the war in Gaza.

This year 2024 we also have to report several cases of arrests of individuals who were allegedly planning to commit acts of **Islamic terrorism** either against Catholic churches or against Jewish citizens and their business.

It is also a matter of concern that the number of **Catholic cemeteries desecrated** has increased, with important number of tombs opened or damaged.

Attacks on religious monuments such as stone crosses or religious images have been as frequent as in previous years. Sometimes stone crosses have been removed or demolished in broad daylight by state authorities and sometimes it has been done in secret by different kinds of political or non-political groups. A common feature of such removals and/or destruction of religious monuments is the wrong and prejudiced identification of religious symbols with fascism and with the Spanish Civil War. However, in many cases the religious monuments which have been destroyed were just meant to keep alive the memory of civilians assassinated for their religious belief during the Spanish Civil War.

Attacks on churches and religious buildings include desecrations, thefts of religious objects or graffiti painted on their walls. Such attacks have also been very common in 2024 and the media does not report many of them. OLRC relies on eye witnesses who report and take pictures, as well as on social media. Therefore, it is to be assumed that the actual number of attacks on religious property is much higher. Furthermore, such attacks

may be economically very harmful because they harm or destroy ancient and sometimes extremely valuable works of art.

The anti-religious motivation and anti-religious bias in these attacks against religious property and places of worship can be easily seen in the outrageously offensive content of the graffiti and messages painted on the walls of churches, as well as in the fact that when individuals break into a church they attack images and other religious objects which are easily identifiable as having a religious meaning and purpose.

We would also like to bring to your attention again the atmosphere of humiliation and discrimination against Christians, Christian public figures and Christian politicians which exists in the media and in Spanish politics. For instance, the number of bishops and priests who are subjected to defamatory campaigns by politicians and in the press for explaining the Church's doctrine concerning sexual relations has also definitely increased.

Mere acts of verbal aggression cannot be reported in accordance with ODIHR's guidelines, unless they are threats punishable under criminal law. Moreover, OLRC is obviously aware of the importance of freedom of expression and freedom of the press, which is also a guarantee of freedom of religion and conscience. However, there seems to be a double standard with respect to freedom of expression, where offences against believers never receive the same attention that offences against other groups and minorities. OLRC is convinced that the verbal aggressions and discrimination to which religious groups are often subjected to in Spain paves the way for acts of physical aggression against believers and against places of worship, in the same way that acts of aggression against other groups are often preceded by extremely insulting and discriminatory conduct which may in itself not be of a criminal nature.

Finally, an alarming development of 2022, which has continued in 2023 and 2024, is the enforcement of the new and controversial law which criminalizes pro-life demonstrations in front of abortion clinics (*Ley Orgánica 4/2022, de 12 de abril*). Spanish police have prevented peaceful demonstrations in front of abortion clinics and have arrested individual who were just praying. We have not been able to include most incidents of this kind in this report because, despite the fact that this law and the arrests are clear attacks against religious freedom, the guidelines of ODIHR do not permit their characterization as hate crimes. However, in some cases Spanish courts have ruled that prohibiting this kind of religious pro-life events is not legal.

Report sections

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Section 1- Physical attacks and violence against believers

Incident number	1
Date of incident	17 march 2024
Country, location	Javier (Navarra)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/espana/20240318/peregrinos-piden-amparo-despues-policia-foral-navarra-no-les-asistiera-acoso-aberzales_182508.html
Incident description	A group of young Christians who were taking part in the traditional pilgrimage to the castle of Javier (birth place of Saint Francis Xavier) were harassed by a group of young members of a far-left Basque separatist organization, who insulted them, threw stones and flares inside the gym where the pilgrims were spending the night and tried to break into the place
Bias indicators	Religious nature of pilgrimage and participants. Members of far-left Basque separatist organizations are well-known for their anti-Christian inclinations
Additional information	The pilgrims called the police, who responded they would not intervene

Incident number	2
Date of incident	23 April 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Autonomous Community of Madrid)
Source	https://x.com/dnacharig/status/1782783994188144954
Incident description	A pro-Palestine demonstrator physically assaulted and insulted a Jewish woman, calling her “Jewish whore”, “Jewish murderer”, “Hitler should have ended with you all”
Bias indicators	The aggressor had a banner showing victims of the Israel-Palestine conflict and was wearing a t-shirt which said “7 October”, in reference to the terrorist attacks carried out by Hamas

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Incident number	3
Date of incident	8 June 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/ciudadano-israeli-agredido-en-barcelona/
Incident description	An Israeli citizen was physically assaulted by a group of Arab men in downtown Barcelona. He was punched in the face
Bias indicators	The victim was wearing the <i>kippa</i> or traditional Jewish cap. The aggressors shouted “fuck Israel”
Additional information	The victim was taken to hospital

Incident number	4
Date of incident	9 November 2024
Country, location	Valencia (Comunidad Valenciana)
Source	https://www.ondacero.es/emisoras/comunidad-valenciana/valencia/noticias/detienen-autor-ataque-que-dejo-siete-frailes-heridos-monasterio-gilet-valencia_2024111067307eb965664200019efcdd.html
Incident description	A middle aged man entered the monastery of <i>El Santo Espiritu de Gilet</i> and attacked seven Franciscan monks with clubs and a bottle. A monk was killed

Bias indicators	The attacker shouted: “I am Jesus Christ and I am going to kill friars”
Additional information	

Incident number	5
Date of incident	31 December 2024
Country, location	Elche, Alicante (Comunidad Valenciana)
Source	https://okdiario.com/espana/detienen-cuatro-menores-acusados-preparar-ataentado-terrorista-yihadista-contr-basilica-elche-14051838 https://elpais.com/espana/comunidad-valenciana/2024-12-31/detenidos-en-elche-cuatro-menores-por-su-presunta-relacion-con-el-yihadismo.html
Incident description	The police arrested four young Moroccans accused of preparing an Islamist terrorist attack against the Basilica of Elche
Bias indicators	Religious character of building targeted
Additional information	

Section 2- Attacks, damage to property and vandalism against places of worship

Incident number	6
Date of incident	10 January 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://es.e-noticies.cat/politica/arran-las-juventudes-cup-vandalizan-iglesia-historica-barcelona

Incident description	Members of the far-left Catalan youth separatist organization <i>Arran</i> painted a graffiti on the wall of the Catholic church of <i>San Juan Bautista de Gracia</i> . The graffiti said: “Patriarchy and capital, criminal alliance”
Bias indicators	Religious character of attacked building. Anti-religious connotations of message in graffiti
Additional information	

Incident number	7
Date of incident	16 January 2024
Country, location	Murcia (Autonomous Community of Murcia)
Source	https://www.laverdad.es/murcia/ciudad-murcia/destrozan-decenas-tumbas-cementerio-santisimo-cristo-salud-20240116175422-nt.html
Incident description	Two men wearing masks pulled out religious images and crosses from the tombs in the Catholic cemetery of the <i>Santísimo Cristo de la Salud</i> . The attackers also destroyed other images and displaced the tombstones
Bias indicators	Religious character of attacked place (cemetery)
Additional information	

Incident number	8
Date of incident	19 February 2024
Country, location	Reus, Tarragona (Catalonia)

Source	https://www.diarimes.com/es/reus/240220/vandalismo-reus-destrozan-virgen-barrio-carne_140783.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals broke into a Catholic chapel, broke the hands of a statue of the Virgin Mary and stole her crown
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place and images attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	9
Date of incident	8 March 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/religion/iglesia/20240308/vandalizan-palacio-episcopal-barcelona-pintadas-moradas-8m_180479.html
Incident description	Several women assembled in front of the house of the archbishop of Barcelona and threw purple paint on the walls of the building
Bias indicators	Religious character of the person living in the building attacked and significance of day of the attack
Additional information	8 March is international women's day, where it has become common that feminist groups carry out these kind of acts of harassment against Catholic places of worship or ecclesiastics

Incident number	10
Date of incident	14 March 2024
Country, location	Beasáin, Guipuzcoa (Basque Country)
Source	The victims provided a copy of the complaint to the police

Incident description	During a religious service of the Jehovah's Witnesses, a group of people gathered outside the place of the meeting and painted graffiti on the wall. One of the graffiti said "Fuck the Jehovah's Witnesses"
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the religious service interrupted
Additional information	

Incident number	11
Date of incident	3 April 2024
Country, location	Cintruénigo (Navarra)
Source	https://x.com/mohamed_ajana/status/1775550233595748539
Incident description	An unknown individual smashed a bottle of alcohol and pissed at the door of a Muslim chapel (prayer room)
Bias indicators	Religious character of attacked place
Additional information	

Incident number	12
Date of incident	3 May 2024
Country, location	Cuenca (Castilla-La Mancha)
Source	https://www.cope.es/emisoras/castilla-la-mancha/cuenca-provincia/cuenca/noticias/provocan-este-impresionante-incendio-puerta-del-convento-las-concepcionistas-cuenca-20240503_3278258

Incident description	An unknown man set fire to the door of a church next to a Catholic convent of the <i>Concepcionistas</i> , while there were people inside the temple
Bias indicators	Religious character of the attacked building
Additional information	The man was held by some neighbours and later arrested by the police

Incident number	13
Date of incident	20 May 2024
Country, location	Órgiva, Granada (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.ideal.es/granada/la-alpujarra/derriban-rompen-cruz-piedra-ermita-san-sebastian-20240520171254-nt.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals tore down and broke the monument of the cross in the country chapel of <i>San Sebastián</i>
Bias indicators	Religious character of the monument attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	14
Date of incident	21 May 2024
Country, location	La Carolina, Jaén (Andalucía)
Source	
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted obscene graffiti on the walls of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witnesses (<i>Salón del Reino</i>)

Bias indicators	Religious character of the attacked place
Additional information	

Incident number	15
Date of incident	25 May 2024
Country, location	Rincón de la Victoria, Málaga (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.abc.es/espana/andalucia/malaga/atacan-virgen-carmen-rincon-victoria-20240525203843-nts.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals repeatedly threw stones at an image of the Virgin Mary (<i>Virgen del Carmen de Rincón</i>)
Bias indicators	Religious character of attacked monument
Additional information	

Incident number	16
Date of incident	13 June 2024
Country, location	Santa Cruz de Mudela, Ciudad Real (Castilla-La Mancha)
Source	https://www.larazon.es/castilla-la-mancha/roban-imagen-patrona-pueblo-ciudad-real_20240613666ac6148fd52100010c6a8f.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals broke a niche and stole an image of the Virgin Mary (<i>Virgen de las Virtudes</i>) which was inside a small country chapel
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the statue stolen

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Incident number	17
Date of incident	15 June 2024
Country, location	Burgos (Castilla y León)
Source	The victims provided the police complaint
Incident description	An unknown man caused damage inside a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witnesses, during a religious service
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and of the service interrupted
Additional information	

Incident number	18
Date of incident	25 June 2024
Country, location	Valdoviño, La Coruña (Galicia)
Source	https://www.lasexta.com/noticias/sociedad/jovenes-profanan-vandalizan-cementerio-rompen-patadas-nichos-graban-difunden-redes_202406246679d2e9888bcf00014e6912.html
Incident description	A group of young people broke several niches of a Catholic cemetery and shouted blasphemies
Bias indicators	Religious character of the attacked place (cemetery)
Additional information	The attackers recorded what they did and posted it on social media

Incident number	19
Date of incident	27 June 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/espana/cataluna/barcelona/20240627/profanan-iglesia-barcelona-roban-hostias-sagrario_208853.html
Incident description	An unknown individual forced the door of the tabernacle in the Catholic church of <i>Sant Oleger Bisbe</i> and stole the consecrated hosts that were kept there
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and of the religious items stolen, amounting to a sacrilege
Additional information	

Incident number	20
Date of incident	5 July 2024
Country, location	Castellón de la Plana (Comunidad Valenciana)
Source	https://x.com/AbogadosCrist/status/1809218780381220978
Incident description	The monument of the Cross of <i>Ribalta</i> was painted with graffiti
Bias indicators	Religious character of attacked monument
Additional information	

Incident number	21
Date of incident	22 July 2024
Country, location	Cantabria
Source	https://x.com/UniCatolicos_es/status/1815461279160549776
Incident description	Unknown youngsters entered a Catholic church, yelled inside and made fun of hosts. They also recorded everything and posted it on social media
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	22
Date of incident	3 August 2024
Country, location	Los Palacios y Villafranca, Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.lavozdelsur.es/ediciones/sevilla/destrozan-inmaculada-palacios-en-vispera-festividad-su-patrona_319318_102.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals tore to the ground and harmed a statue of the Virgin Mary on public display in the street
Bias indicators	Religious character of monument attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	23
Date of incident	21 August 2024

Country, location	Ribatajada, Cuenca (Castilla-La Mancha)
Source	https://www.vocesdecuenca.com/provincia/serrania/ataque-a-la-ermita-de-la-virgen-de-la-estrella-en-ribatajada-destrozan-la-imagen-e-intentan-incendiar-el-templo/#goog_rewarded
Incident description	Unknown individuals tried to set fire to a country chapel, destroyed monument of the Virgin Mary and stole several religious items
Bias indicators	Religious character of the building attacked and the items destroyed
Additional information	

Incident number	24
Date of incident	21 August 2024
Country, location	Gijón (Asturias)
Source	https://www.larazon.es/asturias/asaltan-iglesia-zona-rural-gijon-profanan-sagrario-templo-sustrayendo-objetos-metal_2024082166c646ff1dd440000161966f.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals forced the door of a Catholic church in <i>San Martín de Huerces</i> , forced the door of the tabernacle and stole several religious items
Bias indicators	Religious character of the building attacked and of the items stolen
Additional information	

Incident number	25
Date of incident	28 August 2024

Country, location	Baños de la Encina, Jaén (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.jaenhoy.es/jaen/mantienen-relaciones-sexuales-altar-iglesia-centenillo-video_0_2002297904.html
Incident description	Two individuals had sex on the altar of the Catholic church of <i>Inmaculada Concepción de el Centenillo</i> and recorded it and posted it on social media
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place of worship attacked and of the acts of sacrilege carried out
Additional information	

Incident number	26
Date of incident	10 September 2024
Country, location	Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.abc.es/sevilla/ciudad/destrozan-varias-tumbas-cementerio-sevilla-20240910195004-nts.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals tore down several crosses and destroyed several tombstones in a Catholic cemetery
Bias indicators	Religious character of place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	27
Date of incident	22 September 2024
Country, location	Valencia (Comunidad Valenciana)

Source	The victims provided a picture of the graffiti
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti at the entrance of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witness (<i>Salón del Reino</i>). The graffiti said: "God hates you". An inverted cross was also painted
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the graffiti painted
Additional information	

Incident number	28
Date of incident	5 October 2024
Country, location	Abreira, Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	The victims provided a picture of the graffiti
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti at the entrance of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witness (<i>Salón del Reino</i>). The graffiti said: "Sect"
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the graffiti painted
Additional information	

Incident number	29
Date of incident	6 October 2024
Country, location	Canales, Soto y Amio, León (Castilla y León)
Source	https://www.leonoticias.com/leon/destruyen-mazazos-tumbas-cementerio-canales-querido-dano-20241007200301-nt_amp.html

Incident description	Unknown individuals destroyed several tombs in a Catholic cemetery. They also decapitated an image of a baby Jesus
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked (cemetery)
Additional information	

Incident number	30
Date of incident	12 October 2024
Country, location	Arrasate-Mondragón, Guipuzcoa (Basque Country)
Source	https://www.noticiasdegipuzkoa.eus/sociedad/2024/10/12/desaparece-cruz-udalatx-homenaje-montaneros-8800289.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals sawed and tore down a monument of the cross erected in memory of several mountain climbers who had died there decades before
Bias indicators	Religious character of the monument attacked
Additional information	The cross was 10 meters tall and weighed 250 kilograms

Incident number	31
Date of incident	19 October 2024
Country, location	Arriate (Málaga)
Source	Victims provided a picture
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti on the car of a Jehovah's Witness. The graffiti said: "Fucking witnesses"

Bias indicators	Religious character of victim
Additional information	

Incident number	32
Date of incident	21 October 2024
Country, location	San Lucar la Mayor, Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	The victims provided a picture
Incident description	Several stickers were placed at the entrance of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witnesses. The stickers accused them of being a sect
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	33
Date of incident	21 October 2024
Country, location	Huarte-Araquil (Navarra)
Source	https://infovaticana.com/2024/10/28/unos-encapuchados-queman-la-puerta-del-santuario-de-san-miguel-de-aralar-y-pinta-la-estrella-de-david/
Incident description	Unknown masked individuals set fire to the door of the shrine of <i>San Miguel de Aralar</i> . They also painted a star of David and the word "Jude" (Jewish) on the door
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked

Additional information	
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Incident number	34
Date of incident	3 November 2024
Country, location	Ginzo de Limia, Ourense (Pontevedra)
Source	The victims provided a picture of the graffiti
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti at the door of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witnesses. The graffiti said "Sect" and included obscene symbols and a swastika
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and of the graffiti painted
Additional information	

Incident number	35
Date of incident	14 November 2024
Country, location	San Sebastián, Guipuzcoa (Basque Country)
Source	The victims provided pictures
Incident description	Unknown individuals broke the window of a place of worship of the Jehovah's Witnesses and wrote a graffiti that said: "no god, no masters" (in English), as well as the communist symbol of the hammer and sickle
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the graffiti painted
Additional information	

Incident number	36
Date of incident	24 November 2024
Country, location	Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.abc.es/sevilla/ciudad/pintadas-anarquistas-fachada-san-lorenzo-sevilla-palabra-20241124112800-nts.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted graffiti on the walls of the Catholic church of <i>San Lorenzo</i> . The graffiti said “atheist” and had the anarchist symbol
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	37
Date of incident	25 November 2024
Country, location	Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/108663/roban-hostias-consagradas-de-una-capilla-de-colegio-vinculado-al-opus-dei-en-espana
Incident description	Unknown individuals stole a chalice full of consecrated hosts (desecration)
Bias indicators	Religious character of the items stolen
Additional information	

Incident number	38
Date of incident	26 November 2024
Country, location	Oviedo (Asturias)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/pintada-en-la-sinagoga-de-oviedo/
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti at the entrance of a Synagogue. The graffiti said: “fascists” and “genocidal”
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	39
Date of incident	9 December 2024
Country, location	Santa Coloma de Gramanet, Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/espana/cataluna/barcelona/20241209/destrozan-noche-virgen-pesebre-santa-coloma-gramanet-barcelona_251750.html
Incident description	A group of young men tried to steal the statue of the Virgin Mary from a scene of the Nativity in the street. When they were discovered they dropped the statue and the image sustained damages
Bias indicators	Religious character of the statue harmed
Additional information	

Incident number	40
Date of incident	17 December 2024
Country, location	El Viso del Alcor, Sevilla (Andalucía)
Source	https://adelanteespana.com/profanan-cuatro-tumbas-de-un-cementerio-de-sevilla-y-cuelgan-uno-de-los-cadaveres
Incident description	At least four tombs were desecrated in the Catholic cemetery of <i>San Francisco</i> . One of the corpses was taken out of the tomb and hanged
Bias indicators	Religious character of the attacked place (cemetery)
Additional information	

Incident number	41
Date of incident	23 December 2024
Country, location	León (Castilla y León)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/religion/iglesia/20241224/decapitan-figura-nino-jesus-leon-vispera-nochebuena_255971.html
Incident description	The image of the baby Jesus in a scene of the Nativity in the street was decapitated
Bias indicators	Religious character of the statue harmed
Additional information	

Incident number	42
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Date of incident	26 December 2024
Country, location	Canals, Valencia (Comunidad Valenciana)
Source	https://www.eldebate.com/espana/comunidad-valenciana/20241226/vandalizan-belen-valencia-preocupante-tendencia-contra-tradiciones-cristianas_256163.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals damaged a Nativity scene in the street
Bias indicators	Religious character of the monument damaged
Additional information	

Incident number	43
Date of incident	27 December 2024
Country, location	Vélez-Málaga (Andalucía)
Source	https://www.malagahoy.es/provincia/vandalizan-cristo-amor-julio-anaya_0_2003052510.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a swastika on the chest of a popular painting of Jesus Christ (known as <i>Cristo del Amor</i>)
Bias indicators	Religious character of the painting damaged
Additional information	

Incident number	44
Date of incident	30 December 2024
Country, location	Cullera, Valencia (Comunidad Valenciana)

Source	https://www.eldebate.com/espana/comunidad-valenciana/20241230/vandalizan-otro-belen-valencia-destrozo-imagen-nino-jesus-cullera_257035.html
Incident description	Unknown individuals damaged a Nativity scene in the street
Bias indicators	Religious character of monument damaged
Additional information	

Section 3- Threats / threatening acts & humiliating behaviour against believers

Incident number	45
Date of incident	6 January 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/pintada-antisemita-cerca-de-barcelona/
Incident description	Unknown individuals painted a graffiti in front of the house of Jewish person. The graffiti said “Jewish dog”
Bias indicators	Religious / ethnic character of insults
Additional information	

Incident number	46
Date of incident	21 January 2024
Country, location	Zestoa, Guipuzcoa (Basque Country)

Source	https://www.noticiasdegipuzkoa.eus/gipuzkoa/2024/01/22/irrupen-mascaras-iglesia-zestoa-durante-7773164.html
Incident description	Seven individuals wearing masks entered the Catholic parish church of Zestoa during the Sunday mass, carrying a banner which accused the church of greed and speculation. During the previous days, other unknown individuals had painted graffiti in several other neighbouring churches and had blocked the deadbolt of the church doors with silicone and with chains. The attackers reportedly belonged to the association <i>Zestoako Gazte Asanblada</i>
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and anti-religious character of the banner and graffiti
Additional information	

Incident number	47
Date of incident	25 January 2024
Country, location	San Sebastián, Guipuzcoa (Basque Country)
Source	https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/102908/obispo-espanol-denuncia-actos-reiterados-de-violencia-anticristiana-en-su-diocesis
Incident description	Around seventy individuals entered the cathedral of <i>El Buen Pastor</i> shouting and dropping pamphlets, during a religious service. They took pictures which they later posted on social media
Bias indicators	Religious character of the place attacked and the ceremony interrupted
Additional information	

Incident number	48
Date of incident	7 February 2024

Country, location	Lloseta (Balearic Islands)
Source	https://www.ultimahora.es/noticias/part-forana/2024/02/07/2101615/racismo-mallorca-aparecen-pintadas-contra-islam-colegio-puig.html
Incident description	A graffiti was painted on the walls of the <i>Es Puig</i> school, which said “death to Islam”
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	This school was the first in the region to introduce courses of Islamic religion

Incident number	49
Date of incident	10 February 2024
Country, location	Eljas, Cáceres (Extremadura)
Source	https://www.elperiodicoextremadura.com/caceres/2024/02/10/mujer-saca-machete-misa-pueblo-caceres-98015082.html
Incident description	In the middle of a religious service, a middle aged woman threw a big knife against the statue of Jesus on the main altar of the Catholic church of <i>Nuestra Señora de la Asunción</i>
Bias indicators	Religious character of place of the attack
Additional information	

Incident number	50
Date of incident	16 February 2024
Country, location	Saragossa (Aragón)

Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/pintada-en-el-cartel-dos-banos-judios-de-zaragoza/
Incident description	A graffiti was painted at the place where the ancient Jewish baths were. The graffiti showed a star of David and a swastika
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	51
Date of incident	16 February 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	https://www.aciprensa.com/noticias/103126/pintan-iglesia-con-amenazas-contrasacerdote-catolico-en-barcelona-espana
Incident description	A graffiti was painted on the wall of a Catholic church in Barcelona. The name of the parish priest was Pablo Pich and the graffiti said “Pablo, we have you in our gun sight” and “we will abort”. The graffiti was signed by the far-left Catalan separatist organization <i>Arran</i> and included communist, feminist and separatist symbols
Bias indicators	Religious character of victim and of the place of the graffiti
Additional information	

Incident number	52
Date of incident	16 February 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)

Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/vandalizado-cartel-de-sinagoga-en-barcelona/
Incident description	Unknown individuals put a sticker on a poster of the Jewish center <i>Bet David</i> . The sticker had a flag of the State of Israel, on top of which it was written “War criminals. You are not welcome”
Bias indicators	Religious and Jewish character of the place attacked
Additional information	

Incident number	53
Date of incident	28 February 2024
Country, location	Jaén (Andalucía)
Source	The victims provided a picture
Incident description	A graffiti was painted at the building site of a future place of worship of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. The graffiti said “sect”
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	54
Date of incident	7 March 2024
Country, location	Spain
Source	https://libertadreligiosa.es/delito-de-odio-contra-el-padre-gongora/

Incident description	The telegram group <i>Makinavaja El Reportador Rojo</i> posted the following message: “the best priest should be hanged like a light bulb, face down and with his belly burning”
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims targeted
Additional information	

Incident number	55
Date of incident	19 March 2024
Country, location	Puertollano, Ciudad Real (Castilla-La Mancha)
Source	The victims provided evidence of the police complaint
Incident description	An old man insulted several members of the Jehovah’s Witnesses in an apartment block
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	56
Date of incident	23 March 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Comunida de Madrid)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/pintada-en-el-aeropuerto-de-barajas-madrid/
Incident description	A graffiti at the Madrid airport identified the swastika with the star of David and said “is the real terrorist”

Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	57
Date of incident	23 March 2024
Country, location	Melilla
Source	https://elpais.com/espana/2024-03-08/detenido-en-melilla-un-hombre-que-incito-a-levantarse-en-armas-contra-la-comunidad-judia.html
Incident description	A man was arrested for making a call to arms against the Jewish population of the Spanish city of Melilla, in Northern Africa. The man had made a list of all the shops and businesses run by Jews in the city.
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	58
Date of incident	25 March 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid)
Source	Victims provided copy of police complaint
Incident description	An unknown individual identified as someone from Eastern Europe insulted a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the street and threw to the ground a trolley with pamphlets

Bias indicators	Religious character of victim
Additional information	

Incident number	59
Date of incident	26 March 2024
Country, location	Talavera de la Reina, Toledo (Castilla-La Mancha)
Source	Victims provided a copy of the police complaint
Incident description	A woman aimed a gun at a group of Jehovah's Witnesses and said "if you do not leave I will kill you"
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	60
Date of incident	28 March 2024
Country, location	Pamplona (Navarra)
Source	https://navarra.okdiario.com/articulo/sucesos/insultos-amenazas-iglesia-pamplona-plena-semana-santa/20240328170235531196.html
Incident description	During the festivities of the Passover, unknown individuals painted threatening graffiti on the walls of the Catholic parish of <i>Santiago</i> . The graffiti said: "The only illuminating church is a burning church", "Chainsaw against the clergy" and inverted crosses. The graffiti had symbols of far-left Basque separatist groups.

Bias indicators	Religious character of the building attacked and anti-religious character of the graffiti painted
Additional information	

Incident number	61
Date of incident	10 May 2024
Country, location	Spain
Source	https://x.com/ACOM_es/status/1795939577946935631 https://www.libertaddigital.com/internacional/oriente-medio/2024-05-10/ambiente-opresivo-contralos-judios-en-la-universidad-espanola-miedo-a-ir-a-clase-insultos-y-escupitajos-7125825/
Incident description	Several Jewish college students reported that they have been repeatedly insulted and spat on
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	62
Date of incident	11 July 2024
Country, location	Zizurkil, Gipuzcoa (Basque Country)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/reaparecen-pintadas-en-zizurkil-una-vez-borradas/
Incident description	Several anti-semitic graffiti were found around the city. One said “Jews nazis”

Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	63
Date of incident	15 July 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/insultos-contra-jovenes-judios-en-madrid/
Incident description	A group of young Jews who were exiting the headquarters of the <i>Jabad Lubavitch</i> group were insulted and spat on by two men who said “fucking Jews”, “long live Palestine” and “ <i>Allahu Akhbar</i> ”
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	64
Date of incident	20 July 2024
Country, location	Pamplona (Navarra)
Source	https://www.noticiasdenavarra.com/sucesos/2024/07/31/detenido-amenazas-corte-yihadista-iglesia-8542027.html
Incident description	A national from Morocco entered a Catholic church and shouted <i>yihadist</i> threats to the people who inside the temple
Bias indicators	Religious character of place of incident. Religious nature of threats

Additional information	
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Incident number	65
Date of incident	29 July 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid)
Source	Victims provided copy of police complaint
Incident description	An unknown individual identified as someone from Eastern Europe insulted a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the street and threw to the ground a trolley with pamphlets and proffered death threats against them
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	66
Date of incident	24 September 2024
Country, location	Melilla
Source	https://elpais.com/espana/2024-09-24/un-grupo-de-jovenes-acusado-de-yihadismo-apunto-como-posible-objetivo-a-la-comunidad-judia-de-melilla.html
Incident description	A group of young men were arrested by the police on charges of distributing <i>yihadist</i> pamphlets and planning an act of violence against a shop run by Jewish people
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims

Additional information	
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Incident number	67
Date of incident	25 March 2024
Country, location	Barcelona (Catalonia)
Source	Victims provided copy of police complaint
Incident description	An unknown individual threatened members of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the street and threw to the ground a trolley with pamphlets
Bias indicators	Religious character of victim
Additional information	

Incident number	68
Date of incident	1 November 2024
Country, location	Granada (Andalucía)
Source	The victims provided a copy of the police complaint
Incident description	A beggar threatened a group of Jehovah's Witnesses saying "I am going to cut your throat". The victims were in the middle of a religious service
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims and place of the threats
Additional information	

Incident number	69
Date of incident	18 November 2024
Country, location	Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/pintada-antisemita-en-el-barrio-madrileno-de-san-blas/
Incident description	A graffiti was painted with the star of David next to the word “genocidals”
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	70
Date of incident	26 November 2024
Country, location	Bilbao (Basque Country)
Source	https://observatorioantisemitismo.fcje.org/antisemitismo-en-bilbao/
Incident description	A graffiti identified the star of David with the swastika
Bias indicators	Religious / Ethnic character of victims
Additional information	

Incident number	71
Date of incident	28 December 2024

Country, location	Madrid (Comunidad de Madrid)
Source	https://libertadreligiosa.es/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/dator-comp.mp4
Incident description	A group of feminists chanted “we got to burn the Episcopal Conference” in front of a group of pro-life demonstrators
Bias indicators	Religious character of victims
Additional information	