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Hate crimes against Christians in Poland in 2016

CASE 1

Title	Destraction of the Statue of the Virgin Mary
Date, time and	January 2016, Warszawa (Masovian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/278570-dla-zabawy-ukradli-i-
	zniszczyli-figure-maryi-piec-mlodych-osob-z-zarzutami-
	<u>kradziezy-i-uszkodzenia-mienia</u>
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; theft; destruction
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	Five youths
known)	
Brief description of	Five young people returning from a concert stole and destroyed the
incident with bias	statue of Virgin Mary from the priory chapel at Skaryszewska
indicators	street in Warsaw
Status of the case	The police informed that the suspects of the crime are five people
	aged 18 to 25. All were taken to a police station.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Basilicia Desecration in Sejny
Date, time and	January 2016, Sejny (Podlaskie Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://wiadomosci.com/bazylika-w-sejnach-wulgaryzmy-i-znaki-
	satanistyczne-na-drzwiach/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense, symbols and graffiti
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	The perpetrators posted offensive and vulgar lines about St. John
incident with bias	Paul II and satanic signs on the door of the Basilica. The
indicators	perpetrators also smashed a bottle of alcohol on the recently
	renovated entrance door to the church in Sejny.

Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still unknown
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Broken cross commemorating the victims of the Majdan
Date, time and location of the incident	22 February 2016, Bartoszyce (Warmian – Masurian Voivodeship)
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://bartoszyce.wm.pl/337270,Ktos-polamal-krzyz- upamietniajacy-ofiary-Majdanu.html#axzz4QGHYYniE
Victim(s) involved (number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Vandalism, damage to property, attack against places of worship
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	The perpetrator destroyed a cross that was standing in front of the church. That particular cross was built to commemorate the people who died two years ago in Maidan, Kiev.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still unknown.
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Title	Drunken Karaoke in the Church.
Date, time and	February 2016, Budzyń (Greater Poland Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	https://www.wprost.pl/532406/Pijackie-karaoke-w-kosciele-
	Spiewali-min-Ona-tanczy-dla-mnie
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Sacristan and his friends

Brief description of incident with bias indicators	A sacristan and a couple of other men arranged karaoke in the church with alcoholic drinking throughout. They sang different songs loudly while intoxicated.
Status of the case	Five young men were punished with fines in the amount of 250 PLN
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Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Desecration in the Church of Camillians in Zabrze
Date, time and	February 2016, Zabrze (Silesian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://gliwice.gosc.pl/doc/3000933.Profanacja-w-kosciele-
	<u>kamilianow-w-Zabrzu</u>
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Boys aged 13, 14 and 15
Brief description of	Burglary and damage to the interior of the church took place on
incident with bias	Friday in the early afternoon. The boys, destroyed religious
indicators	figures, broke vases and set fire to the cloth on the altar. They also
	used fire extinguishers on the walls, which resulted in stains. Two
	days earlier, the same boys broke into the same church, and robbed
	a piggy bank with 300 PLN in cash. Earlier still, the young
	offenders tried to set fire in other places in the church.
Status of the case	Police investigation is ongoing.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Offensive exhibition in Tarnow
Date, time and	March 2016, Tarnów (Lesser Poland Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	

Country	Poland
Source of information	http://gpcodziennie.pl/48635-bluzniercza-wystawa-w-
	tarnowie.html
	https://prawy.pl/28649-bluznierstwa-za-pieniadze-podatnikow-
	tym-razem-w-tarnowie/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in the municipal cultural institutions
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	The artist – Klementyna Stępniewska; Biuro Wystaw
known)	Artystycznych/Galeria Arsenał
Brief description of	The art exhibition was open during Easter. The artist used Catholic
incident with bias	motifs to the presentation of offensive acts. The exhibition
indicators	contained, among others a painting of the crucified naked woman
	with a beard, or a parody of piety showing boxing trainers over the
	body of a boxer after a knockout. The artist has also created
	images of naked Catholic martyrs and gave the Catholic feminist
	themes of a sexual and atheistic dimension.
Status of the case	
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Instruction of Profanation in a Popular Children's Book
Date, time and location of the incident	March 2016,
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://prawy.pl/28444-wycofac-profanacyjna-ksiazke-dla-dzieci-mala-nina-podpisz-petycje/ http://www.citizengo.org/pl/pr/33509-opis-profanacji-najswietszego-sakramentu-w-popularnej-ksiazce-dla-dzieci http://wpolityce.pl/spoleczenstwo/285106-gdzie-jest-hostia-zapytala-szeptem-luiza-pod-moim-butem-opis-profanacji-w-
	popularnej-ksiazce-dla-dzieci-zaprotestuj
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship;
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Book author - Sophie Scherrer
Brief description of	"Little Nina" a children's book by German writer Sophie Scherrer,
incident with bias	in one of its chapters contains a description of the desecration of
indicators	the Blessed Sacrament. The described events constitute a flagrant violation of religious feelings of children and adults, but the most striking of innocence and sensitivity of children, promoting

	attitude and behavior contradictory to the values professed by their parents.
Status of the case	Online petition to withdraw the book from the market (links)
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Three Middle School Students Insulted the Blessed Sacrament
	in the Church of the Franciscans in Jaslo
Date, time and	14 April 2016, Jaslo (Subcarpathian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.nowiny24.pl/wiadomosci/jaslo/a/profanacja-w-jasle-
	gimnazjalisci-podeptali-hostie-w-kosciele-franciszkanow,9917644/
	http://www.polskatimes.pl/fakty/kraj/a/profanacja-w-jasle-
	gimnazjalisci-podeptali-hostie-w-kosciele-franciszkanow,9917644/
	http://www.jaslo4u.pl/sprofanowano-hostie-newsy-jaslo-20152
	http://wpolityce.pl/spoleczenstwo/290604-szokujaca-profanacja-w-
	kosciele-ojcow-franciszkanow-w-jasle-gimnazjalisci-wypluli-i-
	podeptali-komunie-swieta
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	Three junior high school students
known)	
Brief description of	Several high school students insulted the Blessed Sacrament in the
incident with bias	Franciscan Church in Jaslo. Upon taking communion, they spat out
indicators	and trampled the Host as they exited the church. One of the
	clergymen noticed the Host on the floor of the church, other
	women spotted the Host on the pavement before the church. Also,
	The young perpetrators then later pretended that they were hanging
	down on the cross and documented this by taking photos of
	themselves.
Status of the case	Investigation is ongoing.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Supporters of Abortion Disrupted Holy Mass
Date, time and location of the incident	3 April 2016, Warszawa (Masovian Voivodeship)
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.pch24.pl/skandaliczna-ustawka-w-kosciele-swanny-w-warszawiezwolennicy-aborcji-zaklocili-msze-swieta,42331,i.html
Victim(s) involved (number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; intentional and planned manifestation, faked indignation.
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	A group of women - feminists
Brief description of	According to media reports, a group of women - while there was a
incident with bias	reading of a bishops' letter concerning the defense of life - began to
indicators	protest loudly, and then left the temple. The entire act was pre-planned by the pro-abortion environment.
Status of the case	Prosecutor launched criminal procedings
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Burglary of the Basilica in Warsaw
Date, time and	May 2016, Warszawa Praga (Masovian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.twoja-praga.pl/info/informacje/4554.html
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; theft;
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	Perpetrators smashed a money box in the main aisle and stole all
incident with bias	the money that parishioners offered to build a needed lift
indicators	
Status of the case	Police investigation is ongoing.
Response of local	
authorities	

Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Offensive Performance in Polish Theater – spectacle
	"Duszpasterz hipsterów"
Date, time and	May 2016, Warsaw (Masovian Voviodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	https://gloria.tv/article/NDq4DQxJ9aRq1McTKh1oJsUZt
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship;
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Kluboteatr Dzika Strona Wisły; actor: Andrzej Konopka
Brief description of	The play presents a priest in a negative and dishonest connotation
incident with bias	and uses cursing, drunkenness, drugs, prostitutes and homosexual
indicators	tendencies - all which are aimed at characterizing a typical priest -
	and all this also occurs with the use of original priest vestments
	and accessories
Status of the case	Authors did not suffer any responsibility for offending religious
	feelings of Catholics
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Shooting of a Figure of the Virgin Mary in Kaski.
Date, time and	May 2016, Kaski (Masovian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://warszawa.gosc.pl/doc/3133636.Ostrzelali-Matke-Boza
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration,
	vandalism
Bias indicators	Place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown

Brief description of	On the night of April 31 an unknown perpetrator fired 4 gunshots
incident with bias	at a wayside shrine of Virgin Mary in the village of Kaski. The
indicators	Holy statue was protected by a double glazing, which prevented it
	from further damages.
	The parishioners notified the parish priest of the shrine
	desecration.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still
	unknown.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Graves in Czestochowa Destroyed. The Vandals Prowled the
	Cemetery.
Date, time and	May, 2016, Częstochowa (Silesian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.dziennikzachodni.pl/wiadomosci/czestochowa/a/kto-
	zniszczyl-groby-w-czestochowie-wandale-grasowali-na-
	cmentarzu-policja-na-tropie-zdjecia,9949283/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	Unknown perpetrators vandalized the seven graves in the cemetery
incident with bias	of Czestochowa during the weekend of May. Gravestones were
indicators	damaged, one of the crosses was knocked down, many flowers
	were overturned, and candles were broken.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still unknown
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Vandalism and Destruction of the Wayside Shrine in the
	Centre of Opole.

Date, time and	May 2016, Opole (Opole Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/292541-zniszczono-kapliczke-w-
	centrum-opola-oblano-ja-czarna-farba
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	Devastation of the antique wayside shrine took place in the centre
incident with bias	of Opole; an unknown perpetrator broke the window and poured
indicators	black paint all over it.
Status of the case	Police investigation is ongoing.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Mass interruption in Gniezno
Date, time and location of the incident	May 2016, Gniezno (Greater Poland Voivodeship)
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://polskaniepodlegla.pl/kraj-swiat/item/7040-obrzydliwa-profanacja-w-gnieznie-lewacy-wpadli-do-bazyliki-na-msze-przebrani-za-muzulmanow
Victim(s) involved (number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; profanation, disturbing prayer, and violating the sacred place
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	a group of young women, participants of theatre's workshops
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Three girls came to the church in a dark dress with covered heads, resembling Muslims. During the Mass, the women stood among the faithful - in the nave. They fell to the ground, worshiped, and took the Holy Communion. After the Mass. again, they again bowed before the altar. After the incident, it turned out that these strange "Muslims" were participants in the ongoing theater workshop at the Aleksander Fredro Theatre. The Mass was used to create "art" disturbing focus, prayer, and violating the sacred.
Status of the case	

Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	Local community (believers and non-believers) was disgusted
victim(s) and the	because of this incident.
community	

Title	Vandalism of the Felician Sisters Monastery in Krakow
Date, time and location of the incident	June 2016, Kraków (Lesser Poland Voivodeship)
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/298733-bluzniercze-hasla-na-klasztorze-siostr-felicjanek-w-krakowie-policja-prowadzi-sledztwo
Victim(s) involved (number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Vandalism, damage to property, attack against places of worship, insult of a religious feelings
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if known)	Unknown
Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Historic wall appeared offensive and vulgar passwords, among others: "God is gay", "fascist pigs" and "fk the church"
Status of the case	Police investigation is ongoing
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the victim(s) and the community	

Title	Burglary of the Church of All Saints in Poznań
Date, time and	June 2016, Poznań (Greater Poland Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.gloswielkopolski.pl/wiadomosci/a/poznan-wlamanie-
	do-kosciola-przy-ulicy-grobla,10089926/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; theft; bulgrary
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown

Brief description of	Thieves broke into the All Saints Church in Poznań. They broke
incident with bias	into the parish sacristy through the roof. The robbers stole money
indicators	and multimedia equipment.
Status of the case	Police collected evidence and secured traces. Investigation is
	ongoing
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Desecration and Theft in the Church of the Assumption of the
	Blessed Virgin Mary in Lipiany
Date, time and	August 2016, Lipiany (West Pomeranian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.24kurier.pl/aktualnosci/wiadomosci/profanacja-
	kosciola-w-lipianach/
	http://www.fronda.pl/a/profanacja-i-zuchwala-kradziez-w-
	kosciele-w-lipianach-satanisci,77743.html
	http://pyrzyce24.eu/2016/08/24/profanacja-kosciola-w-lipianach/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; sacrilege; theft;
	burglary, vandalism
Bias indicators	Place and location of the offense, symbols and graffiti
Perpetrator(s) (if	Unknown.
known)	
Brief description of	At the end of August an unknown perpetrators broke into the
incident with bias	church in Lipiany. They stole the Tabernacle with consecrated
indicators	hosts and a projector worth ap. 3,000 PLN. The walls of the church
	were vandalised with the writing of satanic symbols.
Status of the case	The prosecutor's office has launched an investigation
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Desecration of the Altar in a Church
Date, time and location of the incident	September 2016, Poznań (Greater Poland Voivodeship)
Country	Poland

Source of information	http://poznan.naszemiasto.pl/artykul/profanacja-kosciola-na-
	garbarach-oblali-wodka-oltarz-wideo,3856557,artgal,t,id,tm.html
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Vandalism, damage to property, attack against places of worship
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	A few minutes before the start of the Mass, two men entered the
incident with bias	church and began in the presence of the faithful to drink alcohol
indicators	and pour it on the altar.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still
	unknown.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Offensive Performance at the Art Festival in Bydgoszcz
Date, time and	September 2016, (Kuyavnian – Pomeranian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://wpolityce.pl/spoleczenstwo/309897-bluznierczy-i-
	skandaliczny-spektakl-na-festiwalu-prapremier-w-bydgoszczy-
	<u>chrystus-schodzi-z-krzyza-by-zgwalcic-muzulmanke</u>
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult religious feelings during a theatrical performance
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Actors from the Theater Mladinsko in Lublana
Brief description of	Artistic director of the theater Mladinsko in Lublana wanted to
incident with bias	present his vision of the current crises in Europe today. The
indicators	accompanying carol to the performance Silent Night to the scene
	includes several pairs of naked actors; another scene presents
	Christ, who descends from the cross to rape Muslims; and a naked
	Muslim woman who takes out a vagina-shaped Polish flag. These
	are just some of the many offensive scenes that took place on the
	stage during the festival.
Status of the case	
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Desecration in Lesser Poland.
Date, time and	October 2016, Regulice (Lesser Poland Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.pch24.pl/profanacja-w-malopolscepolicja-szuka-
	<u>barbarzyncowktorzy-zniszczyli-kapliczki,46777,i.html</u>
	http://www.gazetakrakowska.pl/wiadomosci/malopolska-
	zachodnia/a/regulicebluznierczymi-znakami-zbezczescili-
	kapliczki-dorysowali-jezuskowi-genitalia-zdjecia,10754040/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense, graffiti and symbols
Perpetrator(s) (if	Unknown
known)	
Brief description of	In Regulice, in the morning before Mass, an unknown perpetrators
incident with bias	caused a desecration and devastation of two antique wayside
indicators	shrines with satanic symbols and offensive paintings. They drew
	genitals and a devil fork by the Infant Jesus. Profaned century-old
	wall by painting satanic symbols on it.
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Status of the case	The perpetrators are still unknown.
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Cemetery Devastation in Ujanowice.
Date, time and	October 2016, Ujanowice (Lesser Poland Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	D 1 1
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://limanowa.naszemiasto.pl/tag/cmentarz-ujanowice.html https://sadeczanin.info/wiadomo%C5%9Bci/wandale-rozbili- nagrobki-na-cmentarzu-w-ujanowicach
	http://www.rmf24.pl/fakty/polska/news-dewastacja-cmentarza-w-ujanowicach-w-malopolsce-policja-szuk,nId,2291224 http://wpolityce.pl/kryminal/312024-polamane-krzyze-i-rozbite-
	plyty-dewastacja-cmentarza-w-ujanowicach-w-malopolsce
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	

Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	Unknown
known)	
Brief description of	Perpetrators vandalized several tombstones in the parish cemetery
incident with bias	in Ujanowice. Parishioners were outraged of this act of vandalism
indicators	and devastation of the cemetery. Police is asking anyone who has
	any information on this event to come forward.
Status of the case	The prosecutor was informed about the devastation. The
	investigation is ongoing, the perpetrators are still unknown
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Offensive Content on Feminists' Black Protest Banners
Date, time and	November 2016, Warsaw (Mazovian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.tvn24.pl/wiadomosci-z-kraju,3/dochodzenie-ws-
	czarnego-protestu-chodzi-o-o-obraze-uczuc-
	religijnych,699089.html
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings; desecration;
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	Unknown
known)	
Brief description of	During the feminists' "Black Protest" in Warsaw, there were
incident with bias	various posters and banners with offensive content, eg. A picture
indicators	of a cross embedded in a hand with the extended middle finger and
	female genitals, Virgin Mary depicted as feminine genitals etc.
Status of the case	Prosecutor launched criminal proceedings
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Cemetery Desecration in Elk	
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Date, time and	November 2016, Ełk (Warmian – Masurian Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.pch24.pl/szokujaca-profanacja-na-cmentarzu-w-elku
	ponad-100-nagrobkow-zniszczonych,47134,i.html
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation;
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	On the night of All Souls' Day unknown perpetrators committed a
incident with bias	grave attack at the oldest part of the municipal cemetery in Ełk. As
indicators	a result of this act of hooliganism, more than 100 tombstones were
	destroyed.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still unknown
Response of local	President of Ełk, Tomasz Andrukiewicz announced a reward of
authorities	10,000 PLN to anyone who can help in the identification of the
	perpetrators of this act
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Devastation of a Historical Cemetery in Ostrów Wielkopolski
Date, time and	December 2016, Ostrów Wielkopolski (Greater Poland
location of the	Voivodeship)
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://www.gloswielkopolski.pl/aktualnosci/a/ostrow-
	wielkopolski-dewastacja-na-cmentarzu,11569202/
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	devastation
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	In a cemetery located in Ostrow Wielkopolski there was a severe
incident with bias	devastation of tombstones. 29 tombstones in total were either
indicators	vandalised, damaged, or destroyed. Police acted on information
	provided by onlookers and managed to arrest three men on the
	basis of suspicion of committing this crime.
Status of the case	Police detained an offender, who came out on bail, getting the
	Police supervision. He currently faces up to 10 years of
	imprisonment. Court proceedings are ongoing.

Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Burglary of a Church in Wloclawek
Date, time and	December 2016, Włocławek, (Kuyavian – Pomeranian
location of the	Voivodeship)
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://promocjewloclawskie.pl/miasto-wloclawek/szok-wlamanie-
	<u>i-profanacja-najswietszego-sakramentu-we-wloclawskiej-parafii</u>
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; desecration;
	burglary
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	
known)	Unknown
Brief description of	In the parish of Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wloclawek took place a
incident with bias	burglary where the holy sacrament was profaned by unknown
indicators	perpetrators.
Status of the case	The investigation is ongoing and the perpetrators are still unknown
Response of local	
authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the	
community	

Title	Set Fire to the Church, Stolen the Golden Chalices
Date, time and	27 December 2016, Siemień (Lublin Voivodeship)
location of the	
incident	
Country	Poland
Source of information	http://opinie.news/kat-aktualnosci/143-aktualnosci-parczew/3615-
	wlamanie-do-kosciola-w-siemieniu-policja-wciaz-szuka-sprawcow
Victim(s) involved	
(number/name)	
Type of crime(s)	Insult of religious feelings in a place of worship; theft; arson
Bias indicators	Time, place and location of the offense
Perpetrator(s) (if	Unknown
known)	

Brief description of incident with bias indicators	Perpetrators broke into the church, set fire to vestments and stole sacred vessels, a monstrance, chalices, and antique candlesticks. Material loss for the parish is being estimated for about 20,000 PLN
Status of the case	Police investigation is ongoing
Response of local authorities	
Impact on the	
victim(s) and the community	

A massive flood of hate speech incidents is constantly observed on the internet forums of nationwide online newspapers. Offensive graphics and commentaries that violate the law should be removed by the website administrators. However, this obligation is usually not respected in cases of offences against Christians, whereas it is met toward other interest groups. Only a small sampling of those examples of offending graphics that are available to be seen online and were not removed is reported below:











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