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## INTRODUCTION

As the first two decades of the 21st century come to a close, we can see that the world as whole has not performed well in terms of humanitarian values. Globally, hostility towards Islam is rising at an alarming rate, from the anti-Muslim attacks in Western countries and India, to the horrors of the Rohingya Genocide in Myanmar. The Islamophobic sentiment prompted by the Western media hasn't just pushed the socio-political balance of Western countries towards the far right, it has also made Muslim minorities open targets for abuse everywhere. These anti-Muslim abuses and attacks are made possible by the fact that perpetrators are aware they will not provoke much international public outrage.

Though its history goes back much further, the adoption and normalization of Islamophobia in Western countries can be traced to the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent military interventions in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. These events, coupled with recent terrorist attacks in major European cities and the humanitarian crisis caused by the influx of Syrian refugees, has created a breeding ground for anti-Muslim sentiment and led to Islamophobia being the new normal in Western countries.

Despite the serious casualties caused by racists and Islamophobic attacks in the last twenty years, such as the racist NSU murders in Germany where 10 people were killed, these attacks are often still treated as individual cases and their organizational links are left unscrutinized. In reality, we have reached a point where this anti-Muslim terrorism requires a global effort to put an end to such violence.

The followings are a few examples of violent Islamophobic terror attacks that have happened across the world in the last three years: the Finsbury Park Mosque Attack in London where 1 person was killed and twelve were injured by an attack in a van, the mass shooting at the Quebec City Islamic Culture Center in Canada where 6 people lost their lives and 18 were injured during evening prayers, the New Years Eve 2019 vehicle attack in the Ruhr region of Germany where 4 were killed and more than 20 were injured, the Christchurch mass shootings in New Zealand where two mosques were targeted and 49 people were killed and 20 were injured, and the shooting of two cafes owned by residents of Turkish descent in Hanau, Germany, in which 9 people (4 of them were Turkish) died and 2 were wounded.

Racist and Islamophobic hate speech by some public officials and politicians in Western countries has played a major role in promoting such violent acts. The European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) found in their 2020 Germany Report<sup>1</sup> that public opinion has become increasingly xenophobic and that rising anti-Islam trends are alarming— in part thanks to German Federal Minister of the Interior Horst Seehofer's 2018 statement: "Islam does not belong to Germany".

From verbal harassment on the street to physical attacks on Muslim centers and houses of worship, any kind of Islamophobic abuse not taken seriously further reinforce the perception that racist and anti-Muslim terrorism is acceptable— i.e. that it receives social and institutional support.

<sup>1</sup> <https://rm.coe.int/ecri-report-on-germany-sixth-monitoring-cycle-german-translation-/16809ce4c0>

Thus, statistically, Muslims are among the most discriminated minority groups in Europe today. For example, according to data from the French Interior Ministry<sup>2</sup>, there were 154 recorded cases of attacks against Muslims in 2019, of which 63 were physical and verbal assaults, while 91 were threats. In addition, the Collective Against Islamophobia in France (CCIF) found that anti-Muslim incidents showed an 18% increase compared to the previous year, with 59% of the 789 cases recorded being discrimination, 9% racism and 32% hate crime<sup>3</sup>.

Data from the Swiss Federal Commission against Racism (FCR) also reveals that racist attacks across the country increased by 27%, from 278 in 2018 to 352 in 2019. Of these 352 cases, 55 were recorded as Islamophobic and 132 as racist cases against predominantly Muslim immigrants.<sup>4</sup>

The Dutch National Discrimination Report<sup>5</sup>, prepared by the instructions of the Dutch Ministry of Interior and the Police Service, stated that the religious-based discrimination increased by 30%. Furthermore, the Dutch Social and Cultural Planning Agency (SCP) report<sup>6</sup> on discrimination found that that one-third of Muslims in the Netherlands experienced discrimination in 2019. It was also reported that 57% of Turkish citizens definitely faced discrimination and 71% of them faced incidents which were “probably” discrimination.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.vie-publique.fr/en-bref/272943-actes-racistes-et-antireligieux-les-chiffres-pour-2019>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.islamophobie.net/rapport-2020/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.ekr.admin.ch/pdf/Rassismusbericht\\_19\\_F.pdf](https://www.ekr.admin.ch/pdf/Rassismusbericht_19_F.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://discriminatie.nl/files/2020-04/Discriminatiecijfers%20in%202019.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.scp.nl/binaries/scp/documenten/publicaties/2020/04/02/ervaren-discriminatie-in-nederland-ii/Ervaren+discriminatie+in+Nederland+II.pdf>

According to German Bundestag records<sup>7</sup>, there have been 550 attacks targeting mosques between 2001 and 2019, while the number of mosque attacks recorded in 2019 alone is 110.<sup>8</sup> In addition to the fact that in previous years anti-Muslim were not officially recorded as a separate category, it should be noted that mosque associations and citizens avoided reporting attacks to the police, so the statistics may not accurately reflect the frequency and severity of attacks.

That being said, statistics play an important role in mobilizing national authorities and raising international public opinion. The cooperation of all countries in the fight against Islamophobic terrorism, which has become a global issue, can only be made possible by proving the extent and broadness of the problem.

With this in mind, the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities prepares the "Attacks Against Turkish Citizens Abroad" report on an annual basis. The purpose of this report is to record and present the attacks against settled Turkish communities in Europe, North America, and Australia, as they are reported in the media, or through the victims themselves who file reports to our Presidency.

<sup>7</sup><https://bundestag.de/drucksache>

<sup>8</sup><https://brandeilig.org/>

This report, which is shared with our public institutions, politicians, and foreign stakeholders, aims to raise awareness of the importance of victims informing authorities by showing the prevalence of racist incidents, as well as the necessity of officials in positions of power taking internationally reaching measures to combat such incidents. Last year's report recorded 128 attacks on Turkish citizens living abroad in 2018, while the number of Islamophobic and racist attacks as a whole recorded by our Presidency increased by 137% to 303 in 2019. Of these 303 attacks, 50 targeted Muslims who were not of Turkish origin, while 253 directly or indirectly targeted Turkish citizens. The 137% increase in recorded cases should not be viewed as a sudden spike but as a reflection of the rising awareness of reporting such attacks by our citizens, NGOs, local media, and partner institutions.

Later sections of this report will provide analysis and details of the attacks recorded in 2019.







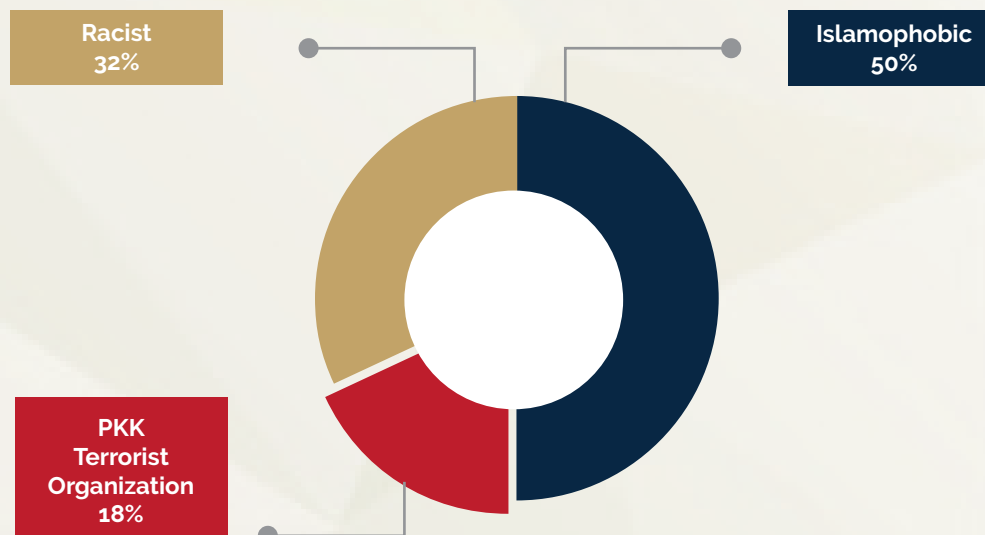
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## ATTACKS TARGETING TURKISH CITIZENS ABROAD IN 2019

Of the 253 attacks targeting Turkish citizens abroad in 2019, 47 were related to the PKK terrorist organization while the remaining 206 were Islamophobic or xenophobic in nature. There will be a detailed assessment of PKK terrorism related attacks targeting Turkish citizens in the final portion of this report in a separate section.

Apart from the PKK terrorism related attacks, we can see that the motivation behind 126 out of 206 attacks were Islamophobic while the remaining 80 were racist. Below is graphic expressing this difference in motivation of such attacks.

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens Abroad in terms of Motivation



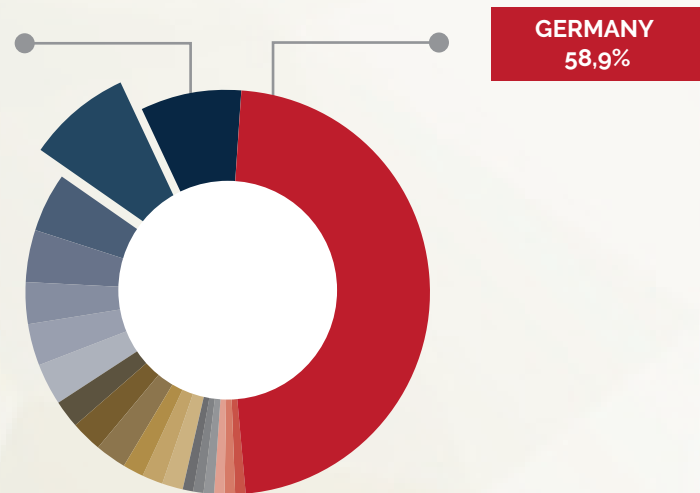
In terms of distribution by country, the largest proportion of attacks (58.9% of 253) on Turkish citizens, as registered by the YTB in 2019, took place in Germany where the Turkish population is most concentrated. The top 5 countries where Turkish citizens were attacked the most were Germany, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, respectively. The numerical distribution of attacks by country is as follows:

COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF ATTACKS
GERMANY	149
FRANCE	25
SWITZERLAND	15
UK	15
NETHERLANDS	10
BELGIUM	6
DENMARK	6
GREECE	6
ITALY	4
USA	3
BULGARIA	3
AUSTRALIA	2
NORWAY	2
AUSTRIA	1
SWEDEN	1
FINLAND	1
POLAND	1
LITHUANIA	1
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	1
MACEDONIA	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>253</b>

The proportional distribution between countries is as follows:

### Proportional Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens Abroad by Countries

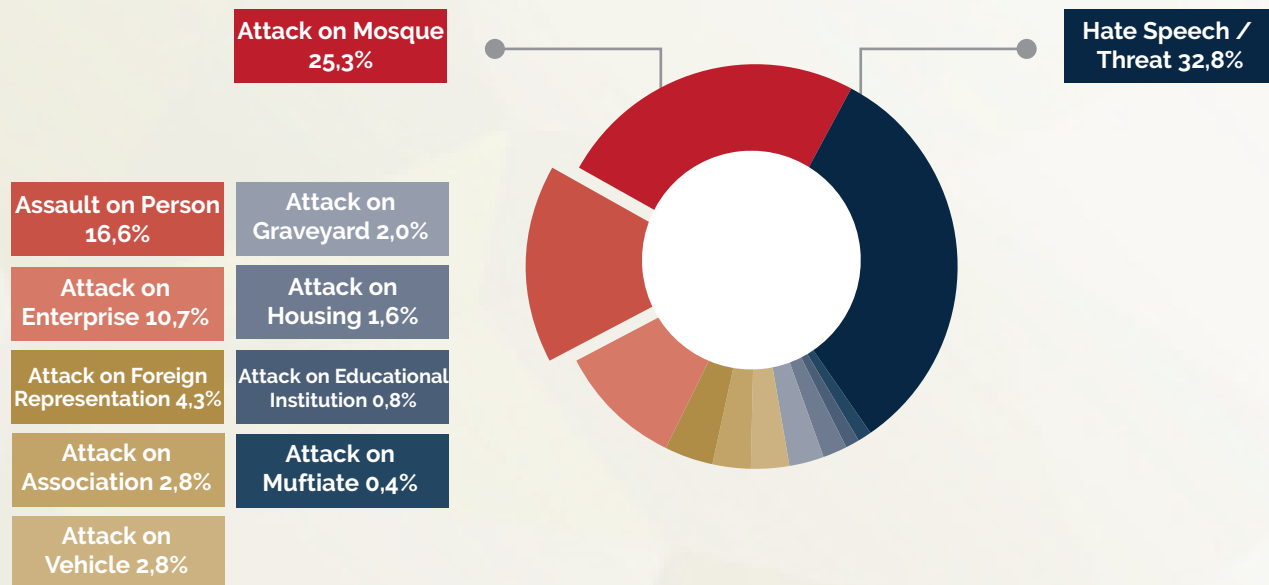
FRANCE 9,9%	ITALY 1,6%	SWEDEN 0,4%
SWITZERLAND 5,9%	USA 1,2%	FINLAND 0,4%
UK 5,9%	BULGARIA 1,2%	POLAND 0,4%
NETHERLANDS 4%	AUSTRALIA 0,8%	LITHUANIA 0,4%
BELGIUM 2,4%	AUSTRIA 0,8%	MACEDONIA 0,4%
DENMARK 2,4%	NORWAY 0,8%	BOSNIA- HERZEGOVINA 0,4%
GREECE 2,4%		



If we look at the types of attacks that targeted our citizens abroad in 2019, they can be classified as verbal or physical in nature. Of the attacks targeting Turkish citizens in 2019, 66,9% of registered cases were physical attacks. Verbal attacks on Turkish citizens— which, to be more clear, are attacks that do not have physical consequences and include targeting morale through hate speech on social media or daily life, flag burning, leaving severed pig heads, hoax bomb calls, and letters of threat— constitute about 33% of all attacks. In addition to verbal attacks, the other 170 physical attacks on Turkish citizens abroad can be classified as follows in the table below:

ATTACK TYPE	NUMBER
<b>Physical Attacks</b>	
Attack on Mosque	64
Assault on Person	42
Attack on Enterprise	27
Attack on Foreign Representation	11
Attack on Association	7
Attack on Vehicle	7
Attack on Graveyard	5
Attack on Housing	4
Attack on Educational Institution	2
Attack on Muftiate	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>170</b>
Hate Speech / Threat	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>

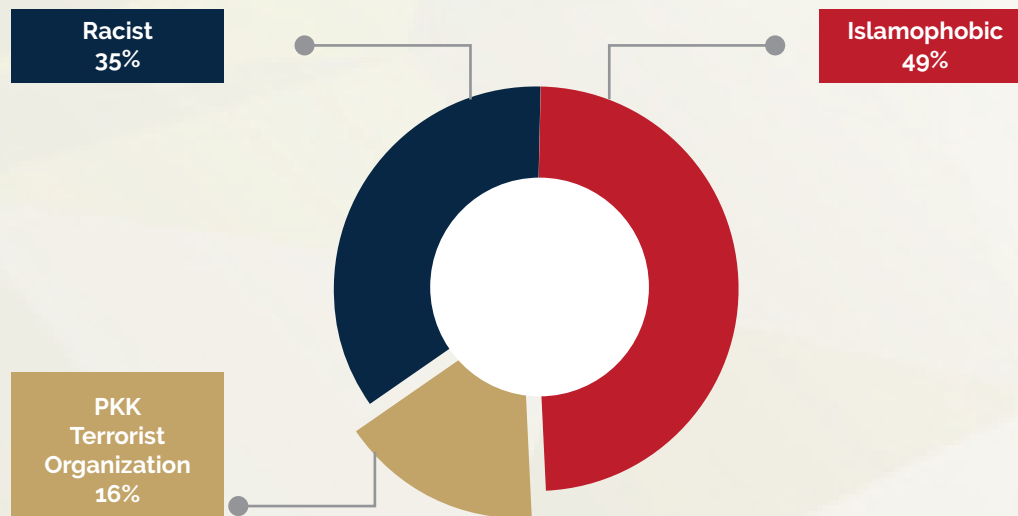
### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens Abroad by Type



As we can see from the table above, mosques are targeted the most, making up 64 of 170 physical attacks. Considering that mosques are also often the targets of hate speech, verbal threats, hoax bomb calls, severed pig heads, and letters of threat we can safely concede that they are the most vulnerable targets when it comes to hate crimes.

If we take a closer look at the top five countries where the most attacks occurred, we can see that Germany leads with the most attacks motivated by Islamophobia (73 out of 149). The rest of the attacks in Germany were motivated by racism (52) or related to the PKK terrorist organization (24). Below is the graphic expressing this distribution.

### Distribution of Attacks on Turkish Citizens in Germany by Motivation

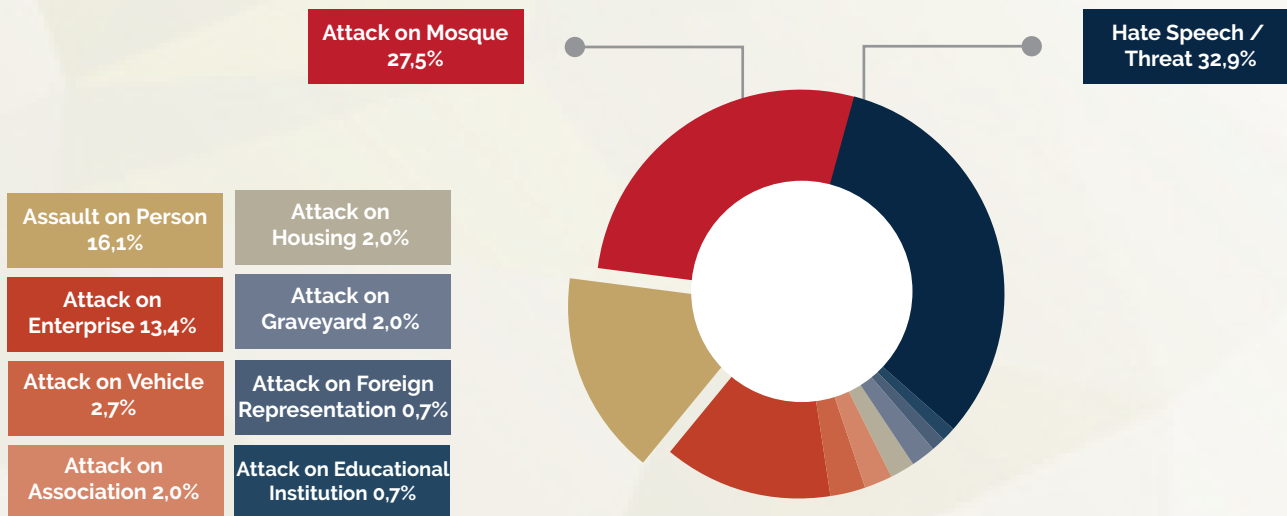




When the attacks against Turkish citizens in Germany were evaluated according to their targets, the most common type of attack was against mosques. Below is a table expressing the number of attacks and types.

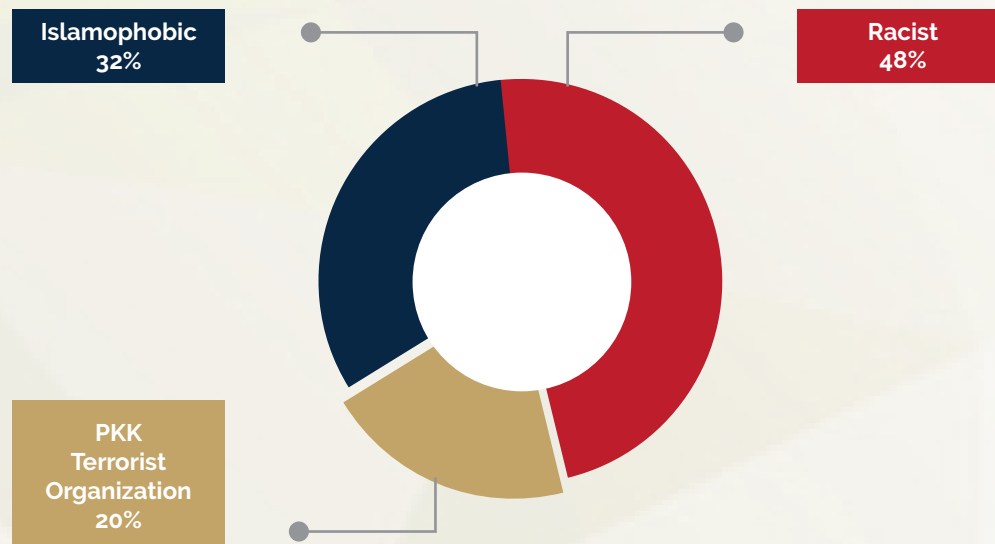
ATTACK TYPES	NUMBERS
<b>Physical Attacks</b>	
Attack on Mosque	41
Assault on Person	24
Attack on Enterprise	20
Attack on Vehicle	4
Attack on Graveyard	3
Attack on Association	3
Attack on Housing	3
Attack on Educational Institution	1
Attack on Foreign Representation	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100</b>
Hate Speech / Threat	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens in Germany by Type



The second country where the most attacks occurred after Germany is France, which has the second-largest Turkish population. Of the 25 attacks on Turkish citizens in France, 12 were Islamophobic, 8 were racist, and 5 were caused by the PKK terrorist organization.

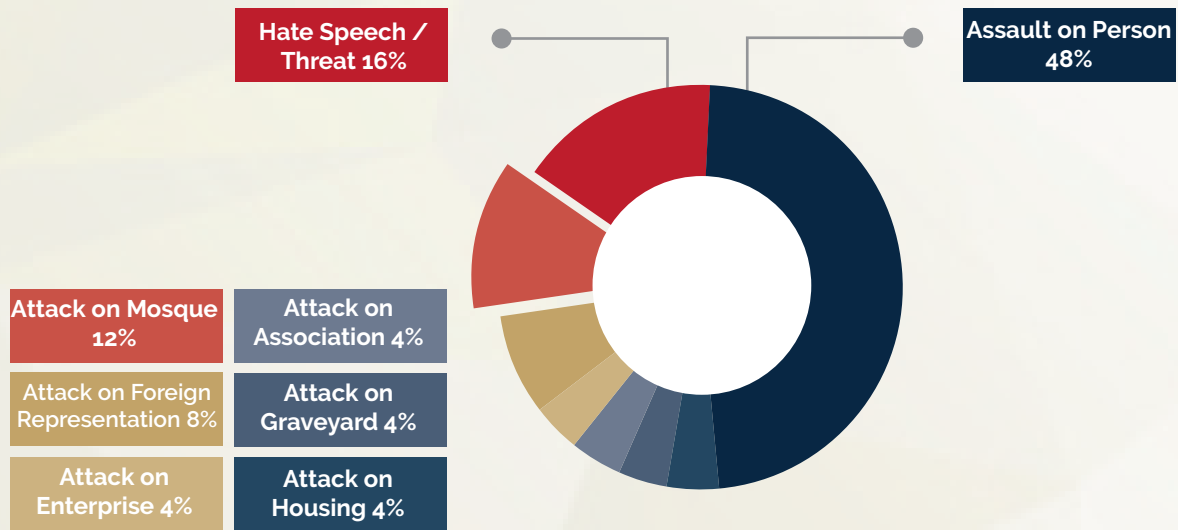
### Distribution of Attacks on Turkish Citizens in France by Motivation



When the attacks against Turkish citizens in France were evaluated according to their targets, the most common type of attack was assault against a person. Below is a table expressing the number of attacks and types.

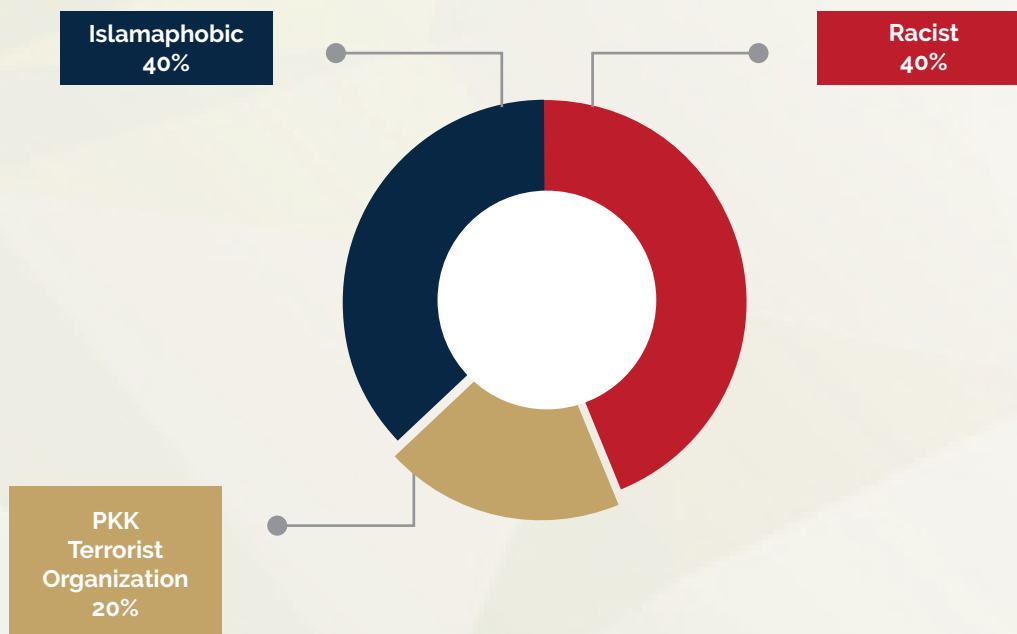
ATTACK TYPE	NUMBER
<b>Physical Attacks</b>	
Assault on Person	12
Attack on Mosque	3
Attack on Foreign Representation	2
Attack on Enterprise	1
Attack on Housing	1
Attack on Association	1
Attack on Graveyard	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>21</b>
Hate Speech / Threat	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens in France by Type



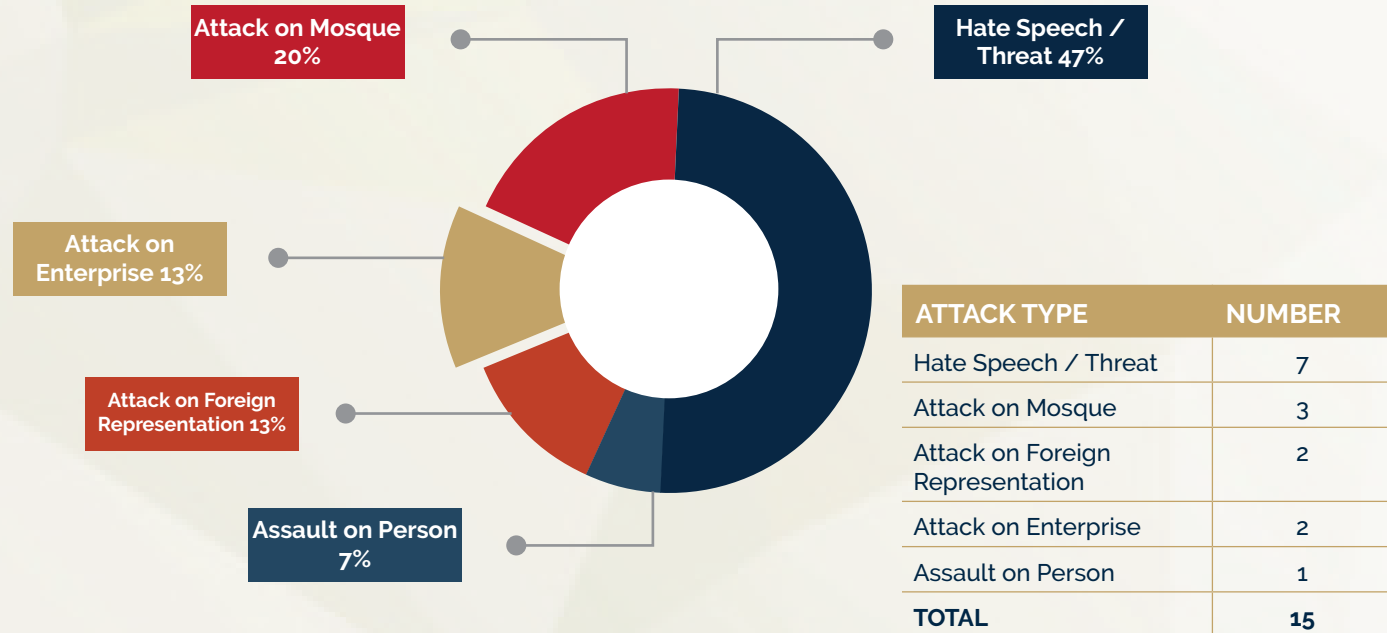
Despite only having the ninth largest Turkish population, Switzerland has the third most recorded attacks against Turkish citizens after France and Germany. Of the 15 attacks against Turkish citizens in Switzerland, 6 were racist, 6 were Islamophobic, and 3 were caused by the PKK terrorist organization.

### Distribution of Attacks on Turkish Citizens in Switzerland by Motivation



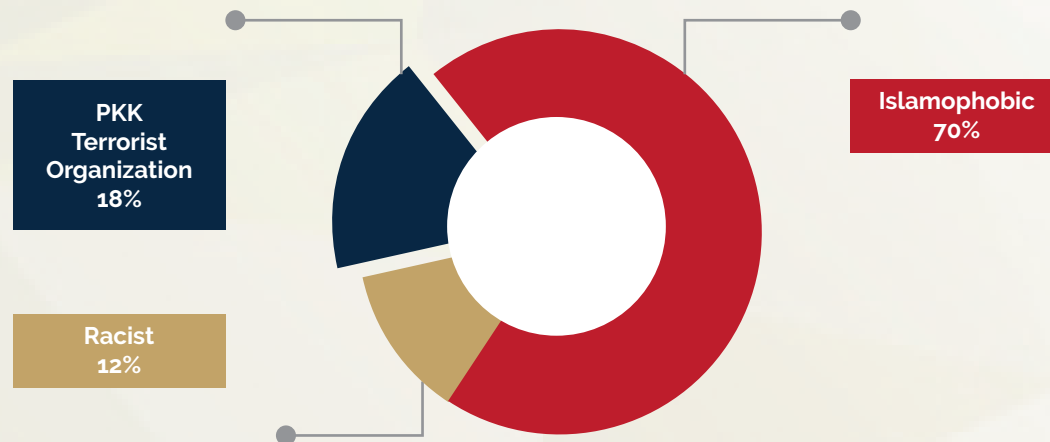
When the attacks against Turkish citizens in Switzerland were evaluated in terms of their targets, the most common type of attack was hate speech and verbal threat. The ECRI 2020 Switzerland Report revealed that while discrimination against Muslims in Switzerland are at the forefront, most of the cases of abuse were carried out through social media. Below is a table and graph expressing the number of attacks and types.

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens in Switzerland by Type



The United Kingdom, the country with the eighth largest Turkish population, has the fourth the most attacks on Turkish citizens. Of the 15 attacks on Turkish citizens in the UK, 10 were Islamophobic, 2 were racist, and 3 were caused by the PKK terrorist organization.

### Distribution of Attacks on Turkish Citizens in the United Kingdom by Motivation

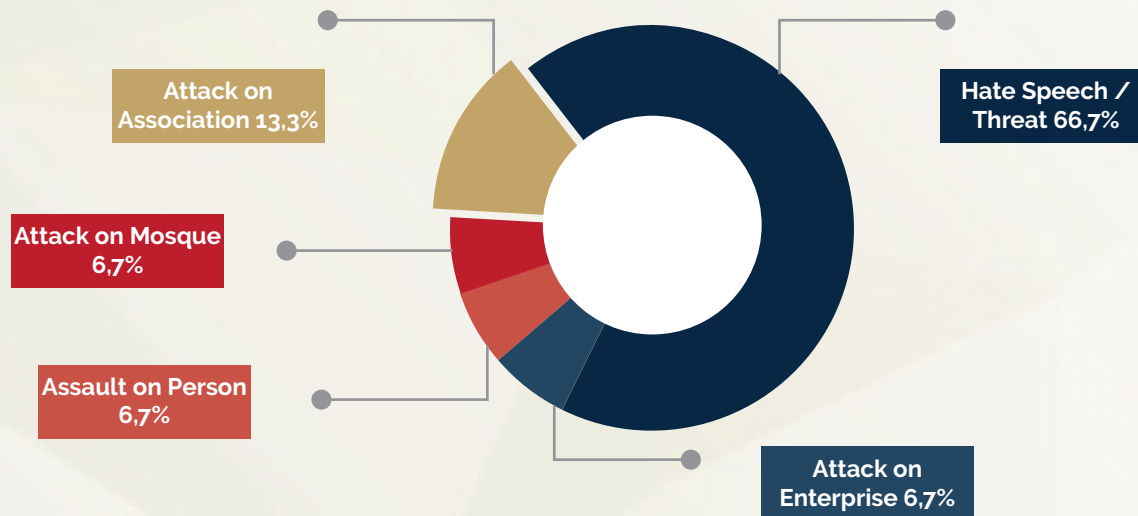


When the attacks against Turkish citizens in the United Kingdom were evaluated according to their targets, the most common type of attack was hate speech and threat, the same as Switzerland. Below is a table and graph expressing the number of attacks and types.



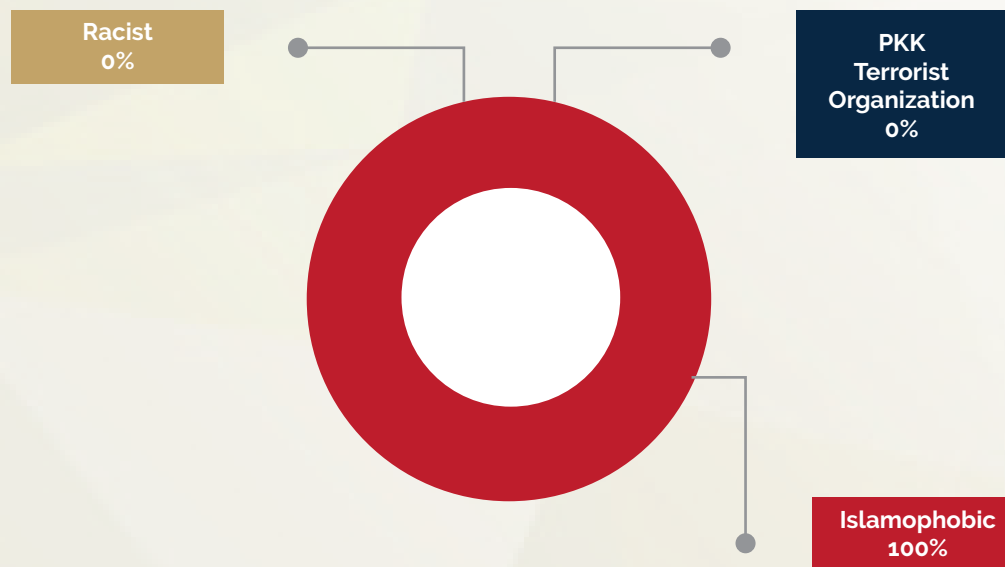
ATTACK TYPE	NUMBER
Hate Speech / Threat	10
Attack on Association	2
Attack on Mosque	1
Assault on Person	1
Attack on Enterprise	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens in the United Kingdom by Type



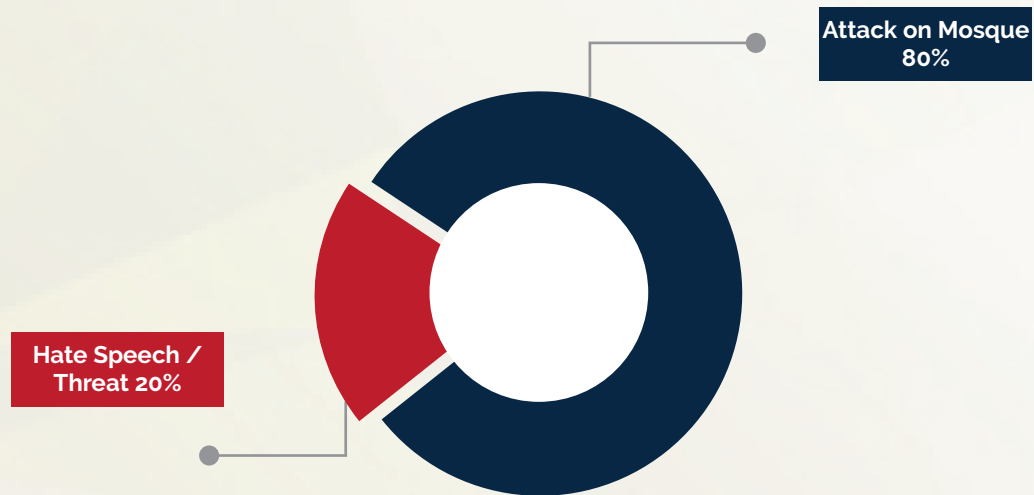
The Netherlands, which has the third largest Turkish population, has the fifth highest number of attacks against Turkish citizens. All 10 attacks on Turkish citizens in the Netherlands were Islamophobic motivated attacks.

### Distribution of Attacks on Turkish Citizens in the Netherlands by Motivation



When the attacks against Turkish citizens in the Netherlands are evaluated according to their targets, the most common type of attack in the Netherlands is attack against mosque (8). The other 2 attacks are hate speech and threat.

### Distribution of Attacks Targeting Turkish Citizens in the Netherlands by Type



Although the motivation and types of attacks differ across the top five countries, the overall picture illustrates that the main motivation for hate crimes against Turkish citizens in 2019 was predominantly Islamophobia. In connection with this motivation, mosques have been targeted the most in attacks against Turkish citizens abroad in 2019. For this reason it is critical that we raise awareness amongst our mosque administrators and the communities that they serve, and encourage increased security measures, communication, and cooperation with the local authorities.

Another common type of attack against Turkish citizens living abroad is hate speech and verbal threats, which can occur in daily life or online through social media. Even if these attacks do not turn physical, our citizens must still report and pursue legal action against any form of hate speech, threats, or verbal abuse which they encounter (whether it be in daily life or online).

However, this is not to say that hate crimes are in any way easy to face; it is an undeniable fact that hate crimes take a toll on one's psychological and economic well being. For this reason there needs to be civil initiatives that make reporting such crimes easier and also provide both psychological and legal support to victims.

In Germany (which holds the record for most attacks against Turkish citizens), the ECRI 2020 Germany Report criticizes the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (Antidiskriminierungsstelle des Bundes) for lacking basic support measures for victims whose rights were violated, and for failing to help victims find justice through the judiciary system. It also emphasizes that there is no public anti-discrimination structure at the state-level, which should be the primary authority within the scope of internal affairs to deal with such matters. To bridge this gap, it would be helpful for civil society to take a more active role in these matters.

In the next part of the report, attacks targeting Turkish citizens abroad will be presented in chronological order.

## **ATTACKS TARGETING TURKISH CITIZENS ABROAD IN CRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

**GERMANY / January 1****IGMG MEVLANA MOSQUE - Duisburg**

Racist and insulting slogans were written on the walls of the Mevlana Mosque (affiliated with Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG)). The "Star of David" symbol was painted on the wall of the mosque as well.



### **GERMANY / January 6**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH EDUCATION CENTER - Dortmund**

The Dortmund Turkish Education Center was attacked twice: on 30.12.2018 and 06.01.2019. The valuable items were not touched, but the doors were damaged as a result someone trying to kick them open (they were locked), all the files in the cabinets were scattered, and the mailbox was damaged. For both incidents, the attacker/attackers targeted only the Education Center; no damage was done to the other associations located upstairs.

### **FRANCE / January 7**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION - Amboise**

The Turkish Cultural Association was defaced by an unidentified person or persons who drew swastikas on the walls.

### **UNITED KINGDOM / January 7**

#### **HATE SPEECH - Birmingham**

Pro-Nazi, racist, and anti-Muslim graffiti was found in Birmingham.

**GERMANY / January 7**

**DITIB BAD SACKINGEN MİMAR SINAN MOSQUE -  
Bad Sackingen**

Letters containing profanity and insults were sent to the Bad Sackingen Mimar Sinan Mosque (affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)).

**UNITED KINGDOM / January 9**

**HATE SPEECH**

A far-right protester urged officials to ban Islam in England and force Muslims to “collectively return back”.

**GERMANY / January 10**

**DITIB FATIH MOSQUE - Baden-Baden**

An e-mail containing an insult towards Islam was sent to Fatih Mosque (affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)). Also, a letter with similar content was sent to the mosque in 2018 as well.



### **SWITZERLAND / January 11**

#### **ITDV FATI H MOSQUE - Solothurn**

A paint attack was carried out on the Anadolu-Helvetia Fatih Mosque, which is affiliated with the Swiss Turkish Religious Foundation (ITDV), by 3 unidentified people. Police officers who examined the security camera records stated that the attackers entered the building's garden without permission and as such the crime would be evaluated and reported as a "violation of residence immunity" instead of as a "hate crime".

### **GERMANY / January 14**

#### **THREAT LETTER TO TURKISH ATTORNEY - Frankfurt**

Seda Başay Yıldız, one of the joint attorneys in the NSU case, was sent a second threat letter with the signature "NSU 2.0".

### **GERMANY / January 24**

#### **ATTACK ON DITIB HOHENLIMBURG MOSQUE - Hagen**

An unidentified, masked person entered the Hohenlimburg Mosque (affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)). No physical damage to the mosque was found.

**FRANCE / January 26****THE RACIST SPEECH FROM FRENCH SENATOR - Paris**

This tweet from French senator Esther Benbassa about President Recep Tayyip Erdogan received a lot of attention on social media. Just after the senator mentioned Maduro, who was faced with the coup attack in Venezuela, she asked: "When will Erdogan's turn come?"

**GERMANY / January 27****DITIB CENTRAL FATİH MOSQUE - Essen-Müllheim**

An unidentified person threatened to bomb the Central Fatih Mosque in Mülheim an der Ruhr, which is affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), by phone.

## GERMANY / January 27

### DITIB GREEN MOSQUE - Menden

The Menden Green Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was attacked. It was determined that the attackers broke through the glass at the entrance of the mosque and wanted to set fire by igniting paper towels in the washroom.



### **UNITED KINGDOM / January 29**

#### **HATE SPEECH TO STUDENTS - London**

A person used racist and Islamophobic slurs in a video he took of Muslim girls on their way to school and posted this on the social media. He was eventually arrested.

### **GERMANY / February 2**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON ISBANK BRANCH - Berlin**

The windows and walls of the IsBank branch in Berlin were damaged in a paint attack.

### **UNITED KINGDOM / February 6**

#### **HATE SPEECH ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Conservative Member of the Parliament Mike Franklin was removed from office because of his Islamophobic tweets.

### **GERMANY / February 12**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH WORKPLACE - Lünen**

Unidentified persons entered a workplace in Lünen that belonged to Turkish citizen Fatma İ. and Kosovan citizen Jasmina B. They broke the windows and drew swastika on the walls and mirrors.

### **BULGARIA / February 12**

#### **ATTACK ON PLEVNE MOSQUE - Pleven**

An unidentified person had written "Isa Ekber" on the wall of the Pleven Mosque (Çiftekahve Mosque).

### **SWITZERLAND / February 13**

#### **ITDV FATIΗ MOSQUE - Solothurn**

Three posters with the words "Foreigners out", "Leftists to concentration camps", "Attack the leftists in Bern" were hung on the building that had been purchased to be used for the Anadolu-Helvetia Fatih Mosque, which is affiliated with Swiss Turkish Religious Foundation (ITDV), by unidentified people. These posters were then removed by police.

### **GERMANY / February 16**

#### **DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Kehl**

Unidentified persons threw stones at the windows of the Central Mosque Kehl, which is affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), at midnight and pecuniary damage occurred.

### **FRANCE / February 21**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT A STORE - Mandelieu-la-Napoule**

A headscarf-wearing woman working at a H&M store was insulted by a client who said: "I do not want to get service from a headscarf-wearing woman. You shouldn't be here." Mayor Henri Leroy wrote a letter to the store management and asked for the woman to be dismissed.

### **GERMANY / February 24**

#### **ARMED ATTACK AGAINST A TURKISH RESTAURANT - Rosenheim**

An armed attack was carried out on a restaurant located under the Rosenheim Mosque ( which is affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)). Minor pecuniary damage occurred in the mosque.

### **GERMANY / February 24**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH RESTAURANT - Rosenheim**

Another Turkish doner shop was attacked with a gun following an attack on February 24 in Rosenheim and minor damage occurred.

### FRANCE / March 3

#### ARMED ATTACK ON YOUNG TURKISH GIRL - Saône-et-Loire

In the clash between rival drug gangs, a 14-year-old Turkish girl who was passing through was shot. The mother of the wounded girl said that her daughter was deliberately targeted.

### UNITED KINGDOM / March 4

#### HATE SPEECH

A Christian preacher who shared anti-Muslim video content was arrested.

### GERMANY / March 4

#### DITIB FATIH MOSQUE - Dresden

The windows of the Fatih Mosque (affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)) were broken by unidentified attackers. Nobody was physically harmed but pecuniary damage occurred.

### FRANCE / March 6

#### DEATH OF TURKISH TEENAGER - Grenoble

It was alleged that the police were responsible for the traffic accident where 19-year-old Turkish teenager Fatih K. and his friend died.

### FRANCE / March 8

#### **HATE SPEECH IN THE WOMEN'S FAIR - Béziers**

Morgan Dermarcy, who participated in the women's fair in Béziers to exhibit her products, was removed from the fair hall by the Mayor and his team due her headscarf. Dermarcy reported that she would planned to file an official complaint.

### GERMANY / March 17

#### **DITIB THANNHAUSEN MOSQUE - Thannhausen**

The gate of the Thannhausen Mosque affilitated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) was damaged by unidentified attackers.

### GERMANY / March 21

#### **DITIB DANNSTADT MOSQUE - Dannstadt**

The name of the terrorist who raided the mosque in New Zealand was written and a swastika was drawn on the street-front wall of the Dannstadt Mosque (which is affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)).



### **DENMARK / March 22**

#### **HATE SPEECH AGAINST MUSLIMS - Copenhagen**

The Friday Prayer, held in front of the Danish Parliament to protest terrorist attacks in two mosques in New Zealand where 51 people died, took place under the provocations of extreme right-wingers. Rasmus Paludan, the leader of the anti-immigrant and anti-Islamic Hard Line, tried to provoke the protestors by burning the Quran. The Danish People's Deputy extreme right-wing Martin Henriksen tried to provoke the crowd as well.

### **GERMANY / March 22**

#### **HATE SPEECH IN FRONT OF BACKNANG DITIB MOSQUE - Backnang**

A 45-year-old person swore using racist slurs and insulted people at the exit of the Friday prayer in front of the Backnang Mosque (which is affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)). He also performed the Hitler salute towards the crowd and shouted.

### **SWITZERLAND / March 25**

#### **HATE SPEECH AGAINST MUSLIMS - Basel**

On Facebook, the leader of the Basel-based, far-right National Orientierter Schweizer (Pnos) party praised the terrorist attacks in New Zealand and called for a massacre of Muslims, saying: "If only we could be like him, we would win and save our people."

### **UNITED KINGDOM / March 26**

#### **ATTACK ON THE QURAN - Newcastle**

The Newcastle Bahr Academy was attacked, and the Quran was torn down and burned.

### **FRANCE / March 29**

#### **DITIB TURKISH CULTURE ASSOCIATION - Bourgoin Jallieu**

The mailbox belonging to the Turkish Culture Association, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was broken and a swastika was drawn on it.

### **BELGIUM / March 29**

#### **BDV SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Lommel**

Posters stating "We Do not Want a Mosque in Our Region" and "The Culture Ends Where Multiculturalism Begins" were affixed to street-lighting poles and mailboxes by the Lommel Selimiye Mosque (affiliated with Belgium Religious Foundation (BDV) by the Outpost Group (Voorpost)).

### **BELGIUM / March 29**

#### **BDV SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Lepoldsburg**

Like in Lommel, posters stating “We Do not Want a Mosque in Our Region” and “The Culture Ends Where Multiculturalism Begins” were affixed to street-lighting poles and mailboxes near the Leopoldsburg Selimiye Mosque (affiliated with Belgium Religious Foundation (BDV) by the Outpost Group (Voorpost)).

### **NETHERLANDS / March 29**

#### **ATTACK ON HDV AHMET YESEVI MOSQUE - Oosterhout**

The office room window of the Ahmet Yesevi Mosque (affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV)) was broken by a thrown bottle.

### **SWITZERLAND / March 31**

#### **ITDV WATWILL MOSQUE - Watwill**

Insulting statements were written on the mailbox of the Wattwil Mosque Association (affiliated with Swiss Turkish Religious Foundation (ITDV)) by an unidentified persons.

### **GERMANY / April 4**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT DITIB BUILDING - Deggendorf**

A drunk person entered a building affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), and threatened the people who were there by saying: "You made this place with our money, we will burn it here, we will blow it up".

### **GERMANY / April 9**

#### **MOSQUE HOSTILITY - Karlsruhe**

For the local election that was to be held on May 26 in Karlsruhe, posters were used by the AfD party containing a ban sign over the picture of a mosque with a minaret and the words "No to the Grand DITIB Mosque".

### **BOSNIA AND HERZAGOVINA / April 10**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON ARNAUDIYE MOSQUE - Banja Luka**

Nationalist symbols were drawn and anti-Turkish slogans written on different parts of the construction of the Arnaudiye Mosque— which is being reconstructed by the General Directorate of the Foundations of Turkey.

### SWITZERLAND / April 11

#### **RACIST HATE SPEECH - Lucerne**

An event where Abdurrahman Dilipak was to speak got canceled by authority of the chaplaincy. Thereafter many newspapers carried out hate speech against President Erdogan and Turkey because of this incident.

### DENMARK / April 14

#### **HATE SPEECH IN A PARTY MEETING - Copenhagen**

Stram Kurs Leader Rasmus Paludan threw a Qur'an during a demonstration organized in Nørrebro district, which contains a large Muslim population.

### GERMANY / April 18

#### **DITIB HEMER CENTRAL MOSQUE - Hemer**

A swastika was drawn on the outer wall of the Hemer Central Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), by unidentified persons.

### SWITZERLAND / April 22

#### **TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL - Zurich**

The Consulate General of Turkey in Zurich was targeted with 2 molotov cocktails at midnight.

### **GERMANY / April 23**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH KINDERGARDEN - Mannheim**

A pig head was thrown into the garden and playgrounds of the Lalezar kindergarden, which is affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / April 25**

#### **DITIB SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Siegen**

Abusive slogans about President Recep Tayyip Erdogan were written on the transformer at the entrance of the Selimiye Mosque (which is affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)).

### **UNITED KINGDOM / April 30**

#### **ATTACKS TOWARDS TURKISH TRADESMAN - London**

Racist expressions were written on the windows of the workplaces of several Turkish citizens who had been subjected to frequent racist attacks in Carlisle.

### GERMANY / May 1

#### RACIST ATTACK - Dortmund

The tents set up for 'Festi Ramadan', an event which was to be held during the month of Ramadan, were defaced with swastika by an unidentified person or persons.



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### GERMANY / May 3

#### IGMG GAZIOSMANPASA MOSQUE - Berlin

An insulting, threatening letter was sent along with a bullet to the Gaziosmanpasa Mosque affiliated with the Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG).

**GERMANY / May 11****DITIB BURG AU SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Lollar**

The door of the Burgau Selimiye Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was broken by a 16-year-old teenager. The security camera at the mosque recorded the moment the attacker put a mask on his face, so police were able to identify and arrest him. However, he was released shortly after due to what the authorities considered to be a lack of intention and because he had carried out the attack while drunk.

**FRANCE / May 12****ATTACKS ON MUSLIM GRAVES - Draguignan**

In Draguignan, France, Muslim graves in a cemetery were damaged by an unidentified person who broke their tombstones.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / May 12****ARSON AT THE NEW HAVEN DIYANET MOSQUE - Boston**

The New Haven Diyanet Mosque (affiliated with the Turkish Religious Foundation) was set on fire. There was no death or injury thanks to the firefighters' timely response, but there was a great deal of damage done to the interior of the building due to the tons of water used to extinguish the fire. The local police, FBI, and the Fire Brigade carried out a detailed investigation and it was determined that the fire started as a result of arson.



### **FRANCE / May 14**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN - Troyes, Tonerre**

Turkish kebab restaurant owner Nurettin Y., his wife, and his guest were attacked by four people in front of his children at the restaurant.

### **SWITZERLAND / May 15**

#### **RACIST HATE SPEECH AT THE PARLIAMENT - Bern**

Balthasar Glatti and Fabian Molina's anti-Turkish parliamentary questions and discourse at parliament got much attention.

### **GREECE / May 18**

#### **SUNNE MOSQUE - Xanthi**

The slogans related to the so-called "Pontus Genocide" and insults against Mustafa Kemal Atatürk were written on the wall of the Sunne Mosque.

### **FRANCE / May 21**

#### **VERBAL AND PHYSICAL ATTACK IN A PARKING LOT - Draguignan**

A headscarf-wearing woman was verbally and physically attacked at the parking lot of a mall. The security of the mall did not interfere. Despite warnings, security guards did not call the police on the grounds that "there was no concrete sign of violence".

**GERMANY / May 25**

**IGMG GRAND MOSQUE - Hagen**

Material damage occurred in the Hagen Grand Mosque affiliated with the Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG), which was sabotaged by an unidentified person.



### **GERMANY / May 27**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT UNIVERSITY LIBRARY - Frankfurt**

Neo Nazis left flyers containing the expression "Kill Muslims" in the library of Frankfurt Goethe University. The flyers called for people to "kill imams and rabbis" with the signature of the organization "Atomwaffen Division".

### **GREECE / May 28**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CEMETERY - Alexandroupolis**

Some of the tombstones in the Turkish cemetery in the Alexandroupolis region were marked by far-right, racist "Golden Dawn" supporters and the slogan "Greece belong to the Greeks" were written on them.

### **NETHERLANDS / May 28**

#### **HATE SPEECH ON HDV NEW MOSQUE - Breda**

Racist and anti-Islamic banners were hung around the ongoing construction of the New Mosque affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation. Expressions like "Stop the Diyanet!" "Stop the Islamists!", "We do not want the mosque in our street", "Municipality listen to the residents of the neighborhood!", "Take our words into consideration!", and "Stop the mosque construction!" were written.

### **GERMANY / May 30**

#### **DITIB SELCUKLU MOSQUE - Bad Wurznach**

The Turkish flag in front of the Selcuklu Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was stolen.

### **DENMARK / June 2**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT CITY SQUARE**

Rasmus Paludan, leader of far-right Stram Kurs (Hard Line) and party members went to the city square at the time of iftar and burned the Quran. After evening adhan, far-right wingers placed a banner with "Europe is ours" on the balcony of a hotel facing the city square and shouted anti-Islamic slogans with megaphone.

### **FRANCE / June 4**

#### **ARMED ATTACK AT THE MOSQUE EXIT - Reims**

At the exit of a mosque in the city of Reims, a gunman threatened the mosque community.

**GERMANY / June 4**

**DITIB FATIH MOSQUE - Dresden**

Fatih Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was attacked by undefined persons.



## UNITED KINGDOM / June 7

### HATE SPEECH FROM A MEMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT

Conservative Member of Parliament John Moss was removed from office because of his anti-Muslim tweets.



## GERMANY / June 7

### ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZENS - Cologne

Letters of threat were left in the mailboxes of the Turkish citizens by Neo-Nazis. The letters contained swastika and stated that the Turkish citizens must leave Germany.



**GERMANY / June 8**

**DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Kassel**

The Central Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was attacked by an undefined person or persons throwing stones.





### **GREECE / June 10**

#### **VEHICLES BELONGING TO TURKISH DIPLOMATS WERE SABOTAGED - Thessaloniki**

Vehicles belonging to two Turkish diplomats in Thessaloniki were sabotaged in the early morning.

### **GERMANY / June 11**

#### **DITIB EYUP SULTAN MOSQUE - Kamen**

Racist slogans and "Go away!" were written on the wall of Eyup Sultan Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



### **GERMANY / June 12**

#### **OSTERFELD DITIB GRAND MOSQUE - Oberhausen**

An insulting letter was left in the mailbox of the Oberhausen Osterfeld Grand Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **AUSTRIA / June 13**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON VEHICLE - Vienna**

Unidentified persons drew the swastika (a Nazi symbol) and wrote racist slurs on a vehicle belonging to a Turkish citizen.

### **SWITZERLAND / June 14**

#### **HATE SPEECH IN WOMEN'S STRIKE - Geneva**

The largest women's strike in history (following the first women's demonstration in Switzerland in 1991) took place on Friday, June 14. Swiss women took to the streets 28 years after the first march to fight for equal salary. Muslim women who participated in the strike were subjected to verbal harassment and insults due to their headscarves and beliefs. A Muslim woman reacted to how she and other women were attacked for their beliefs in the women's strike in Geneva, by saying, "Muslim women, too, have the right to strike as much as everyone else."

### **SWITZERLAND / June 28**

#### **HATE SPEECH TO TURKISH CITIZEN - Volketswill**

Turkish citizen Saniye U., who was waiting for a pedestrian couple to cross, was verbally attacked. The couple approached his car and used expressions such as "you are a foreigner, wearing a headscarf, we do not want foreigners".

### **BULGARIA / July 1**

#### **ATTACK ON HISTORICAL MOSQUE - Karlova**

The historical Kursun Mosque in Karlova was attacked by unidentified people. Members of Karlova's Muslim community noticed that the attackers defaced the walls of the mosque with unethical, insulting phrases and swastikas. This attack was then reported to the police.

### **BULGARIA / July 4**

#### **ATTACK ON CHIEF MUFTI'S OFFICE - Sofia**

An unidentified person attacked the Chief Mufti's Office of Bulgarian Muslims, located in the center of Sofia. The attacker broke the glass of the main entrance by throwing stones and then quickly ran from the scene.

### **GERMANY / July 4**

#### **DITIB VEYSEL KARANI MOSQUE - Schleswig**

At the Veyssel Karani Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), attackers ripped the Quran and threw it into a toilet. They then damaged the mosque by removing taps and breaking soap dispensers.

### **GERMANY / July 7**

#### **RACIST SYMBOL ON THE SIDEWALK - Dortmund**

A swastika symbol was drawn on the sidewalks of the "Leibnizstr." street located in the city of Dortmund, close to the kiosk where NSU victim Mehmet Kubaşık was murdered and where many foreigner resident reside. The words "NSU" and "C18" (abbreviation of the Neo Nazi Organization, which means war and struggle) were written.

**NETHERLAND / July 9**

**MILLI GORUS TILBURG MOSQUE - Tilburg**

An intruder broke through a window and damaged some items in Milli Görüş Tilburg Mosque affiliated with the Netherlands Islamic Federation (NIF).



### GERMANY / July 9

#### **GMG EL-AKSA MOSQUE - Goslar**

An unidentified attacker broke through the window of the EL-Aksa Mosque affiliated with the Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG).

### GERMANY / July 9

#### **DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Karlsruhe**

There was an attack on the Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) at midnight. One of the flagpoles in front of the mosque was damaged and the flag with the association logo was burned.

## GERMANY / July 10

### DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Cologne

A letter of threat was sent to Cologne Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) . The mosque was evacuated as a precautionary measure.



**FRANCE / July 11****ASSAULT ON A TURKISH CHILD - Paris**

At Garges-lès-Gonesse in the north of Paris, a 4-year-old Turkish girl was savagely attacked in the middle of the street. Along with her mother and two siblings, the little girl who went to the park was attacked by a 20-year-old man with a broken bottle in his hand. The attacker, who injured the little girl on the shoulder and on her back, left the scene on foot.

**GERMANY / July 11****DITIB GRAND MOSQUE - Bad Homburg**

The Grand Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) office, was attacked and pecuniary damage occurred.

**GERMANY / July 11****DITIB ISERLOHN MOSQUE - Iserlohn**

A threatening e-mail was sent to the Iserlohn Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



## GERMANY / July 11

### DITIB HACI BAYRAM MOSQUE - Munich

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Hacı Bayram Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



**GERMANY / July 11****BERLIN MARTYRS MOSQUE - Berlin**

An anonymous bomb threat was sent to the email address of the Berlin Martyrs Mosque, stating that a bomb was placed at the main entrance. This was reported to the police and the mosque was evacuated. Security units came to the mosque and took the necessary precautions, searching in and around the mosque. It was determined that the threat was a hoax.

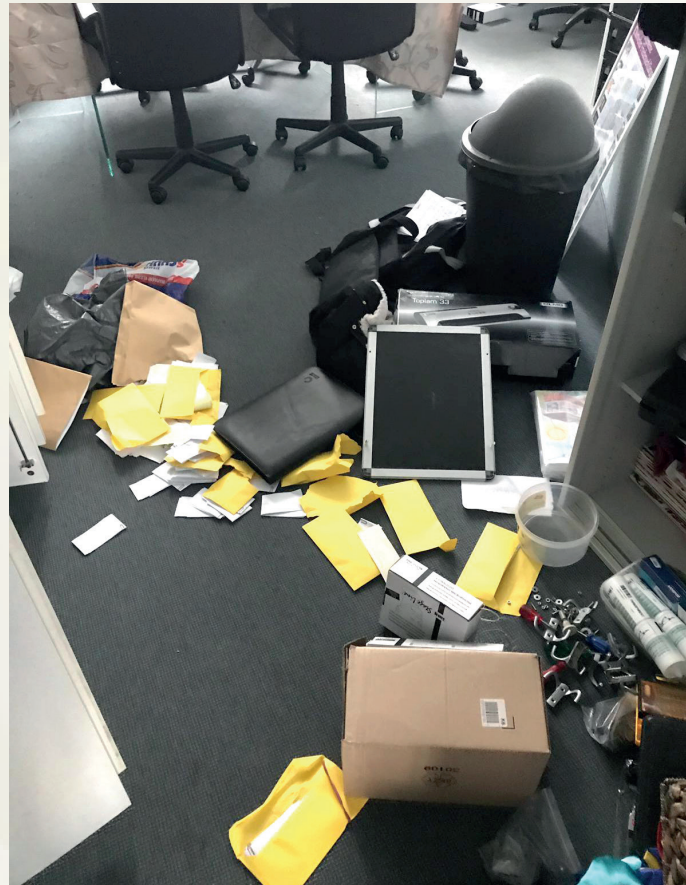
**GERMANY / July 13****ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN IN FRONT OF A KIOSK -  
Dortmund**

Erkan E., who lives in the city of Dortmund, was exposed to verbal harassment and then physically attacked by two unidentified persons in front of a kiosk. The police who came to the scene had to intervene with electro shock devices because they could not detain the attackers. It was learned that Erkan E. was taken to the hospital with an ambulance and in company of the police, the hospital gave him a report of incapacity for a week.

**GERMANY / July 15**

**DITIB CHORWEILER MOSQUE - Cologne**

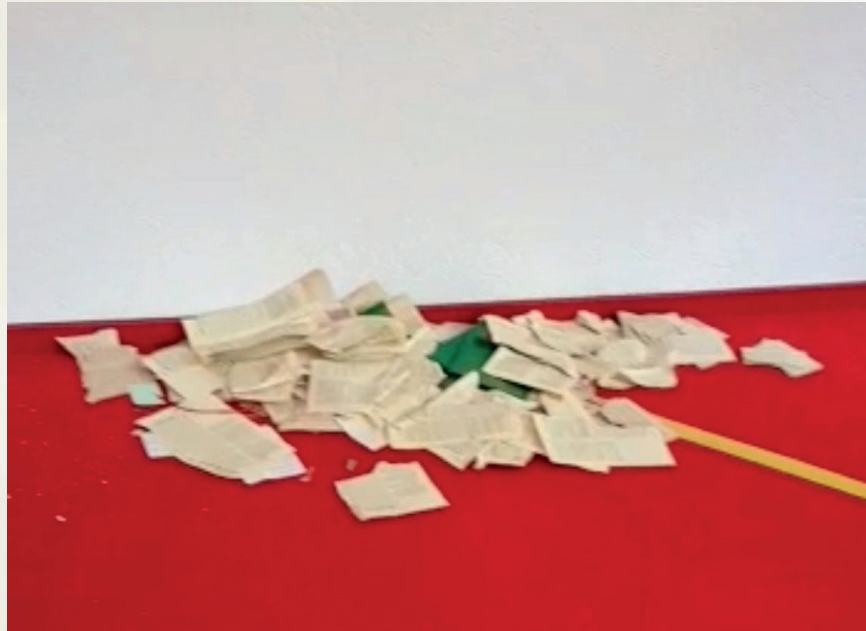
Three people entered the Chorweiler Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) and caused pecuniary damage.



**GERMANY / July 18**

### **ATTACK ON DITIB BARBAROS MOSQUE - Minden**

The Minden Barbaros Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) was attacked at noon and the prayer hall of the mosque was contaminated with human feces. In addition, the pages of the Quran were torn.



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## GERMANY / July 22

### DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Duisburg

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Central Mosque affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



**GERMANY / July 22**

**DITIB YUNUS EMRE MOSQUE - Mainz**

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Yunus Emre Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

**GERMANY / July 22**

**DITIB YAVUZ SULTAN SELIM MOSQUE - Mannheim**

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Yavuz Sultan Selim Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

**GERMANY / July 23**

**DITIB SELAHADDIN-I EYYUBI MOSQUE - Villingen-Schwenningen**

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Selahaddin-i Eyyubi Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



### **GERMANY / July 24**

#### **ATTACK ON ESSEN DITIB FATIH MOSQUE - Katernberg**

A hoax bomb call was made to the Essen DITIB Katernberg Fatih Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) with the signature of Combat18, a radical right-wing organization.

### **UNITED KINGDOM / July 26**

#### **HATE SPEECH**

A delivery driver gave a Nazi salute and called a Muslim women a 'ninja'.

### **GERMANY / July 26**

#### **ATTACK ON DEGGENDORF DITIB ASSOCIATION - Deggendorf**

Anonymous letters containing insults, threats, and profanity towards Islam was sent on July 26, 2019 and July 31, 2019 to the Deggendorf Association, which is affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / July 28**

#### **AUGSBURG ALPARSLAN TURKES IDEALIST CLUB - Augsburg**

An attack took place in Augsburg at the Alparslan Turkes Idealist Club at night. The windows of the association were broken.



**NETHERLANDS / July 31**

**SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Lochem**

A letter containing Islamophobic slurs was sent to the Selimiye Mosque.

**GERMANY / August 1**

**ATTACK ON TURKISH FAMILY - Bad Camberg**

A Turkish family who wanted to open a wedding hall in the village of Würges was blocked by other residents of the village who bore racist sentiments. After the AfD party raised the issue in parliament, both the family and the wedding hall they wanted to open were attacked, while the family also faced insults and slander from other people in the village.

**NETHERLANDS / August 2**

**ATTACK ON MOSQUE - Almere**

The rope of the Turkish flag hanging in front of the mosque was set on fire.

**GERMANY / August 13**

**RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH WOMEN - Berlin**

In Berlin, two women were subjected racist assault on the grounds that they spoke Turkish. They were physically attacked and luckily saved by bystanders.

**SWITZERLAND / August 14****HATE SPEECH TO MIGRANTS - Bern**

The SVP Party targeted foreigners over crime rates in the country by claiming that foreigners were responsible for all the crimes committed against women.

**GERMANY / August 14****HATE SPEECH TO MUSLIMS - Dresden**

A banner derogating Muslims with the inscription "Islam? It does not fit into our kitchen" along with a picture of a pig was placed in the vicinity of the Fatih Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), located in Dresden, by the far-right winged AfD party. The municipality and police authorities were informed, but they were told by officials that they could not intervene in the content of the banners and where they were hung due to election laws.

**FRANCE / August 18****ARMED ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN - Béziers**

A 34 years-old Turkish citizen was ambushed at the door of his house at midnight. It was reported that the neighbors had heard gun shots at 1 am, but nobody noticed the dead body of the victim until 4:30 am.

### **POLAND / August 26**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZENS AT A CAFÉ - Warsaw**

In the town of Starogard Gdanski, in the city of Gdansk, Murat O. and Furkan K., two Turkish citizens sitting in a cafe with their friends, were threatened by a Polish person who came to their table saying: " I know who you are, leave this place." They departed but had to return to retrieve their mobile phones, which they had forgotten in a rush to leave when the number of attackers increased to 5 people (some of whom held a machete and an axe in their hands). They quickly left the scene afterwards.

### **GERMANY / 28 August**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH WOMAN - Hannover**

AfD members, who participated in a protest march in the city of Hannover, attacked a headscarf- wearing Turkish woman and made derogatory insults. It has also been claimed that the police inflicted physical violence on Turkish woman who was attacked.

### **GERMANY / August 28**

#### **ATTACK ON DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Giessen**

4 girls between the ages of 8-15 entered the Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) and threw the Quran and the Turkish flag in the trash, damaged the sound system, and also wrote anti-Islamic slogans at the mosque's door.

**GERMANY / August 28****ATTACK ON AIRPORT MASJIDS - Frankfurt**

An attack took place on both masjids at two terminals of Frankfurt Airport. "The only thing to believe is Jesus" was written on the walls of the masjids and the pages of the Quran were torn.

**GERMANY / August 29****ATTACK ON DITIB VEYSEL KARANI MOSQUE - Schleswig**

An attack was carried out on Veyssel Karani Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), located in the city center of Schleswig. The attacker used an umbrella to hide his face from the cameras and entered the toilet adjacent to the mosque with two large bags in his hands. The attacker then damaged the lavatory faucets and threw the pages of Quran, which was inside one of the bags, into the toilet.



### **GERMANY / September 1**

#### **HATE SPEECH TO ISLAM AND TURKEY - Offenbach**

A leaflet containing statements against Islam and Turkey with the logo "Bürgerbewegung Pax Europa" (Pax European People's Movement) was left in Offenbach city residents' mailboxes. This was done in an effort to prevent the construction of new mosques by DITIB in Offenbach. However, DITIB had no plans to build a new mosque that time. The group, named Pax Europa, was simply promoting Islamophobia in Germany, targeting mosques and demanding donations for its initiatives from the people.

### **GERMANY / September 3**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN - Berlin**

A German citizen of Turkish origin, who was completing his military service in Berlin, was physically attacked by two assailants who used the phrase "only the Germans wear this uniform".

### **GERMANY / September 4**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT TRAIN STATION - Norderstedt**

A sticker contains hate speech towards immigrants was placed in Norderstedt train station by an unidentified persons. The sticker included an image of a man with beard and glasses and the inscription of "Attention, Pushing Migrants" with a red colored stop sign.

### **AUSTRALIA / September 7**

#### **HATE SPEECH ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

A person in NSW was detained due to violent posts about Muslims on Facebook and for planning to attack a mosque. The detainee reported his admiration towards the Christchurch terrorist Brenton Tarrant on his Facebook posts and threatened to kill New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. The 43-year-old detainee planned to attack a mosque and massacre the people inside during the Friday prayer.

### **FRANCE / September 10**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH FAMILY'S HOME - Bordeaux**

A Turkish family residing in France was attacked by their neighbors of 3 years. Their home was also burned to the ground while they were on vacation.

### **GERMANY / September 10**

#### **DITIB SCHLESWIG MOSQUE - Schleswig**

A 34-years-old attacker caused pecuniary damage to the Schleswig Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / 13 September**

#### **DITIB MARTYRS MOSQUE - Berlin**

A letter with threat of bomb attack was sent to Berlin Martyrs Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) by far-right groups.

### **GERMANY / September 13**

#### **DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Duisburg**

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to the Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / September 13**

#### **DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Pulheim**

An e-mail containing a threat was sent to the Pulheim Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / September 15**

#### **IGMG HICRET MOSQUE - Moosburg**

The emblem of the far-right "Identitären Bewegung" movement was affixed on the address board of the Hicret Mosque affiliated with the Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG).

### **UNITED KINGDOM / September 19**

#### **HATE SPEECH ON THE SUBWAY - London**

In London, a person on the subway insulted Muslims by saying, "This is a Christian country and Muslims have no right to be here."

### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / September 19**

#### **HATE SPEECH - Boston**

In the town of Winchester, near Boston, posters with the phrase "Islam is RIGHT about women" were attached to some traffic sign posts as well as placed at a school and a church.

### **GERMANY / September 21**

#### **RACIST REMARKS TOWARDS TURKISH FOOTBALLERS**

Mönchengladbach

A German referee conducting the match between Türkiyemspor Mönchengladbach and Polizei SV in Mönchengladbach made racist remarks to the Turkish footballers at the club.

### **FRANCE / September 22**

#### **ATTACK ON GRAND MOSQUE WITH CAR - Colmar**

A driver crashed into the Colmar Grand Mosque with his vehicle. Officials said they were investigating whether the incident was an accident or an attack. Witnesses also claimed that the person who crashed the mosque with his vehicle injured himself with a knife.



### **GERMANY / September 26**

#### **STUDENT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER SCHOOL WITH A STAR AND CRESCENT TATTOO - Dortmund**

17 years-old German citizen Oguzhan O., son of Turkish citizen Mustafa O., was not allowed to enter his school in the city of Dortmund due to a star and crescent tattoo on his left hand. He was forced to cover the tattoo with a tape. His father reported the incident to the police department, where they took a photo of the same tattoo on his own hand and told him that a star and crescent tattoo was a political symbol.

### **UNITED KINGDOM / September 27**

#### **HATE SPEECH TO MUSLIMS - London**

A racist person who was passing by a school in London with his/her bicycle shouted, "I hate Muslims and I want to get rid of them."

### **GERMANY / September 28**

#### **ATTACK ON MUSLIM WOMEN IN A STREET EVENT - Ulm**

At a street event organized in Ulm to raise awareness of the discrimination experienced by Muslim women, an assailant attempted to attack a Muslim woman with a knife.

### **GERMANY / September 30**

#### **THREAT MAIL TO DITIB MOSQUE - Weinheim**

A threatening e-mail was sent to the Weinheim Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **GERMANY / October 3**

#### **ATTACK ON A MUSLIM WOMAN IN TRAIN STATION - Bochum**

Around 18:00 at the central train station of the city of Bochum, a headscarf-wearing Turkish citizen was attacked with beer by an Islamophobic person.

### **GERMANY / October 4**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON THE MEMORY OF TURKISH NSU VICTIM - Zwickau**

An oak tree, which was planted in memory of Enver Simsek (first victim of the National Socialist Underground (NSU) terrorist organization) on the anniversary of his death, was cut down a month later by an unidentified person or persons.

### FRANCE / October 5

#### A TURKISH YOUTH WAS STABBED - Paris

A 15-year-old Turkish high school student was stabbed in a fight while trying to defend his friend and subsequently died.

### GERMANY / October 5

#### THREAT EMAIL TO THE MOSQUE - Pforzheim

DITIB Fatih Mosque in Pforzheim received an email with derogatory statements President Erdogan and threatened the most with these words: "Churches in Turkey???. The mosques in Germany will be bum bum bum in soon". After the first email the mosque received a second email about the match between Başakşehir and Borussia Mönchengladbach. It wrote: "Next Match: Germans will have a match against Ottomans. We will banish you, the Ottomans in Germany and Europe, mercilessly. While you have time, go back to your country. The cleaning will start in soon."

### SWITZERLAND / October 6

#### HATE SPEECH - Zurich

The SVP Party distributed posters depicting the FDP Party as "Radical Islam Defender". The court stopped this campaign.

### **GERMANY / October 8**

#### **HATE SPEECH TO TURKISH FOOTBALLER - Cologne**

Salih Ozcan, a member of FC. Cologne Football Team, and the German Youth National Team, sent his attorney in his place to a court hearing over an objection about a traffic fine. The judge made insulting statements in his absence, claiming that Ozcan did not attend the hearing without an excuse.

### **GERMANY / October 9**

#### **ATTACK ON CEMETERY - Wirges**

Three graves that were reserved for Muslims in Wirges town cemetery were destroyed by unidentified persons. One of these graves belonged to Turkish citizen Hafize D.

## GERMANY / October 10

### RACIST ATTACKER MURDERED TWO - Halle-Saale

The armed attacker, who failed to enter a synagogue, killed two people— one on the road and the other in a Turkish kebab shop.



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## GERMANY / October 13

### ATTACK ON ESSEN DITIB Central Mosque - Essen

Unidentified persons attacked the Essen Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB). In the attack, the donation box was demounted and removed.

**GERMANY / October 13****ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN - Cologne**

Turkish citizen Metin B., while living in Cologne, engaged in a loud argument with his girlfriend. Upon the complaint of his neighbors, the police came and asked his girlfriend "Did he beat you?" Despite receiving the answer "No" from his girlfriend, the police persisted, and it was alleged that Metin B. was assaulted by the police.

**AUSTRALIA / October 14****HATE SPEECH ON MUSLIMS - Melbourne**

The suspect of a terrorist act, who prepared a document called "The Patriot's Cookbook" in order to encourage violence against Muslims, was brought to court for learning to make handmade explosives (such as smoke bombs) through the internet and for learning how to strangle people with a piano cable.

**GERMANY / October 14****ATTACK ON TURKISH ENTERPRISE - Hamburg**

The windows of the Turkish-owned enterprise's Wansbek branch, which provides services in the telecommunication sector, were broken down in the morning.

### **GERMANY / October 15**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH GRAVES - Hannover**

In what is known as the Turkish graves in Hanover city, the tombstones of two Ottoman citizens, Mehmet and Hasan, who remained prisoners after the Second Vienna Siege in the 17th century and then lived in Germany, were broken.

### **FRANCE / October 17**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH STUDENT - St.Usage**

The trophy won by a Turkish student in a sports competition was taken back by the school principal in front of his friends because he performed a salute in the memory of Turkish soldiers. On the same day, it was discovered that the school principal called the parents and apologized by saying that the incident was a mistake. A group of youth clustered in front of the school and wanted to protest by contacting the "SOS rasisme" association.

### **FRANCE / October 18**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN - Hericourt**

A person working in the municipal hobby garden battered a Turkish woman and her children by attacking them and making racist threats.

**GERMANY / October 18****THREAT LETTER ON DITIB MOSQUE - Mutterstadt**

A hateful letter was sent to the Mutterstadt Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), close to Ludwigshafen. In the letter, sent to the mosque's mailbox, there were statements containing insults towards President Erdogan. After police discovered the identity of the perpetrator (detected from security camera footage), threat letters were sent to the mailboxes of 2 members of the mosque community a few day later.

**GERMANY / October 19****ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN'S HOUSE - Mainz**

A small hut located in a hobby garden belonging to Kerim M., a Turkish citizen residing in the city of Mainz, was set on fire. It is thought that the this attack occurred because of the Turkish flag located at the front of the hut.

**GERMANY / October 20****LEAFLET CONTAINING HATE SPEECH - Hamm**

Leaflets with the headings "Stop Islamism, protect the homeland, Islam is a religious political ideology, restrict freedom of religion, criticizing Islam must be free" were left to the mailboxes of residents by the far-right AfD Party.



**GERMANY / October 20**

**ATTACK ON TURKISH RESTAURANT - Reutlingen**

In Reutlingen, the windows of a restaurant owned by a Turkish citizen were broken by unidentified persons.

**GERMANY / October 20**

**ATTACK ON DITIB BUILDING - Karlsruhe**

"Kill your landlord" was written on the wall of the building affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

**GERMANY / October 21**

**ATTACK ON YOUNG PERSONS DURING SHOW OF SOLIDARITY WITH TURKEY - Recklinghausen**

During a show of solidarity with Turkey, two young participants aged 13 and 16 were attacked by the police.

**FRANCE / 24 Ekim**

**RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH STUDENT - Roanne**

A 17-year-old Turkish university student was kicked out from psychology class by his lecturer without any justification for wearing a Turkish national team uniform. When the student went to the authorities, the lecturer came and made allegations of a so-called genocide, saying that "When s/he saw the Turkish flag, s/he thought of the Nazi swastika".

**GERMANY / October 25****ATTACK ON THE CAR OF TURKISH FAMILY - Bremen**

A car that belonged to a Turkish family was set on fire in Bremen. A 22-year-old person who was allegedly connected to this incident was detained. The burned vehicle became unusable.

**GERMANY / October 27****ATTACK ON TURKISH RESTAURANT - Frankfurt**

A Turkish restaurant located in the district of Enkheim in Frankfurt, was attacked twice on the evening of October 27th and 28th; its windows were broken. It's claimed that the attack was carried out by a German neighbor and his friends, who had verbally and physically harassed the restaurant owner for a year. This incident was brought to court.

**GERMANY / October 28****THREAT LETTER TO MOSQUE - Berlin**

An Islamophobic letter was sent to a mosque affiliated with the Berlin Islamic Federation by mail.

**GERMANY / October 30****DITIB GREEN MOSQUE - Schwelm**

A severed pig's head was left in a bag for the Green Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) construction.

## GERMANY / October 31

### THREAT TO DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Cologne

A hoax bomb call was made to Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).



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## UNITED KINGDOM / November 1

### HATE SPEECH TO MUSLIMS

Lord Pearson targeted Muslims by describing their births as a conspiracy theory in Sky News.

**GERMANY / November 1****DITIB SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Wassenberg**

Selimiye Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was attacked by unidentified persons who left feces.

**GERMANY / November 1****ATTACK ON HAMBURG MEHMET AKIF ERSOY MOSQUE - Hamburg**

Racist texts were written on the wall of the Mehmet Mehmet Akif Ersoy Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB). A letter of threat was then sent to the mosque.

**GERMANY / November 4****THREAT LETTER TO DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Dortmund**

The phrase "Whoever worshipped for war, do not complain when it burns in flames" accompanied by a photograph depicting the burning of people was in the threatening letter sent to Dortmund Central Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

**GERMANY / November 6****ATTACK ON TURKISH RESTAURANT - Frankfurt**

A restaurant operated by a Turkish citizen in Enkheim, Frankfurt was attacked.

### **NETHERLANDS / November 8**

#### **HDV EYUP SULTAN MOSQUE - Zeist**

A letter of threat was sent to the Eyup Sultan Mosque affiliated with the Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV) in Zeist.

### **GERMANY / November 9**

#### **ATTACK ON CEMETERY - Wirges**

Previously attacked graves (October 9), which were reserved for Muslims in the cemetery of Wirges town, were destroyed by unidentified person or persons for the second time.

### **GERMANY / November 13**

#### **SCHWARZENBEK DITIB HZ. OMER MOSQUE - Hamburg**

A frame with the inscription "God was an artist. We should think of the artists first." was left to Schwarzenbek Hz. Omer Mosque, affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), in the early morning. A plate with a message "take your mosque and go" was hung beneath a tape on which "Goodbye Mosque" was written. The shoes were lined up on the stairs alongside an empty plastic bottle.

**GERMANY / November 13****INSULT TO A TURKISH DOCTOR AND SHOP OWNERS -****Dortmund**

An unidentified 63-year-old person, who was uncomfortable with Turkish citizens living in Dortmund voting for President Erdogan in the elections, sent dirty diapers inside envelopes to the addresses of Turkish doctors, businessmen, and tradesmen in the Dortmund-Huckarde district. About 60 complaints have been received by the security units since 2017 with regards to this matter and a person was taken into custody upon the directions of eyewitnesses, but was released. In these envelopes, which have been sent regularly every month for 2.5 years, there are handwritten offensive notes on Islam, DITIB, Mr. President, Turks and Turkey along with the dirty diapers.

**NETHERLANDS / November 16****HDV HACI BAYRAM MOSQUE - Alphen Aan de Rijn**

A threat containing a picture was sent to the Hacı Bayram Mosque affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV) by mail.

**NORWAY / November 16****RACIST AND ANTI-ISLAMIST DEMONSTRATION - Kristiansand**

According to the Norwegian state television news network NRK, a group demonstrating in the city of Kristiansand, where immigrants reside, wanted to burn the Quran. When the police did not allow this the leader of the group, Arne Tumyr, threw two Qurans into the trash.

### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA / November 17**

#### **INSULTS AND SWEARS AGAINST TURKEY - Monterey**

A signboard which read "Kusadasi, Turkey" to celebrate the sister city relationship between the city of Monterey in California and Kusadasi in Izmir was scratched out. Insults and swears against our Turkey were also written.

### **FRANCE / November 17**

#### **ATTACK ON MOSQUE AND THREAT LETTER - Gap**

Anti-Islamic phrases were written on the mosque wall in the city of Gap and a letter containing death threats was sent to the mosque imam.

### **LITHUANIA / November 17**

#### **ATTACK ON KAUNAS MOSQUE - Kaunas**

Two windows of the Kaunas Mosque, whose restoration was completed by TİKA in early 2019, about 100 km from Vilnius, were broken by three unidentified people.

### **GERMANY / November 19**

#### **ATTACK ON DITIB MOSQUE - Reutlingen**

The window of a mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) in the city of Reutlingen was broken and a few wooden doors in the interior were damaged.

**GERMANY / November 20****ATTACK ON A TURKISH CITIZEN IN TRAIN STATION - Hannover**

A headscarf-wearing Turkish citizen, Sengul S., was approached by a young German person running towards her when she was about to get off the train at the main train station of Hanover. This person insulted Turkish people and Muslims and hit her with his bag. She was taken to the hospital after the attack and had bruises on her body from the beating and falling on the ground.

**GERMANY / November 21****LIPPSTADT DITIB MEVLÂNA MOSQUE - Lippstadt**

A letter of threat was left in the mailbox of the Lippstadt Mevlâna Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) at night.

**GERMANY / November 22****THREAT LETTER TO MENDEN DITIB GREEN MOSQUE - Menden**

A letter of threat was sent to Menden Green Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB). The letter contained the message "You foreigners will leave from Menden and Germany until 31.12.2019. You are like an ulcer to be destroyed. Majority of Germans"



### **GERMANY / November 23**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON TURKISH COMPANY - Aachen**

Two vehicles belonging to a car rental company owned by a Turkish citizen in Aachen were set fire.

### **GERMANY / November 23**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON A TURKISH ENTERPRISE - Günzburg**

Racist slurs along with anti-Islamic and anti-Erdogan phrases were written in red on the truck bed of Turkish market.

### **GERMANY / November 23**

#### **PROPAGANDA FLYERS TO THE MAILBOXES OF TURKISH AND GERMAN CITIZENS - Essen**

The far-right organization "KRV Identity Movement" (Identitäre Bewegung Nordrhein Westfalen) distributed propaganda flyers to the mailboxes of Turkish and German citizens living in the same street in Essen, including to the Secretary the Consulate General of Turkey in Essen.

### **NETHERLANDS / November 24**

#### **HDV TUBA MOSQUE - Steenwijk**

An anti-Islamic banner containing the phrase " Jihadist Islam! Leave Europe for the Unified European People and Homeland," and belonging to a far-right and anti-Islamic political party "The Dutch People's Union," was hung on street light pole 70 meters from Tuba Mosque (affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV)).

### **BELGIUM / November 24**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON FOOTBALLER**

Turkish citizen Atilay E., who was playing in a football match, left the pitch and complained to the referee about the opposing team's supporters cheering "FC Taliban" every time he got the ball. The referee ended the match after the coach stated that they would not continue.

### **GERMANY / November 25**

#### **INSULTING MAIL TO DITIB MOSCHEE FORM - Cologne**

An e-mail with the sender name "Adolf Hitler" was sent to the visitor's section of the Moschee Form of the Cologne Central Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB). The e-mail contained insults toward the Prophet Muhammed and Muslims; it also included the message "Muslims are parasites. Go away."

### **GERMANY / November 25**

#### **DITIB MARTYRS MOSQUE - Berlin**

A letter containing a bomb attack threat was sent to Martyrs Mosque, affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), by far-right groups.

### **GERMANY / November 28**

#### **HATE SPEECH AT MARKET ANNOUNCEMENTS AREA - Verl-Sürenheide**

Advertisements with anti-Muslim expressions, prepared by a Christian-fundamentalist association called "Christliche Mitte" whose purpose is "to protect Christian Germany against Islamic domination for a Germany according to God's orders," along with the books of Adelgunde Mertensacker, were found at the area reserved for announcements in "Elli-Markt"— a market located in the city of Verl-Sürenheide.

### **GERMANY / December 1**

#### **RACIST ATTACK ON THE VEHICLE OF TURKISH CITIZEN - Günzburg**

On Reisenburg Street, which is Günzburg's busiest district, racist phrases were written with spray paint on a commercial vehicle owned by a Turkish pharmaceutical representative.

**GERMANY / December 3****ATTACK ON FUNERAL SERVICE VEHICLE - Günzburg**

Windows of a vehicle, which belonged to a funeral company operating under Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) in the city of Günzburg, were broken. Some money in the glove compartment was also stolen, a swastika was drawn and Islamophobic statements were written on the outside of the vehicle.



**GREECE / December 5**

**RACIST ATTACK ON EDUCATION INSTITUTION - Komotini**

The phrase "Pork is delicious" was written on the entrance wall of Xanthi Minority Middle School / High School belonging to the Western Thrace Turkish Minority.

**GERMANY / December 5**

**DITIB YAVUZ SULTAN SELIM MOSQUE - Mannheim**

An e-mail containing a bomb threat was sent to Yavuz Sultan Selim Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

## GERMANY / December 6

### ATTACK ON TURKISH ENTERPRISE - Berlin

An unidentified person drew a swastika and wrote "Get out" on the wall of a Turkish kebab shop in Berlin.



### **GERMANY / December 6**

#### **HANAU DITIB MOSQUE - Hanau**

A piece of meat from a pig was left at the entrance door of Hanau Mosque affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) during the early hours on Friday.

### **GERMANY / December 10**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH KIOSK - Berlin**

A red swastika sign was drawn on the windows and staircase entrance of a kiosk operated by Kenan Y., Turkish citizen in the district of Neuköln in Berlin.

### **NETHERLANDS / December 12**

#### **ATTACK ON HDV GRAND MOSQUE - Leeuwarden**

The phrase "Turkey is excommunicated from the community of believers" was written in Arabic on the entrance of the Grand Mosque affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV).

**DENMARK / December 12****HATE SPEECH TO DENMARK TURKISH RELIGIOUS FOUNDATION  
MOSQUE AND CULTURAL CENTER - Ballerup**

A group of young people, who identified as Generation Identiter, launched a campaign against the Mosque and Cultural Center of the Denmark Turkish Religious Foundation, which was under construction in Ballerup. The group hung banners on street posts and distributed flyers to the mailboxes of people living in Ballerup with the slogan of "New Erdogan Mosque is being constructed in Ballerup" and "Enjoy the New Erdogan Mosque in Ballerup".

**GERMANY / December 12****ATTACK ON CEMETERY - Nuremberg**

In Nuremberg, the cemetery belonging to Turkish people and Muslims was destroyed by vehicle. Many tombstones were overturned and the photos on the tombs were damaged.

**GERMANY / December 13****IGMG OSMANGAZI MOSQUE - Ulm**

In the Osman Gazi Mosque, affiliated with Islamic Community Milli Görüş (IGMG), the prayer hall was contaminated by an unidentified persons and a copy of the Quran was destroyed.



### **DENMARK / December 14**

#### **ATTACK ON DENMARK TURKISH RELIGIOUS FOUNDATION BUILDING - Copenhagen**

On a day when the Denmark Turkish Religious Foundation was closed, a far-right group, known as Generation Identiter, hung a banner that said "Erdogan! Stop Islamizing the Europe" from the roof of the Foundation. They also shared on their website a statement with the photographs of what they had done.

### **DENMARK / December 14**

#### **ATTACK ON DENMARK TURKISH RELIGIOUS FOUNDATION - Glostrup**

Some members of Generation Identiter went up on the roof of the Denmark Turkish Religious Foundation (DTDV), based in Glostrup, and hung a banner with the slogan "Erdogan, Stop Islamization works in Europe". They also posted the video footage of these actions on their social media channel.

### **SWITZERLAND / December 17**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH AIRLINES AGENT - Bern**

Unidentified people harassed a Turkish Airlines agent in Bern by spraying adhesive to the door lock of their travel agency. This is the only authorized Turkish Airlines Agency in Bern.

**GERMANY / December 17****ATTACK ON POLITICIAN'S HOME - Berlin**

The home of Cem Ozdemir, a German politician of Turkish descent, was attacked with stones and the windows were broken.

**GERMANY / December 20****DITIB MURADIYE MOSQUE - Berlin**

An insulting letter with the statement "Build beautiful mosques for us to tie up our pigs" was sent to Muradiye Mosque, affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), by a far-right organization called Prince Eugen Group.

**GERMANY / December 20****ATTACKS ON HOUSES OF TURKISH FAMILIES - Offenburg**

Red cross marks were drawn at the entrance of the houses of 6 Turkish families, who were working in the administration of the Offenburg Mosque (affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB)).

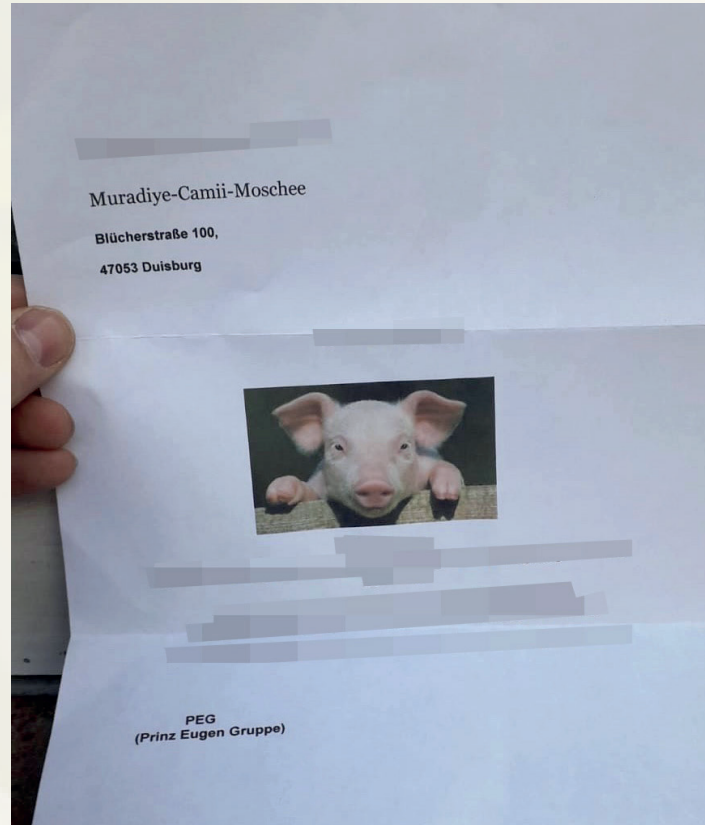
**GERMANY / December 23****HATE SPEECH AGAINST TURKISH DEPUTY - Hamburg**

Under the pictures of 121 deputies on the wall of the Hamburg City hall, a sticker with the words "PLS DIE" (Please die) was attached to the picture of Nebahat Guclu, an independent member of the Hamburg state parliament. The emblem was similar to that of the far-right organization 'Identitär'.

## GERMANY / December 23

### DITIB MURADIYE MOSQUE - Duisburg

An insulting letter with the statement "Build beautiful mosques for us to tie up our pigs" was sent for the second time to Muradiye Mosque, affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), by a far-right organization called Prince Eugen Group.



### **SWEDEN / December 24**

#### **THREAT LETTER TO ISLAMIC CULTURAL ASSOCIATION - Stockholm**

A letter of threat was sent to the Islamic Cultural Association in Trollhättan, stating "Leave Sweden immediately or your children will die" and "there will be murders in mosques and outdoor spaces in 26 days."

### **GERMANY / December 25**

#### **DITIB LEHRTE SELIMIYE MOSQUE - Hannover**

A letter containing insulting statements and pictures about Islam was left in the mailbox of the Lehrte Selimiye Mosque, which is affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **NETHERLANDS / December 31**

#### **ATTACK ON HDV GRAND MOSQUE - Sliedrecht**

An arson attempt was made at the Grand Mosque (affiliated with Netherlands Religious Foundation (HDV)) by an unidentified person who tried to set fire by pouring a caustic on the wooden fences while members of the mosque were performing the evening prayer.





**PKK TERRORIST  
ORGANIZATION'S ATTACKS  
TARGETING TURKISH CITIZENS  
ABROAD IN 2019**

## **PKK TERRORIST ORGANIZATION'S ATTACKS TARGETING TURKISH CITIZENS ABROAD IN 2019**

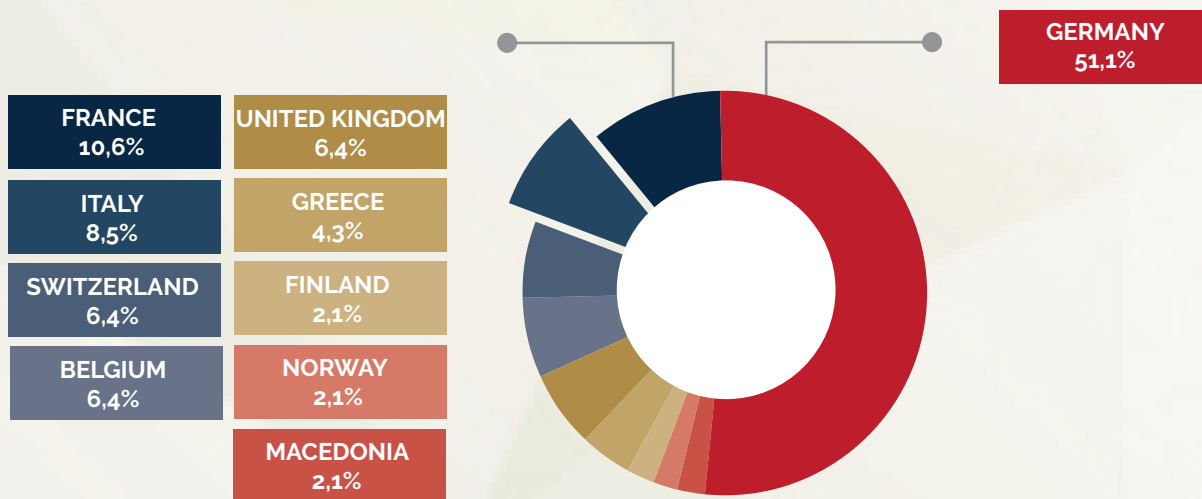
**A**ttacks committed by the PKK terrorist organization against Turkish citizens abroad continued in 2019. Against the backdrop of the rising wave of Islamophobic and racist attacks against Muslims and Turkish people, the PKK terrorist organization started targeting more civilians, with 46 attacks in 2018 and 47 in 2019.

Of the 47 attacks the PKK terrorist organization was responsible for in 2019, 38 (80.8%) were carried out in 10 separate countries in Europe in October, right when Turkey's Operation Peace Spring had begun.

Attacks carried out by the PKK terrorist organization were most frequent in Germany (same as other hate crimes/attacks carried out against Turkish citizens). In Germany, 24 attacks were recorded in 2019. The numbers of attacks by countries are as follows:

COUNTRY	NUMBER
GERMANY	24
FRANCE	5
ITALY	4
SWITZERLAND	3
BELGIUM	3
UNITED KINGDOM	3
GREECE	2
FINLAND	1
MACEDONIA	1
NORWAY	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>

### Distribution of PKK Terrorist Attacks Abroad by Country



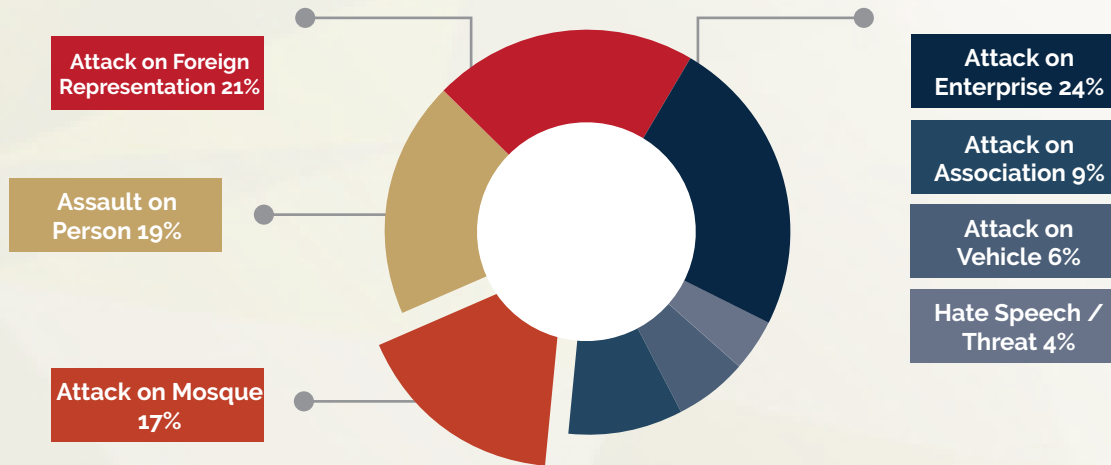


Foreign representatives, Turkish citizens, and Turkish-owned enterprises were the top three targets of the PKK terrorist organization's attacks. The distribution of attacks is as follows:

ATTACK TYPE	NUMBER
Attack on Enterprise	11
Attack on Foreign Representation	10
Assault on Person	9
Attack on Mosque	8
Attack on Association	4
Attack on Vehicle	3
Hate Speech / Threat	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>

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### Distribution of PKK Terrorist Attacks Abroad by Type



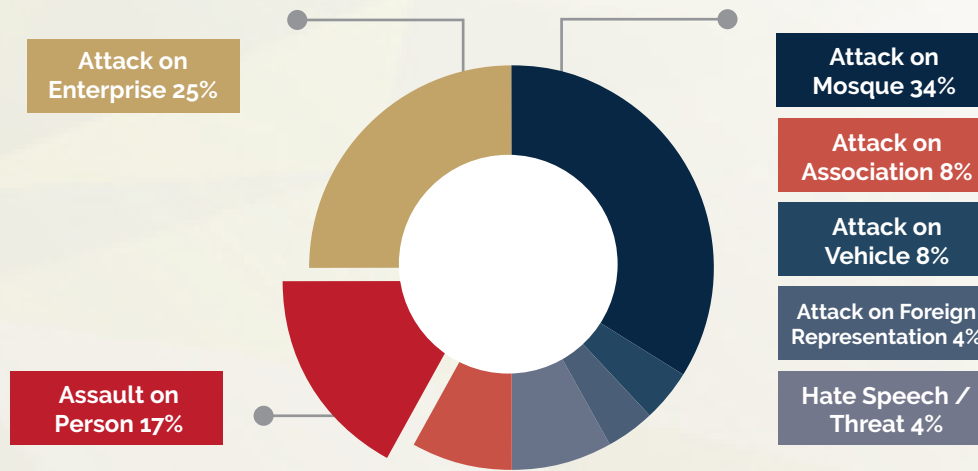
In Germany, where PKK terrorist attacks are the most common, the attacks mainly target mosques. The frequency of PKK terrorist attacks in Germany by type are as follows:

ATTACK TYPE	NUMBER
Attack on Mosque	8
Attack on Enterprise	6
Assault on Person	4
Attack on Association	2
Attack on Vehicle	2
Attack on Foreign Representation	1
Hate Speech / Threat	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

115

The proportional distribution of attacks by type is below.

### Distribution of PKK Terrorist Attacks in Germany by Type



As the graph above shows, mosques and Turkish citizens abroad are not only targeted by those motivated by Islamophobia and racism, but also by the PKK terrorist organization. In the last part of this report, the attacks caused by PKK terrorism targeting Turkish citizens abroad will be listed in chronological order.

## **PKK TERRORIST ORGANIZATION'S ATTACKS TARGETING TURKISH CITIZENS ABROAD IN 2019**

**BELGIUM / February 2**

### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CAFE - Anvers**

PKK supporters attacked a cafe operated by Turkish citizens in Anvers.

**BELGIUM / February 3**

### **ARMED ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZENS - Anvers**

As a result of an armed attack by PKK supporters against three Turkish citizens, one of the Turkish citizens died and two were seriously injured.

**UNITED KINGDOM / April 8**

### **ATTACK ON KAHRAMANMARASLILAR ASSOCIATION - London**

Kahramanmaraşlılar Education and Culture Association was attacked.

### **GERMANY / June 28**

#### **ATTACK ON DITIB CENTRAL MOSQUE - Kassel**

"YPG" (an acronym for the PKK terrorist organization) was written on the street-facing walls of the Central Mosque affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

### **FRANCE / October 8**

#### **ATTACK ON SUPERMARKET - Paris**

"PKK" was written on the market door of the mosque affiliated with Islamic Community Milli Görüş (CIMG)

### **ITALY / October 10**

#### **TERRORIST ATTACK ON FOREIGN MISSION - GENOA**

A paint attack was carried out on the Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey in Genoa.

## GERMANY / October 10

### ATTACKS ON MOSQUE AND CLUBHOUSE - Bad Salzuflen

The Turkish flag in front of the Mevlâna Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was stolen and the clubhouse was attacked and damaged. The windows were also broken by a fire extinguisher being thrown at the building.



## **BELGIUM / October 11**

### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZENS - Liege**

Turkish citizens were attacked in Liege.

## **GERMANY / October 11**

### **VEHICLE ARSON - Berlin**

A vehicle belonging to a Turkish citizen was set on fire and destroyed.





### **GERMANY / October 11**

#### **ATTACK ON VEHICLE OF FOREIGN MISSION - Berlin**

A vehicle with a diplomatic plate belonging to Turkish Embassy in Berlin was sabotaged; the vehicle was burned completely and became unusable.

### **GERMANY / October 11**

#### **TERROR ATTACK ON CLINIC - Hamburg**

An attack was carried out on a Turkish doctor's clinic in Hamburg.

### **GERMANY / October 11**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH YOUTHS - Bochum**

A vehicle belonging to young Turkish people, wearing star and crescent t-shirts, was first blocked and then attacked with baseball bats. The vehicle was damaged while the youths managed to escape.

### **FRANCE / October 12**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZENS - Strasbourg**

A group, protesting Operation Peace Spring, attacked Turkish citizens with baseball bats.

**SWITZERLAND / October 12**

**HATE EXPRESSION - Basel**

Turkish flag was burned in Basel.

**SWITZERLAND / October 12**

**ATTACK ON FOREIGN MISSION - Bern**

During an attempt to attack the Turkish Embassy in Bern, police had to use anti-riot vehicles.

**ITALY / October 12**

**ATTACK ON ENTERPRISE - Rome**

The Turkish Airlines counter was occupied at Rome Fiumicino Airport and passengers were blocked from passing.

**ITALY / October 12**

**ATTACK ON FOREIGN MISSION - Rome**

Anti-Turkey slogans were written on the wall of the Turkish Culture and Tourism Office.

**GERMANY / October 12**

**ATTACK ON TURKISH SUPERMARKET - Nuremberg**

Approximately 1.500 people attacked a Turkish market located in the south of Nuremberg. Despite the intervention of the police, the attackers injured market owner Mustafa S. and his son Omer S.

**GERMANY / October 12**

**ATTACK ON TURKISH WORKERS ASSOCIATION - Villingen  
Schwenningen**

Two people were injured in an attack on the Turkish Workers Association.

**GERMANY / October 13**

**HATE EXPRESSION - Regensburg**

The Turkish flag was burned in Regensburg.

**FINLAND / October 14**

**ATTACK ON FOREIGN MISSION - Helsinki**

The windows of the building of the Turkish Embassy in Helsinki were broken.

**FRANCE / October 14**

**ATTACK ON THE VEHICLE OF TURKS - Mantes-la-Jolie**

Following the France-Turkey football match, there was an attack on a moving vehicle with a Turkish flag.

### GERMANY / October 14

#### ATTACK ON TURKISH KIOSK - Herne

In Herne, 350 people gathered at a PKK terrorist organization protest, attacked a Turkish kiosk, and injured two people.

### GERMANY / October 14

#### ATTACK ON TURKISH CAFE - Herne

In Herne, 350 people gathered at the PKK terrorist organization protest, attacked a Turkish cafe (after attacking the Turkish kiosk) and injured one police officer and one civilian.



**GERMANY / October 14**

**ATTACK ON SPORT CLUB - Pforzheim**

An attack with Molotov cocktails was carried out on the Fatihspor Club in Pforzheim and approximately 100.000 euros in damage occurred.

**UNITED KINGDOM / October 15**

**ATTACK ON ICMG ASSOCIATION - London**

Slogans of terrorist organizations were written on the walls of Islamic Community National-Vision (ICMG) office.

**NORTH MACEDONIA / October 15**

**ATTACK ON HISTORICAL BAZAAR - Skopje**

Poster of President Erdogan were defaced with red paint. They hung in one of the shops in the historical Skopje bazaar along with an anti-Turkey banner.

**GERMANY / October 15**

**ATTACK ON DITIB YAVUZ SULTAN SELIM MOSQUE - Offenbach**

The walls of Yavuz Sultan Selim Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), were defaced and some item were damaged.

**GERMANY / October 15****ATTACK ON A YOUNG GIRL - Stuttgart**

Turkish citizen Hatice C., a young girl dressed in a camouflage suit with a crescent and a star, was first verbally and then physically assaulted. Her right eye of the young girl was bruised from a blow.

**GERMANY / October 15****ATTACK ON DITIB HERNE MOSQUE - Herne**

The windows of the Herne Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), were broken and slogans were chanted in favor of the PKK terrorist organization. After the mosque's doors were closed, the windows of the neighboring Turkish workplaces were broken and buildings were damaged.

**FRANCE / October 16****ATTACK ON CONSULATE GENERAL - Lyon**

The building of the Consulate General of Turkey in Lyon was defaced with spray paint.

**FRANCE / October 16****ATTACK ON CONSULATE GENERAL - Nantes**

During an attack against the Consulate General of Turkey in Nantes, terrorism-related phrases were written on the building's wall. Some of the walls were also painted green and gasoline was poured around the building.

### GERMANY / October 16

#### ATTACK ON DITIB EYUP SULTAN MOSQUE - Leipzig

Eyup Sultan Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB) and located in the city of Leipzig, was attacked. Pitch balls were used and the building was damaged.

### GERMANY / October 16

#### KNIFE ATTACK - Lüdenscheid

A German citizen of Turkish descent was stabbed in the back and seriously injured.



**GREECE / October 17**

**ATTACK ON ATATURK HOUSE - Thessaloniki**

There was an attempted attack on the Ataturk House, in the garden of the Consulate General of Turkey, in Thessaloniki.

**GERMANY / October 17**

**VEHICLE ARSON - Ludwigsburg**

The vehicle of a Turkish citizen living in Ludwigsburg was set on fire.



## GERMANY / October 20

### ATTACK ON DITIB EVING GRAND MOSQUE - Dortmund

The Eving Grand Mosque, affiliated with the Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB), was attacked with a molotov cocktail. A small fire was started and it caused damage to the mosque.



### **GERMANY / October 23**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH COFFEEHOUSE - Herne**

A Turkish coffeehouse in Herne was attacked for the second time.

### **GERMANY / October 25**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH PASSANGERS - Frankfurt**

Supporters of the PKK terrorist organization, who protested at Frankfurt Airport and occupied the Turkish Airlines (THY) transaction box, attacked Turkish passengers.

### **ITALY / October 26**

#### **ATTACK ON CONSULATE GENERAL - Milano**

A group gathered in front of the Consulate General of Turkey in Milan, set the area on fire, and attacked the police with fireworks.

### **NORWAY / October 26**

#### **ATTACK ON VEHICLE - Oslo**

A vehicle driven by a family returning from a demonstration of support for Peace Spring Operation was attacked.

**SWITZERLAND / October 27**

**ATTACK ON TURKISH AIRLINES AGENCY - Bern**

The windows of the authorized Turkish Airlines agency in Bern were broken, and "Crush Turkish Fascism" was written on the walls.

**GERMANY / November 7**

**ATTACK ON DITIB MOSQUE - Ludwigsburg**

PKK / YPG was written on the courtyard wall of Ludwigsburg Mosque affiliated with Turkish-Islamic Union for Religious Affairs (DITIB).

**GERMANY / November 15**

**ATTACK ON SULTAN AHMET MOSQUE - Billstedt**

"PKK" was written on the windows of the Sultan Ahmet Mosque with spray paint.

**GERMANY / November 23**

**ATTACK ON FOOTBALL CLUB SALES KIOSK - Pforzheim**

A wooden sales kiosk on the field side of Pforzheim Fatihspor Football Club was set on fire.

### **UNITED KINGDOM / December 12**

#### **ATTACK ON TURKISH CITIZEN - Leeds**

Turkish student Eren B. responded to anti-Turkish propaganda at a booth in the city center in Leeds by stating, "We have no problem with the Kurds, we are fighting the PKK terrorist organization." Five people who said "I am the PKK" physically assaulted Eren B. and destroyed his phone by throwing it to the ground.

### **GREECE / December 23**

#### **ATTACK ON DIPLOMAT'S VEHICLE - Thessaloniki**

In the city of Thessaloniki, the vehicle of a diplomat who worked at the Consulate General of Turkey in Thessaloniki was attacked.



