Freedom House and partners, under our joint initiative United to Confront Hate-Motivated Violence in Ukraine, seek to improve Ukraine’s policies to prevent and respond to hate-motivated violence. Our efforts unite communities targeted with hate-motivated violence in a broad coalition aimed at monitoring, documenting, and analyzing hate-motivated crimes and incidents in Ukraine. Equipped with data gathered from both open sources and interviews, we develop and advocate for policies to more effectively tackle hate-motivated violence.

This Hate Monitor is a snapshot of monitoring, documentation, and verification of incidents by a network of 26 monitors across the country. The subject of the monitoring is incidents of hate-motivated violence and violence against events organized to promote the rights of communities targeted with hate-motivated violence.

Identified Incidents | 38

- **Physical Assault**: 23
- **Property Damage**: 1
- **Offensive Graffiti**: 0
- **Desegregation of Graves**: 1
- **Damage to Religious Buildings**: 13
- **Verbal Harassment**: 0

**Hate-Motivated Incidents**

- Identified Incidents: 38
- Complaints Submitted to Police: 2

**Contextual Information**

Russia’s full-scale invasion has exacerbated the existing challenges for vulnerable communities. In November, the Russian army shot dead 28 Roma people in the occupied territory of Donetsk region, claiming they poisoned a group of Russian soldiers with vodka. In December, a Roma family of eight people, including four children, was shot dead in occupied Makivka. One case of antisemitism was recorded in Uzhhorod. On December 24, antisemitic inscriptions appeared on the wall at Teatralna Square, calling for the murder of Jewish people and their expulsion from the country. While the incident will be difficult to qualify as a hate crime given that the perpetrators did not write the inscriptions directly on a Jewish site, the police have nonetheless launched an investigation.

**Statistics by Region**

- On December 18, about ten men in masks and balaclavas displayed a poster stating “LGBT+ destroy the family” at a concert of LGBT+ singer Melovin in Kyiv. The refusal of the venue’s security staff to act and the friendly manner police engaged with the men, highlight the persistent discrimination that the LGBT+ community faces from both regular citizens and state institutions. Death threats on social media against LGBT+ activist Edward Reese which began when the leader of the right-wing radical organization C14 tweeted a photo of Reese with a homophobic caption – further demonstrates the need for advocacy galvanizing public support for measures that counter hate-motivated violence.

**Targeted Characteristic of Victim**

- Ethnicity: 39%
- SOGIE: 40%
- Other: 57%