

# NEWSLETTER



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## EDITORIAL NOTE

We are delighted to share with you our October 2023 Newsletter!

This issue of the Newsletter showcases events and publications relevant to the field of SOAR work.

As per our monthly tradition, the SOAR team identified 191 media-documented attacks against places of worship and related incidents during the month of October 2023.



# Ten Million for Security at Jewish Schools & Synagogues

**WHERE: SWEDEN**

The Swedish government is providing ten million for security at Jewish schools and synagogues. The increased allocation for security measures in the 2024 budget bill is also viewed positively, as it signals the government's commitment to strengthening security and combating anti-Semitism during these challenging times.

Read more [here](#).



# Increasing Security around Jewish Schools & Synagogues

**WHEN: OCTOBER**

**WHERE: GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN, BELGIUM**

In light of recent tensions, there has been a sharp increase in hate attacks and discrimination against different communities across Europe. To counter these security concerns a number of European governments (e.g., France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium) implemented a set of measures aimed at increasing the security of Jewish institutions.

Read more [here](#), and [here](#).



# Antisemitic Cases in Switzerland

**WHEN: OCTOBER**

**WHERE: SWITZERLAND**

The Swiss Association of Jewish Communities (SIG) has reported approximately 32 anti-Semitic attacks in Switzerland since the onset of the conflict with Hamas on October 7th. This marks a significant increase from the usual annual count of around 50 cases. Notably, there has been a surge in serious anti-Semitic incidents, including physical assaults.

Read more [here](#).



# Antisemitic Cases in Austria

**WHEN: OCTOBER**

**WHERE: AUSTRIA**

In October 2023, antisemitic incidents have tripled in Austria compared to the previous year. Since the recent escalation of violence between Hamas and Israel, the Vienna Jewish Community (IKG) has documented 76 antisemitic attacks, representing a 300% increase compared to the whole of 2022.

Read more [here](#).





# Antisemitic incidents in Germany

**WHEN: OCTOBER**

**WHERE: GERMANY**

A recent report from the Federal Association of Departments for Research and Information on Antisemitism (RIAS) has recorded 202 antisemitic incidents in Germany between October 7th and 15th. These incidents surged in the week following the attack on Israel, representing a 240% increase compared to the same period last year.

Read more [here](#).



# Islamophobic Cases in Germany

**WHEN: OCTOBER**

**WHERE: GERMANY**

Claim has raised concerns about a surge in anti-Muslim racism in Germany amid the ongoing Middle East conflict. Within the past two and a half weeks, Claim has documented 53 cases of anti-Muslim threats, violence, and discrimination, averaging three incidents per day. Claim also suspects a significant number of unreported incidents, encompassing anti-Muslim agitation on social media.

Read more [here](#).



# Antisemitic incidents in Berlin

**WHEN: OCTOBER**  
**WHERE: GERMANY**

As of October 18, 2023, RIAS Berlin has recorded 70 anti-Semitic incidents. This numbers are preliminary. The 70 documented incidents mark a threefold increase in anti-Semitic incidents compared to the same period in the previous year when 25 incidents were recorded. The increase underscores a concerning surge in anti-Semitism.

Read more [here](#).



# Islamophobia online

**WHEN: OCTOBER**  
**WHERE: ONLINE**

The Institute for Strategic Dialogue, reports a spike in islamophobia online. According to ISD “The number of posts containing anti-Muslim keywords spiked during the weekend of Hamas’ terrorist attacks on 7-8 October, resulting in a 422% increase from the previous two days. The entire week of Hamas’ terrorist attacks (7-13 Oct) saw an increase of 250% in anti-Muslim hate compared to the previous week.”

Read more [here](#).



# Online follow-up meeting to women's Safety & Security Training

WHEN: 31ST OCTOBER

WHERE: ONLINE

On the 31st of October, the SOAR Project organised an Online follow-up Meeting on Women's Safety and Security Training. The online event obtained feedback as well as provided additional information and useful resources surrounding the issue of women's safety and security.

If you would like to register for the upcoming events please do so [here](#).



## ONLINE FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO WOMEN'S SAFETY & SECURITY TRAINING



31 October 2023



Online



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07 November 2023



Online



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# Online follow-up meeting to women's Safety & Security Training

WHEN: 07 NOVEMBER

WHERE: ONLINE

On the 07th of November, the SOAR Project organised an Online follow-up Meeting on Women's Safety and Security Training. The online event obtained feedback as well as provided additional information and useful resources surrounding the issue of women's safety and security.

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# Online follow-up meeting to women's Safety & Security Training

WHEN: 14 NOVEMBER

WHERE: ONLINE

On the 14th of November, the SOAR Project organised an Online follow-up Meeting on Women's Safety and Security Training. The online event obtained feedback as well as provided additional information and useful resources surrounding the issue of women's safety and security.

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21 November 2023



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# Online follow-up meeting to women's Safety & Security Training

WHEN: OCTOBER

WHERE: GERMANY

On the 21st of November, the SOAR Project organised an Online follow-up Meeting on Women's Safety and Security Training. The online event obtained feedback as well as provided additional information and useful resources surrounding the issue of women's safety and security.

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# ONLINE SURVEY



**FRENCH**

**ENGLISH**

**GERMAN**

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East is significantly affecting the security and stability of European communities. Recent incidents underscore the growing security apprehensions in Europe. Amid this conflict, religious communities in Europe, especially the Jewish and Muslim communities, are witnessing a notable surge in hate-related attacks.

This survey aims to gather information regarding cases of incidents at and against places of worship following the start of the Middle East conflict. It seeks to raise awareness of the prevailing threats faced by religious sites and communities in Europe.



# Media Documented Attacks Against Places of Worship and Related Incidents

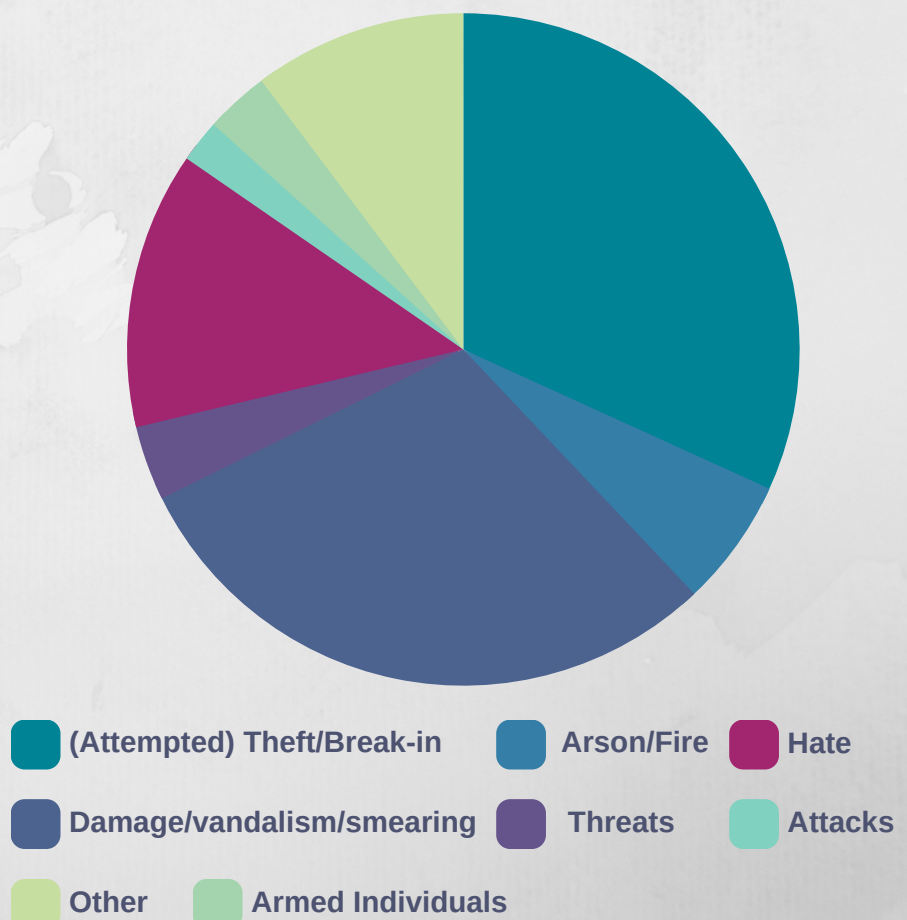
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The following numbers do not represent the true extent of attacks against religious sites within the given timeframe. Rather, it is a representation of some incidents presented in and covered by the media (including social media).

## Place of Worship

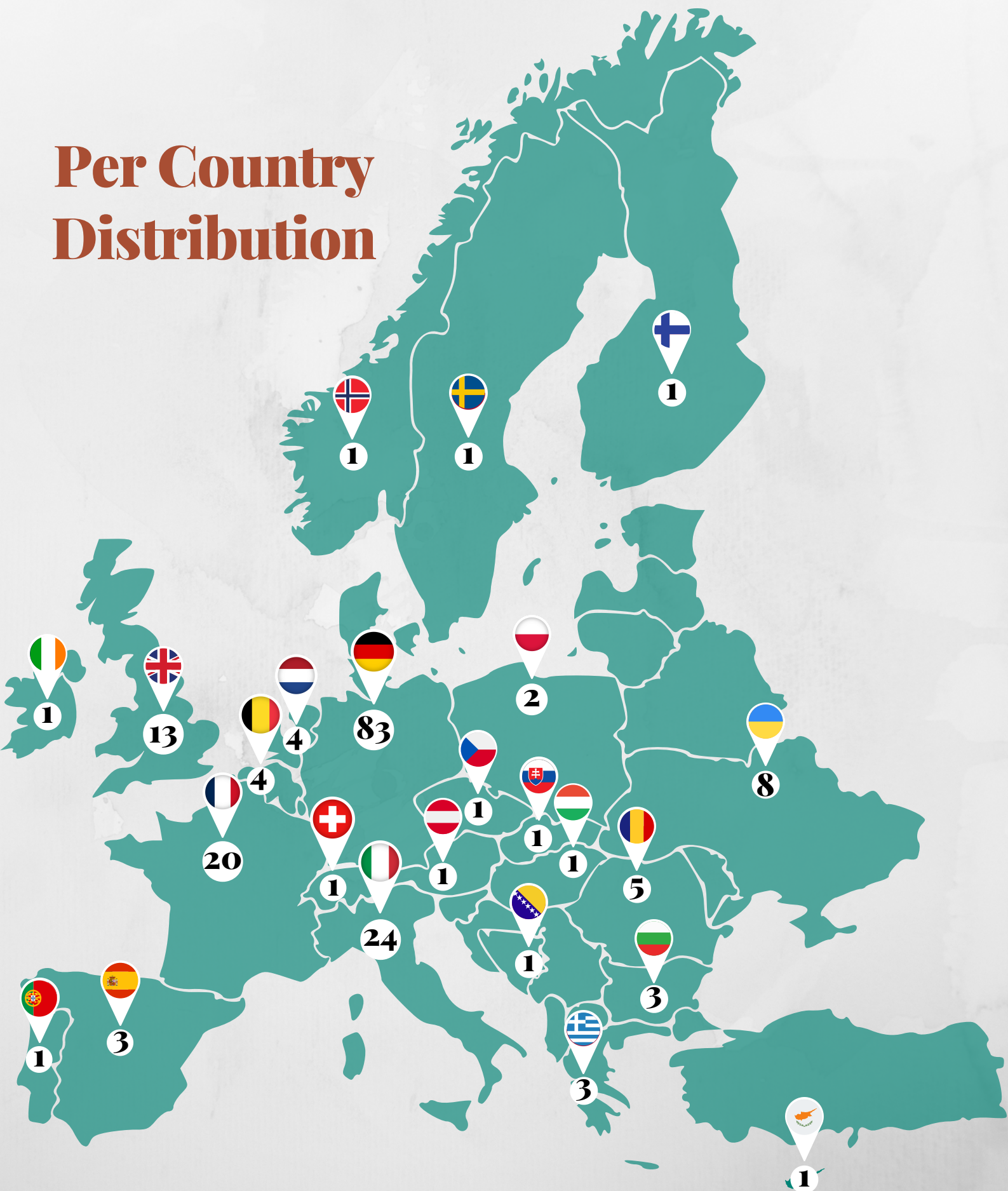


**191**  
Attacks & Related  
Incidents





# Per Country Distribution



\*We would like to commend the German authorities for excellent reporting of crimes against places of worship on the [PressePortal](#).



# Women & Youth Safety & Security Training

The SOAR Project is committed to help keep communities safe. As part of our project we deliver women and youth safety and security training.

If you would like to request a SOAR training please do so [Here](#).

Registration for upcoming events: [Here](#).



## WOMEN & YOUTH SAFETY & SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING

**Register Now**



## SOAR RESOURCES

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SOAR is delighted to present to you the most important publications in the field of security of places of worship.

Our Resources page contains SOAR and other publications that are designed to aid you in keeping your place of worship safe.

The Resources page is available [Here](#).

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