

Cases and rulings

Country Code	Year	Reference details title	Reference details URL	Hate Bias motivation	Court / Body	Key facts of the case	Results (sanctions, outcome) and key consequences or implications of the case	Main reasoning / argumentation	Key issues (concepts, interpretations) clarified by the case	Key quotation in original language and translated into English with reference details
Cyprus	2022	Cyprus, Commissioner for administration and human rights: Self-initiated position of the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights regarding the attacks against foreign delivers of cooked food, Ref. AYT-1/2022	http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/All/633CF8977FF59ED6C2587ED0034038C/\$file/AYT_1_2022.pdf?OpenElement	Racial or ethnic origin	Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights	In February 2022 a video was circulated on social media showing a group of teenagers attacking migrant delivery workers in the centre of Nicosia. The Ombudsperson issued a statement in relation to this attack, calling on the Ministry of Education to intensify its efforts in offering seminars and trainings to children in primary education so that when they grow up they will not harbour sentiments of hate, and on the police to intensify its efforts to investigate the incident, encouraging people to report racist crimes and record all incidents so as to promote understanding of the extent of the phenomenon.	The report did not lead to any specific outcome. The Ministry of Education did not adopt any measures as a result and the police decided not to prosecute the perpetrators.	Although police investigation was still under way at the time that the report was issued, the Ombudsperson stated that the incident is prima facie racially motivated; as a result state services must act quickly, effectively and fear for entire population groups that can lead to social tensions.	Racial attacks constitute an attack not only against the particular victim but also against the wider group with whom the victim shares similar characteristics, generating feelings of humiliation or fear for entire population groups that can lead to social tensions.	"Παρότι η Αστυνομία άρχισε ... την διερεύνηση του εν λόγω περιστατικού γι' αυτό και δεν θα υπεισέλθω στην σφαίρα που εγγίζει την έσχατη των αρμοδιοτήτων και καθηκόντων της κατά το στάδιο που αυτή διεξάγεται, δεν μπορώ όμως να μην μαρτυρώ αυτενέργητα, εξαιτίας της σοβαρότητας των περιστατικών, δεδομένου ότι εκ πρώτης όψεως φαίνεται να πρόκειται για ρατσιστικές βιαιές επιθέσεις, που στοχεύουν στα τυπικά ανθρώπους, εξαιτίας του επαγγέλματός τους (δουλεύει φωνητά σε μοτοποδήλατα) είτε είναι, είτε εκλαμβάνονται ότι είναι, αλλοδαποί. " "Although the police have begun ... to investigate the incident in question, so I will not interfere with their competencies at the stage at which they are exercised. I cannot but intervene ex officio ... because of the seriousness of the incidents, given that prima facie it appears to be violent racist attacks, blindly targeting people because of their occupation (food distributors on mopeds) whether they are, or are perceived to be, foreigners."

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