



# Antisemitism overview - Albania

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Albania in 2014-2024

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# 1. Albania

The country overview provides a descriptive analysis of the available official and unofficial data. ‘Official data’ refers to those collected by law enforcement agencies, authorities that are part of criminal justice systems and relevant state ministries. ‘Unofficial data’ refers to those collected by civil society organisations, including Jewish community organisations. All data presented are based on the countries and organisations’ own definitions and categorisations of antisemitism. Some of these draw on the IHRA Working definition of antisemitism, which was endorsed by all EU member states, except Malta. Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia also adopted the IHRA Working definition on antisemitism. <sup>(i)</sup> Where available, the country overview provides a breakdown of the data by month following 7 October 2023, showing stark increases in recorded antisemitic incidents following the Hamas attacks and the ensuing military intervention in Gaza.

This publication is part of a larger series of overviews of antisemitic incidents. FRA and its predecessor (the EU Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia) have monitored antisemitism since 2004.

## 1.1. Official data

The authorities in Albania have a system for data collection in place. However, they have not recorded any antisemitic incidents between 2020 and 2023, according to the information provided to FRA by the NLO.

Antisemitic expressions in Albania are found after the 7 October 2023 attacks of Hamas on Israel, where Jews are blamed for the situation of the population in Gaza, specifically:

In 2024, one incident was registered by the police and referred to the Shkodra Prosecutor's Office for citizen S. H., suspected for the criminal offense of “Incitement to hatred or strife” and “Call for national hatred”, provided for by articles 265 and 266 of the Criminal Code, as this citizen has subsequently made on the social networks “Facebook” and “Instagram” publications of videos and statements containing national hatred, mainly against the state of Israel, the USA and Western countries.

## 1.2. Unofficial data

No unofficial data were available when this report was compiled.

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- (i) See an overview of EU Member States and accession countries that adopted the [working definition of antisemitism](#) by the 2016 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.