



Antisemitism overview - Portugal

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in Portugal in 2014-2024

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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. ⁽ⁱ⁾ 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 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

No official data are available for Portugal.

1.2. Unofficial data

According to input from the NLO, the Lisbon Jewish Community reported antisemitic incidents in 2023 and 2024, which include:

- On the celebration of the Restoration of the State of Israel day, at the S. Jorge cinema in Lisbon, groups threw eggs and paint at guests, including at members of the Portuguese Parliament;
- Several inscriptions were written on walls, including a slogan "from the river to the sea";
- Israelis and partners businesses were vandalized;
- Blogs and online debates featured serious anti-Semitic speeches and demonstrations;

- Many graffiti depicting symbols such as "swastika";
- Swastikas were placed on Oporto's Synagogue door;
- Demonstration against Zionist tenants in Oporto.

FRA desk research further noted, an incident of inflammatory comments against Jewish Portuguese citizen during the act of casting a vote in national election.

In 2024, the Jewish community also reported that anti-Jewish success, anti-Israelism and antisemitism are increasingly mixed and "Jews of other nations are the target of Israel's haters". (ii)

The Israeli Embassy denounced rise of hate speech in Portugal, quoting an incident of a graffiti with the inscription "death to Nazi-Zionism" in the centre of Lisbon, near sites of Jewish heritage. (iii)

(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.

(ii) [Antisemitism continues its unstoppable path in Portugal - The Portuguese Jewish News](#)

(iii) [Messages inciting hatred against Jews and Israel have been appearing in different cities across Portugal.](#)