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**National Council of Canadian Muslims  
(NCCM)**

**2016 ODIHR Hate Crime Report**

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## ABOUT NCCM

The National Council of Canadian Muslims (hereafter NCCM) is a national, not-for-profit, non-partisan grassroots human rights and civil liberties organization that professionally represents the concerns of Canadian Muslims.

## AREAS OF ACTION

NCCM approaches its human rights and civil liberties mandate by focusing on 4 areas of action:

- Anti-Discrimination Case Work
- Community Education & Outreach
- Public Advocacy
- Media Engagement

NCCM advocates on behalf of Canadian Muslims and others who have experienced discrimination and hate crimes based on their religion. It offers suggestions and advice to individuals who file complaints with NCCM. NCCM also provides assistance in mediating cases with employers, educators, and public institutions to help resolve complaints and to help avoid what can be costly and time-consuming legal avenues.

NCCM offers a variety of regular seminars and workshops on Islamic practices, anti-discrimination, and media engagement.

It also produces a number of publications, which include guides outlining Islamic religious practices for journalists, employers, educators, and health care providers with plans in the works for additional guides for other professions including for correctional services workers and law enforcement. NCCM also is in the process of updating and revising its most popular “Know Your Rights” pocket guide to include a section on the duties of citizenship. This new “Know Your Rights & Responsibilities” guide will be made available in both English and French. These publications are regularly requested by government departments, local and national media outlets, police services, hospitals, schools, private firms, and various non-profit groups.

## REPORT OF HATE CRIMES

### ABOUT THIS REPORT

#### **Reports to NCCM & reports in the media**

As in previous years, the data in this report is assembled with the inclusion of documented cases of hate crimes or hate incidents reported to NCCM's intake staff as well as those cases reported in the media.

Please note that some incidents are reported both to NCCM and covered in the media. Where a public media report of the incident exists, it has been included in this report. The name(s) of victims of individual attacks are only included where the name has already been publicly reported in the media.

#### **Report represents a fraction of actual hate crimes & incidents**

Only a fraction of actual hate crimes and incidents are reported to police authorities and a similar small percentage is reported to NCCM. When hate crimes or incidents are reported to NCCM, NCCM encourages the victim to simultaneously report the incident to police if they have not already done so. NCCM's experience indicates that crimes committed against Canadian Muslim institutions are likely more frequently reported to authorities than crimes against individuals.

While the outcome(s) of hate crimes/incidents investigated by authorities are not always made public, NCCM's general experience is that "minor incidents" (defined as those not involving serious physical injuries or major property damage) receive minimal investigative resources from authorities and very few criminal proceedings are actually launched.

Due to the lack of consistent national reporting, this report's overall figures likely underestimate the actual numbers of anti-Muslim incidents and hate crimes in Canada. Further, this report includes incidents which may not fit the definition of a hate crime according to Canadian criminal law but which authorities may have investigated and/or classified as 'hate incidents'.

## Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents

Many Canadian police services keep data on hate crimes only, not incidents, which is later submitted to Statistics Canada. The federal agency publishes these police-reported hate crimes on the agency's website; the most recent published report is from 2014. Police-reported hate crimes are reported a full year after general crime data for the previous year is made available by Statistics Canada. This causes a two-year lag between reporting and full public disclosure of the data.

Also, data on hate crimes is categorized based on various motivating factors. These factors include both ethnicity and religion. However, it is difficult to distinguish when perpetrators of hate crimes are motivated by a hatred to a particular ethnicity or race, or due to a connection or 'intersectionality' (perceived or otherwise) to a person's Islamic identity.

The NCCM has been advocating for the government to provide additional resources to municipalities that require support for their budgets that would allow police services to provide the necessary training and resources to address hate crimes. Further to this, the NCCM is also advocating for all police services to be required to report on hate crime statistics, as well as the prosecution and conviction rates for each case, to their Police Services Board and to be made available for the public. Finally, the NCCM continues to advocate for more tools, including online options for hate crime reporting, that would make reporting more accessible.

Finally, it is important to echo Statistics Canada's note that "according to police services, higher rates of police-reported hate crime in certain jurisdictions may reflect differences or changes in the awareness, reporting and investigation of these incidents by police and community members." It is also important to note that many rural police services may not have the necessary resources or training to accurately capture, much less address incidents that are reported to them.

## CONTEXT

In 2016, the most significant event that may have had an impact on the incidence and/or reporting of alleged hate crimes and incidents was the United States federal election campaign. The campaign frequently referenced Muslims and Islam in a negative manner. These sentiments were also echoed and amplified by the media and

politicians who called for a ban on immigration and a national registry for Muslims in the United States.

The divisive rhetoric deployed by Canada's closest neighbour had a trickling effect on Canadian Muslims. During the period of the campaign, right wing extremist groups became prominent, as suggested by the spike in anti-Muslim hate propaganda noted by the NCCM this year.

Moreover, several incidents, as detailed in this report, have involved perpetrators openly spewing hate based on political and media perpetuated stereotypes of Muslims. The week following the results of the U.S. election, Muslim institutions in Canada received a series of concurrent death threats.

Other events that may have influenced the occurrence or reporting of anti-Muslim incidents in Canada include high profile terrorist attacks in Europe and the United States, most notably the tragic shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida in the summer of 2016.

### **Advocacy work around Hate Crimes and/or Incident**

The NCCM regularly issues press releases following the reporting of hate crimes or incidents affecting either Canadian Muslims, or members of other minority groups, including Canadian Jewish and Canadian Sikh communities, for example.

The NCCM's public statements are regularly covered in local and national, and sometimes international, media. Our aim is to raise awareness around hate crimes/incidents and to encourage victims to come forward to report incidents to their local police services, as well as to the organization for documentation purposes.

NCCM staff provide guidance and support to victims as well as to community leaders whenever a crime or incident is reported. The NCCM also encourages communities to refer to our "[Community Safety Guide](#)" for ways to safeguard as best as possible from potential hate-motivated harm.

The NCCM also recognizes the critical role community leaders and elected officials play in standing united and speaking out against xenophobia and manifestations of hate of any kind, in any form against anyone. The NCCM regularly calls on our elected officials and leaders to unequivocally condemn acts of hatred.

Finally, the NCCM frequently highlights the importance of creating positive, cohesive, and welcoming communities in order to ensure that every citizen feels both valued and welcome. Canada's model of multiculturalism, while certainly far from perfect, is widely regarded as playing a key role in building bridges between communities and promoting harmony and integration of newcomers who can still maintain their identities and ties to their roots while also being Canadian.

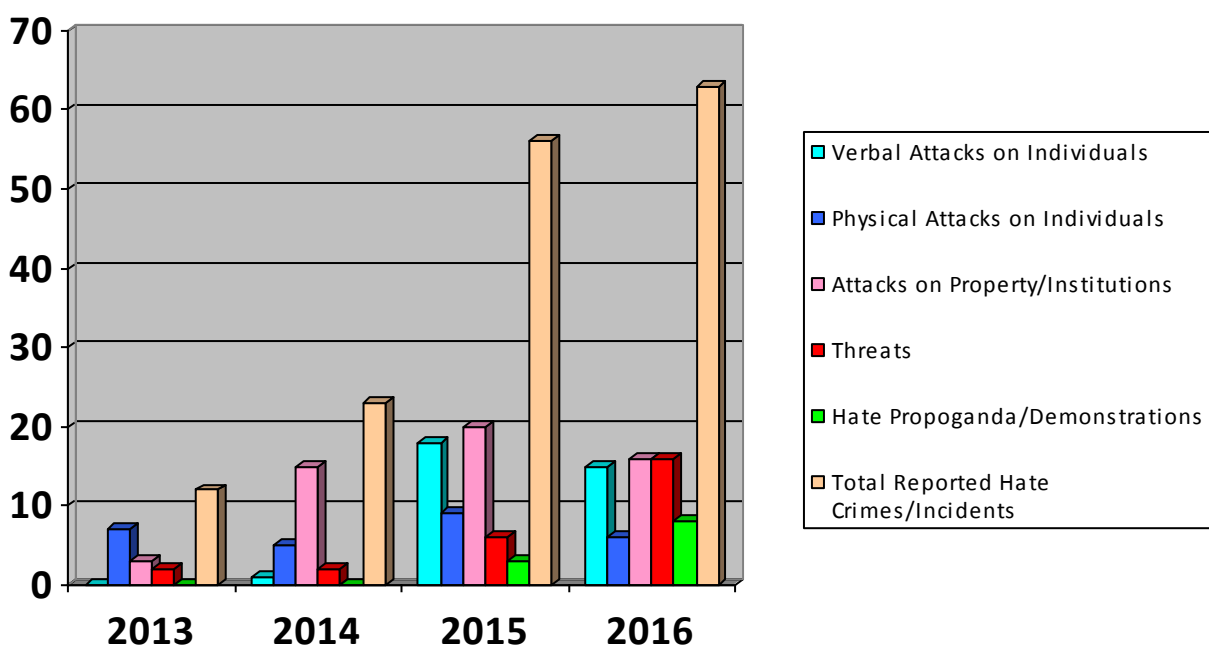
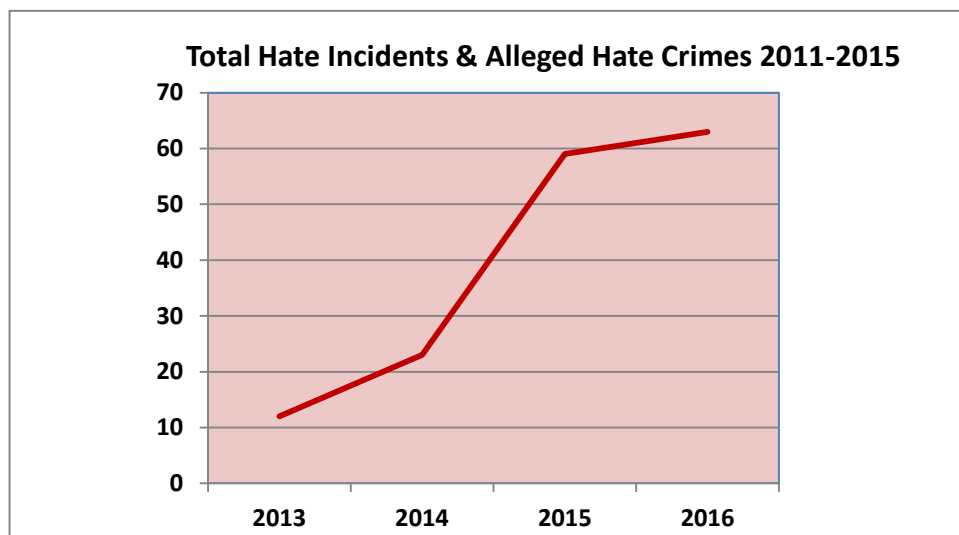
## DISAGGREGATED FIGURES

This report references and contains information about 63 hate incidents divided as follows:

- 11 verbal attacks on individuals (or groups of individuals)
- 21 attacks on Muslim institutions/property
- 6 physical attacks against individuals (or groups of individuals)
- 15 incidents of threats against individuals (or institutions)
- 8 incidents of hate propaganda against Islam and/or Muslims
- 2 online hate messages against individuals (or groups)

## 4-YEAR TREND

The incidence of anti-Muslim hate crimes or incidents reported to NCCM, the Police, or in the media has experienced a steady increase in 2016. The major change for 2016 has been the proportion of threats directed at Muslim institutions and individuals, representing approximately 24% of the total occurrences in 2016 compared to 10% in 2015, as well as a spike in campaigns propagating hate against the Muslim community. The most frequent targets of hate motivated attacks this year have been Muslim women and institutions. All other categories experienced a gradual increase over the four years, with the exception of verbal and physical assaults, which experienced a slight decrease from 2015.



## INCIDENTS

### VERBAL ATTACKS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL(S)



Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>1</sup>
<b>1. January 27, 2016</b>  <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b>	<p>An unknown caller left a hateful, anti-Muslim voicemail at the NCCM offices. In a derogatory and spiteful tone, the caller stated: "Muslims should pay for their sins" and "raping Muslim girls is God's word."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>2. February 4, 2016</b>  <b>Richmond,</b> <b>British Columbia</b>	<p>The leader of a Muslim community organization received a phone call from an unknown number. He describes the call here: 'The caller was male and sounded very agitated and angry. He asked whether "the introduction to suicide bombing still open"? I said "I do not understand, what do you mean". He responded by saying, "to blow people up, you are a Muslim, you blow people up, have a nice day you bitch." The caller ended the phone call.' The institution had received a similar call in the fall of 2015.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>3. April 8, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton,</b> <b>Alberta</b>	<p>After boarding the LRT, a woman who wears the <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) was verbally assaulted by a male and his friends. Comments directed towards her included, "great, we got a terrorist on the train with us" and "yeah, she's a n****r too."</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2016/04/14/edmonton-lrt-rider-faces-islamophobia-.html">http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2016/04/14/edmonton-lrt-rider-faces-islamophobia-.html</a></p>

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<p><b>4. May 12, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A Wal-Mart sales representative baselessly accused an 8-year-old Muslim girl of carrying a weapon. The girl was accompanied by her mother. As the girl set two pairs of pants on the cash register, the store clerk backed away, threw his hands in the air and shouted "Back off!", "You might have a knife in there!"</p> <p>The clerk continued to act hostile towards the mother and daughter. The mother asked the cashier whether his actions were instigated by the scarf on her head – the cashier remained silent.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<p><b>5. May 29, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>Hailey DeJong, a Muslim woman who wears the <i>niqab</i> (face veil) was subject to hateful comments made by an OC Transpo passenger. After sitting down at the front of the bus, a man started making derogatory remarks to other passengers about the woman, saying: "she could be a bank robber or something and we don't even know." Upon confrontation, the man proceeded to call Hailey a "terrorist" and a "freak." At one point, the man screamed at her and told her to "assimilate." OC Transpo bus operator, Alain Charette parked the bus and assured Hailey of his support. He then turned to the offender and said: "Hey, if you have a problem with her, then you have a problem with me." OC Transpo authorities were notified and security was called to escort the man out of the bus.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/oc-transpo-muslim-bus-driver-niqab-1.3608621">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/oc-transpo-muslim-bus-driver-niqab-1.3608621</a></p>

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<b>6. June 12, 2016</b>  <b>Mount Albert, Ontario</b>	<p>A customer at Petro Canada was subject to derogatory remarks upon throwing a plastic bag into a nearby receptacle before fueling his vehicle. The employee approached the man and stated, "you people have no common sense", "you people are stupid". He then proceeded to throw garbage into the passenger side of the customer's vehicle and told him to immediately leave the premises as he was banned from the property. When the customer asked for the employee's name, he was told to "go to hell." When the man tried to reason with the employee, the employee remarked, "you think the police is going to help you", "you brown people are shit".</p> <p>Reported to Police and Petro Canada.</p>
<b>7. June 16, 2016</b>  <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b>	<p>A woman who wears the <i>niqab</i> (face veil) was coming outside of Wal-Mart when a man aggressively approached her and asked whether people at the store served her while she was wearing "this," pointing to her niqab. He then proceeded to swearing at the woman and telling her to go back to her country.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>

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<b>8. July 1, 2016</b> <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>	<p>A Syrian refugee family was subject to unwelcoming behaviour by their neighbour. A man in the neighbourhood was often heard yelling derogatory slurs such as "Speak English" and "Go back to where you belong." A video posted on Facebook shows the man swearing and yelling, "Move out of here (expletive)" , "Get out of my face ya f***** idiot."</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/2799333/syrian-refugee-family-in-calgary-very-scared-of-their-neighbour-after-alleged-verbal-attack/">http://globalnews.ca/news/2799333/syrian-refugee-family-in-calgary-very-scared-of-their-neighbour-after-alleged-verbal-attack/</a></p>
<b>9. August 17, 2016</b> <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>	<p>A Muslim woman was subject to anti-Muslim slurs in a drive-thru line up for Peter's Drive-In. A vehicle pulled up beside the woman and the driver waved her middle fingers at the woman and yelled, "go back to your country you stupid c**t." The situation escalated to the point where the offender came very close the woman's face and stated "go back to country with your jabib" (referring to her headscarf).</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.metronews.ca/news/calgary/2016/08/22/calgary-woman-verbally-attack-wearing-hijab-peters-drive-in.html">http://www.metronews.ca/news/calgary/2016/08/22/calgary-woman-verbally-attack-wearing-hijab-peters-drive-in.html</a></p>
<b>10. August 21, 2016</b> <b>Hamilton, Ontario</b>	<p>A Muslim woman was subject to anti-Muslim slurs as she was walking to her car. A group of students yelled at her saying "Muhammad is a f*****."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>

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<b>11. September 21, 2016</b>  <b>Newmarket, Ontario</b>	<p>A Muslim woman who wears the <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) was shopping at the Upper Canada Mall when a customer, who followed her through a portion of the mall, approached her and kicked her shopping basket after giving her resenting looks. In another incident a few days earlier, the woman's pregnant niece was sworn at and told to "go back" to where she came from by someone in the parking lot of the Aurora Walmart.</p> <p>Media report:  <a href="http://www.flamboroughreview.com/news-story/6887508-muslim-family-endures-bigotry-from-patrons-at-upper-canada-mall-walmart/">http://www.flamboroughreview.com/news-story/6887508-muslim-family-endures-bigotry-from-patrons-at-upper-canada-mall-walmart/</a> </p>

#### ATTACKS ON PROPERTY / INSTITUTIONS

Date & Location	Details
<b>12. February 20, 2016</b>  <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>	<p>A school in Calgary was spray painted with hateful in several places. The messages read: "Syrians are animals", "real Canadians hate Syrians", "burn all mosques", "Syrians go home and take Trudeau," and "while Syrains feast in hotels, Canadians starve on the street, kill the traitor Trudeau." Many windows in the school were also smashed.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.calgarysun.com/2016/02/20/hateful-graffiti-scrawled-on-calgary-school-targets-syrian-newcomers-prime-minister-justin-trudeau">http://www.calgarysun.com/2016/02/20/hateful-graffiti-scrawled-on-calgary-school-targets-syrian-newcomers-prime-minister-justin-trudeau</a> </p>

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<b>13. March 26, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton, Alberta:</b>	<p>An Islamic educational institution was vandalized with graffiti equating Islam with violence. A few days later, another message was found which also included homophobic slurs.</p> <p>Reported to Police and Campus Security.</p>
<b>14. April 10, 2016</b>  <b>Kitscoty, Alberta</b>	<p>A Muslim family was targeted when vandals spray painted "go back" on the garage door of their home, and later set fire to two of the family's trucks.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/2631767/go-back-spray-painted-on-alberta-familys-garage-door/">http://globalnews.ca/news/2631767/go-back-spray-painted-on-alberta-familys-garage-door/</a></p>
<b>15. April 11, 2016</b>  <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b>	<p>The walls of an Islamic elementary school was spray-painted with messages that read "Die Bombers," "ISIS Go Home" and "F**k the New World."</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-muslim-school-graffiti-1.3530626?cmp=rss">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-muslim-school-graffiti-1.3530626?cmp=rss</a></p> <p>See Appendix 1</p>

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<b>16. April 17, 2016</b>  <b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>	<p>Two portraits displayed in a library exhibition were vandalized with anti-Muslim messages. The exhibition was meant to showcase the everyday lives of Muslims in Quebec. The words "Terrorist Musulman" were written on the portraits.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-muslims-vandalized-exhibit-1.3540003">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-muslims-vandalized-exhibit-1.3540003</a> </p> <p>See Appendix 2</p>
<b>17. April 18, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>	<p>An Islamic institution in Edmonton was vandalized with graffiti. A swastika symbol and "KKK" was painted on the ground.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>18. April 28, 2016</b>  <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>	<p>Al Jamia Mosque in Vancouver was subject to an attempted arson attack. Following evening prayers, a man tried to light cardboard boxes in the courtyard of the mosque as congregants were leaving. A patron of the mosque was able to stop the fire from spreading.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-mosque-subject-of-attempted-arson-attack-1.3562674">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-mosque-subject-of-attempted-arson-attack-1.3562674</a></p>

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<b>19. June 19, 2016</b> <b>Quebec City, Quebec</b>	<p>A package containing a pig's head was found on the doorsteps of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec. The package was accompanied by a note that read "Bon appetit."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>20. July 1, 2016</b> <b>Windsor, Ontario</b>	<p>A vehicle was keyed, smashed and damaged externally and internally. Profane messages were written on the hood of the car. One of the messages read: "F**k Arabs"</p> <p>The incident came just days after Windsor signed on as one of six cities across Canada that pledged to end Islamophobia and other forms of racism through NCCM's Charter for Inclusive Communities.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-police-probe-possible-anti-arab-hate-crime">http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-police-probe-possible-anti-arab-hate-crime</a></p>
<b>21. July 21, 2016</b> <b>Oshawa, Ontario</b>	<p>A BB gun was used to fire a bullet through the window of a mosque in Oshawa where kids were studying Quran. The shooting caused approximately \$10,000 in damages.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.southwesternontario.ca/news-story/6795922-oshawa-mosque-shot-at-while-worshippers-nearby-causing-10-000-damage-to-islamic-centre/">http://www.southwesternontario.ca/news-story/6795922-oshawa-mosque-shot-at-while-worshippers-nearby-causing-10-000-damage-to-islamic-centre/</a></p>
<b>22. August 4, 2016</b> <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b>	<p>A suspicious package was delivered to the Ottawa Main Mosque. The package allegedly contained a white powder.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-">http://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-</a></p>



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<p><b>23. September 2016</b> <b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b></p>	<p><a href="#">news/suspicious-package-reported-at-ottawa-mosque</a></p> <p>The Manitoba Islamic Association recieved a strip of bacon from an anonymous sender in the mail.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/meat-on-windshield-might-be-expression-of-hate-winnipeg-islamic-leader-1.3195459">http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/meat-on-windshield-might-be-expression-of-hate-winnipeg-islamic-leader-1.3195459</a></p>
<p><b>24. September 14, 2016</b> <b>Hamilton, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A 34-year old man was witnessed setting fire to the entrance of Ibrahim Jame Mosque before he was arrested for arson by Police.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/arson-at-hamilton-mosque-was-planned-as-a-hate-crime-say-police-1.3772262">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/arson-at-hamilton-mosque-was-planned-as-a-hate-crime-say-police-1.3772262</a></p>
<p><b>25. October 7, 2016</b> <b>London, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A glass door at the Islamic Centre of South Calgary centre was smashed, and a burnt Quran was placed in the centre along with a hateful note addressed to the Muslim community.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-islamic-centre-vandalized-1.3799293">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-islamic-centre-vandalized-1.3799293</a></p>
<p><b>26. October 14, 2016</b> <b>Calgary, Alberta</b></p>	<p>A Mosque in Northwest Calgary was vandalized for the second time in a week. The front door of the mosque was smashed and a construction sign, which was posted by the mosque, was thrown in the parking lot.</p>

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	<p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-mosque-vandalized-northwest-second-case-1.3807760">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-mosque-vandalized-northwest-second-case-1.3807760</a></p> <p>See Appendix 3</p>
<p><b>27. October 20, 2016</b>   <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A student running for elections at the University of Ottawa had his campaign poster vandalized. The student's name was crossed off to read: "Vote for ISIS or Die."</p> <p>Reported to Campus Security.</p>
<p><b>28. October 24, 2016</b>   <b>Sept-Iles, Quebec</b></p>	<p>The Islamic Cultural Center of Sept-Îles, scheduled to open in November, was broken into and vandalized by a resident in the neighbourhood of Sept-Iles. The inside of the building was ransacked and suffered several thousand dollars in damage. According to media reports, holes were made in the wall, plants were spilled all over the floor, a bookshelf was smashed, and a computer screen was knocked over.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/man-38-arrested-after-sept-iles-muslim-cultural-centre-ransacked-1.3131787">http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/man-38-arrested-after-sept-iles-muslim-cultural-centre-ransacked-1.3131787</a></p> <p>See Appendix 4.</p>
<p><b>29. November 18, 2016</b>   <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>The Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA) was vandalized with the words "F*** Allah", "Go home", "666" and a swastika sign spray painted on the front doors. The vandalism of the mosque took place concurrently with similar attacks on a neighbourhood church.</p>

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	<p>Media Report :  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/racist-anti-black-graffiti-parkdale-united-church-1.3855295">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/racist-anti-black-graffiti-parkdale-united-church-1.3855295</a></p> <p>See Appendix 5</p>
<p><b>30. December 1, 2016</b> <b>Winnipeg, Manitoba</b></p>	<p>A member of Winnipeg's Muslim community found a slab of pork on his windshield. The incident came after the Manitoba Islamic Association received a strip of bacon in the mail. Members of the association believe that this was a targeted act.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/meat-windshield-manitoba-islamic-association-1.3888683">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/meat-windshield-manitoba-islamic-association-1.3888683</a></p>
<p><b>31. December 21, 2016</b> <b>Montreal, Quebec</b></p>	<p>"Muslims go home we do not want you here" was written on a wall inside an apartment building.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-north-arson-3-suspects-1.3906785">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-north-arson-3-suspects-1.3906785</a></p>
<p><b>32. December 28, 2016</b> <b>Sept-Iles, Quebec</b></p>	<p>A Muslim cultural centre in Sept-Iles was vandalized for the fourth time this year. According to media reports, a 48-year old man attempted to set the mosque on fire. The man has been charged for arson and possession of incendiary material. In October, the centre was broken into and severely damaged from the inside shortly before it was expected to open its doors to the public.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/sept-iles-muslim-cultural-centre-fire-charges-1.3914624">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/sept-iles-muslim-cultural-centre-fire-charges-1.3914624</a></p>

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 PHYSICAL ATTACKS
 

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Date & Location	Details
<b>33. January 9, 2016</b>  <b>Vancouver, British Columbia</b>	<p>A crowd of refugees attending a welcome event at the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) centre were pepper sprayed by a man on a bicycle.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-police-chief-constable-speaks-on-hate-motivated-pepper-spray-incident-1.3397228">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-police-chief-constable-speaks-on-hate-motivated-pepper-spray-incident-1.3397228</a></p>
<b>34. February 29, 2016</b>  <b>Longueuil, Quebec</b>	<p>A young woman who wears the <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) was exiting a bus at the Longueuil Terminus when a man began yelling at her, and suddenly slammed his body into her, knocking her to the ground. Many witnesses assisted her, and police was called to the scene.</p> <p>Reported to Police and Bus Station Security.</p>
<b>35. April 9, 2016</b>  <b>Calgary, Alberta</b>	<p>In two separate incidents, two Syrian men were both physically and verbally assaulted in a Calgary neighbourhood. One man was hit in the face with an open hand, while the other was hit across the head.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/syrian-assault-slapped-fathers-refugees-police-investigation-1.3529662">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/syrian-assault-slapped-fathers-refugees-police-investigation-1.3529662</a></p>
<b>36. May 29,</b>	Mohammad Sharifi was sitting outside the Covent Garden

<p><b>2016</b></p> <p><b>London, Ontario</b></p>	<p>Market in London, ON when two men accosted him and his girlfriend, allegedly calling Sharifi an Arab and telling him to go back to his country. One man aggressively approached Sharifi and punched him in the face, causing him to fall to the ground and suffer a concussion. The men continued to strike Sharifi several times in the face.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/london-police-assault-1.3609186">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/london-police-assault-1.3609186</a></p> <p>See Appendix 6</p>
<p><b>37. June 20, 2016</b></p> <p><b>London, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A Muslim woman was shopping with her 4-month old son at Superking Supermarket when a woman aggressively approached her and began yelling at her. The woman then proceeded to spit on the victim and punch her repeatedly. She then grabbed on to her <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) and attempted to pull it off of her head before pulling her hair.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/muslin-woman-attack-london-1.3645580">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/muslin-woman-attack-london-1.3645580</a></p>
<p><b>38. July 27, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Hamilton, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A couple witnessed three people yelling anti-Muslim slurs at a group of black, Somali children who were waiting for a bus near McLaren Park. Two men and one woman were heard yelling, "All you Muslims get out of the country," and "We're going to rape your sisters." The witnesses also heard the trio calling the children the "n-word." When the witnesses intervened, one of the men told them to "step back" or he would, "knock them out."</p> <p>The situation escalated to violence and The situation escalated to violence after the couple approached the group and asked them to stop. One of the witness was punched in the neck and</p>

stomach, while the other was shoved and punched in the left ear.

Media Report:

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/hamilton/mclaren-park-incident-1.3695462>

## THREATS TO INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS

Date & Location	Details
<b>39. January 1, 2016</b>  <b>Guelph, Ontario</b>	<p>An anti-Muslim facebook group, the World Coalition Against Islam (WCAI) publicly threatened a Muslim woman. The group disclosed her personal information and incited its members to seek her out in person.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>40. February 12, 2016</b>  <b>Bromont, Quebec</b>	<p>A father who was accompanied by his children, including a teenage daughter who wears the <i>hijab</i> (headscarf), was yelled at and threatened at a McDonald's restaurant.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>41. March 17, 2016</b>  <b>Nepean, Ontario</b>	<p>Two members of an Islamic organization received death threats. A voicemail was left for one of them, and the other received two calls. The men were called "f***ing Palestinian terrorists" and were told that they would soo go to heaven.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<b>42. March 22, 2016</b>  <b>Montreal, Quebec</b>	<p>The head of the Association of Muslims and Arabs for Secular Quebec (AMAL-Quebec) received death threats via two online postings on a facebook group. The messages included statements such as "a bullet between the eyes" and "whipping to death."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>

<p><b>43. April 20, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Toronto, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A woman who wears the <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) was shopping at a grocery store when a man waved both his hands in the air and called out at her stating, "Muslim whore, Muslim whore" , "Don't ever go back into my No Frills or I'll kill you and your other Muslim whores" , "go back to your voodoo."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<p><b>44. April 7, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Windsor, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A Muslim woman, who was wearing a <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) at the time of the incident, was yelled at and threatened with murder by a woman on the way to her children's school.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-racial-threats-muslim-1.3530957">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-racial-threats-muslim-1.3530957</a></p>
<p><b>45. June 20, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Brantford, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A man perceived to be Muslim was called a 'Muslim goatf***er' and a pedophile by a resident of Brant Housing. Following the incident, the resident, along with her husband and friends, threatened to break into the man's house and kick his head.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<p><b>46. August 14, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Scarborough, Ontario</b></p>	<p>A Muslim woman wearing a <i>niqab</i> (face veil) was walking in her neighbourhood when a man standing on his driveway screamed: "What the f***, its not halloween, and it's not f***ing daytime. Holy f***!.." When the woman confronted the man and explained that she can wear whatever she wants, he proceeded to threaten her by saying "if you don't start walking then I will shoot you in the mouth and silence you."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>

<p><b>47. September 14, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>The Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA) recieved an e-mail message with the subject line "F*** U Muslim terrorists." The content of the e-mail included: "Donald trump will no (sic) how to take care of u f**kers. F***ing terrorists. God bless America. Pray that Donald trump nukes the Middle East and rains nuclear hell on u scumbags. Long live Israel."</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>
<p><b>48. October 7, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Ottawa, Ontario</b></p>	<p>Liberal MP, Omar Alghabra received threatening Islamophobic messages on social media after posting: "It's sad that Conservatives denied to give a unanimous consent to a motion in the House of Commons to condemn all forms of Islamophobia." According to media reports, the hundreds of negative responses to his post included a meme that read: "Saddle up MotherF***ers. It's time to play cowboys and Muslims."</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/10/07/omar-alghabra-islamophobia-motion-liberals-tories_n_12388594.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/10/07/omar-alghabra-islamophobia-motion-liberals-tories_n_12388594.html</a></p>
<p><b>49. October 7, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Mississauga, Ontario</b></p>	<p>Mississauga Mayor, Bonnie Crombie was smeared on a local website that posted an article by the Mississauga Gazette and claimed that she was trying to convert the city to Islam so they can kill her son "just for being gay." The article, credited to Acton Michael, was published in the Mississauga Gazette on Friday with the headline, "Bonnie's Muslims Are Molesting Teenage Girls in Mississauga Highschools." The article continued to state: "Mississauga, if you want the truth you are going to have to take the law into your own hands."</p> <p>Michael's claim that Muslim boys are assaulting teenage girls in a Mississauga Highschool were unfounded. Carla Pereira, manager of communications for the Peel District School Board, told the Toronto Star that the school's principal and vice-principals have "never heard of" the allegations in the article before.</p>



	<p>Media Report:</p> <p><a href="https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/10/09/mississauga-mayor-files-hate-crime-complaint-after-inflammatory-article.html">https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/10/09/mississauga-mayor-files-hate-crime-complaint-after-inflammatory-article.html</a></p>
<p><b>50. November 8, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Edmonton, Alberta</b></p>	<p>A man used a noose and sang the national anthem while threatening two women in <i>hijab</i> (headscarf) at a south Edmonton LRT station.</p> <p>Media report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-hijab-noose-threat-1.3884501">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-hijab-noose-threat-1.3884501</a></p>
<p><b>51. November 15, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Montreal, Quebec</b></p>	<p>The head of the Association of Muslims and Arabs for Secular Quebec (AMAL-Quebec), Haroun Bouazzi received death threats for the third time this year. The online commenter called for him to be executed by a firing squad. On separate occasions this year, Bouazzi has been threatened to be hanged, whipped to death, set afire and shot between the eyes of different internet users.</p> <p>Media Report: <a href="http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/death-threats-levelled-against-muslim-rights-activist-in-montreal-again">http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/death-threats-levelled-against-muslim-rights-activist-in-montreal-again</a></p>
<p><b>52. November 16, 2016</b></p> <p><b>Toronto, Ontario</b></p>	<p>The Islamic Institute of Toronto (IIT) received threatening tweets on its twitter account. One of these tweets read “the battle field will be littered with slit throats, a 3 inch knife is still legal in [Canada] and one kept razor sharp can be lethal if used decisively.”</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p>

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| <b>53. November 17, 2016</b><br><br><b>Ottawa, Ontario</b> | <p>A threatening meme reading "Kill'em all dirty and let their God sort it out" was left under NCCM's promotional video on an Islamophobia workshop.</p> <p>Reported to Police.</p> <p>See Appendix 7</p> |
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#### HATE PROPAGANDA

Date & Location	Details
<b>54. February 8, 2016</b>  <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<p>A newspaper with offensive and stereotypical images of Muslim caricatures was distributed by Canada Post to thousands of homes in the Greater Toronto Area.</p> <p>Reported to Canada Post.</p> <p>See Appendix 8</p>
<b>55. June 18, 2016</b>  <b>Toronto, Ontario</b>	<p>PEGIDA Canada held its 7<sup>th</sup> anti-Muslim rally outside of Bloor west village in Toronto. The group warned Canadians of the perceived threat of radical Islam to the national security and Canadian freedoms.</p> <p>Media report: <a href="http://en.cijnews.com/?p=40206#prettyPhoto">http://en.cijnews.com/?p=40206#prettyPhoto</a></p>
<b>56. July 9, 2016</b>  <b>Quebec City, Quebec</b>	<p>Pamphlets with anonymous allegations against a local mosque were distributed to local residents. The pamphlets consisted of allegations alluding to the idea that the mosque was affiliated with jihadist groups, promoting sharia law and homophobia. These allegations are believed to be tied to an incident that occurred at the mosque in June.</p>

	Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pamphlet-quebec-city-mosque-1.3671884">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/pamphlet-quebec-city-mosque-1.3671884</a>
<b>57. August 21, 2016</b>  <b>Sherbrooke, Quebec</b>	Anti-Muslim pamphlets were left in resident's mailboxes and car windshields. One of the pamphlets accused a local mosque of having ties to Hamas, and another one read "don't let these abusers turn Quebec into Islamic territory."  Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/anti-islam-pamphlets-spark-police-probe-in-sherbrooke-que-1.3730004">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/anti-islam-pamphlets-spark-police-probe-in-sherbrooke-que-1.3730004</a>
<b>58. October 8, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>	A series of Islamophobic posters reading #BANISLAM were distributed around a southeast Edmonton neighbourhood. The flyers, found in resident's mailboxes, referred to Islam as a "delusional seventh-century cult" and characterized the religion as violent.  Media Report: <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-anti-muslim-posters-1.3797817">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-anti-muslim-posters-1.3797817</a>
<b>59. October 15, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>	An Edmonton resident found Islamophobic flyers in her mailbox referencing Islam as violent against gays along with statements fabricating the religion. The bottom of the flyer read "#ShipThemTheF***Back."  Media Report: <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/3006172/another-unacceptable-anti-islam-flyer-shocks-edmonton-resident/">http://globalnews.ca/news/3006172/another-unacceptable-anti-islam-flyer-shocks-edmonton-resident/</a>  See Appendix 9

<b>60. October 26, 2016</b>  <b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>	<p>Residents of a neighbourhood in Northwest Edmonton found anti-Muslim flyers in their mailbox. The flyer is a wanted poster for Prophet Muhammad, and calls on people to report "followers" to the "local infidel office." It also has the address of a website that is filled with Islamophobic rhetoric and extremist right-wing messaging. This is the third concurrent incident of anti-Muslim posters distributed in Edmonton. Similar posters have been put out in mailboxes in the city's southeast, southwest and northwest.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://cnews.canoe.com/CNEWS/Canada/2016/10/24/22677378.html">http://cnews.canoe.com/CNEWS/Canada/2016/10/24/22677378.html</a> </p>
<b>61. December 8, 2016</b>  <b>Montreal, Quebec</b>	<p>Flyers with anti-Muslim and anti-homosexual imagery, and a call to "make Canada great again," were found posted around McGill University. The posters also included the web addresses of white supremacy sites and were signed, "brought to you by your local deplorables," referencing Hilary Clinton's comments about Trump supporters during the recent U.S. election campaign.</p> <p>Media Report:  <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/montreal/mcgill-canada-make-canada-great-again-1.3886871">http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/montreal/mcgill-canada-make-canada-great-again-1.3886871</a> </p>

## ONLINE INCIDENTS

Date & Location	Details
<b>62. January 25, 2016</b>  <b>Ottawa, Ontario</b>	<p>The City for All Women Initiative's (CAWI) facebook page recieved dozens of anti-Islamic and xenophobic messages following their post detailing "Ottawa Hijab Day." Since the post, more than 400 people have commented scoffing the idea or posting anti-Islamic messages. According to Metro, CAWI says it's "outraged" by the "offensive" comments and will take them down.</p> <p>Media report:</p>

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/ottawa/2016/01/25/ottawa-women-group-outraged-at-islamophobic-facebook-posts.html>

**63. November  
17, 2016**

**Brossard, Quebec**

The Islamic Community Centre of South Shore in Brossard recieved "non-stop" hate messages on its website since the public announcement of a proposed Muslim housing development project in Montreal. Mosque reverends have explained that the mosque has nothing to do with the proposed development project.

Media report:

<http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/plan-for-muslim-housing-development-in-montreal-put-on-hold-following-backlash>

## APPENDICES: PICTURES

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