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# 2017 ODIHR Hate Crime Report

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### **ABOUT NCCM**

The National Council of Canadian Muslims (hereafter NCCM) is a prominent nonpartisan national organization that has been working to protect and promote the fundamental human rights and civil liberties of Canadian Muslims and other diverse communities for over 17 years. NCCM's work includes the regular monitoring and documentation of hate crimes, and the provision of assistance to victims.

#### 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 incidents of hate based on their perceived or actual religion. It offers suggestions and advice to individuals who file complaints with NCCM. NCCM also provides assistance by 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, antidiscrimination, 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 for the development of additional guides relating to other professions including correctional services and law enforcement. NCCM is also in the process of updating its most popular publication - the "Know Your Rights" pocket guide - to include a section on the duties of citizenship. This new "Know Your Rights & Responsibilities" guide

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will be made available in eight languages, including 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

NCCM is pleased to present its 2017 report to the ODIHR regarding hate incidents. As in previous years, the data in this report includes documented cases of hate crimes or hate incidents reported to NCCM staff as well as those cases reported in the media. The need to monitor Islamophobia and associated hate crimes in Canada is clear and pressing given the the significant increase in police-reported anti-Muslim incidents over the past 5 to 10 years, in addition to more recent spikes following the January 29, 2017 shooting at a Quebec City mosque, and the accompanying rise of far-right extremist voices in the public discourse.

Please note that some incidents are reported both to NCCM and covered in the media. Where a public media report of the incident exists, the incident 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 an even smaller percentage are reported to NCCM. When hate crimes or incidents are reported to NCCM, NCCM encourages the victim to also report the incident to police if they have not already done so. NCCM's experience indicates that crimes committed against Canadian Muslim institutions are more frequently reported to authorities than crimes against individuals. It is important to note that based on our anecdotal experience in speaking to community members, there are greater occurrences of antiMuslim discimination than what is reported<sup>1</sup>. Community members report being reluctant to fully share their stories due to a fear of repercussions. Hence, negative experiences often go un-reported and subsequently, unaddressed, leading to self-loathing, apathy and the harmful impacts of these on the overall well-being of Canadian Muslim communites. It is also worth noting that many victims have stated that, when it comes time to report incidents to frontline police officers, they are directly or indirectly discouraged from coming forward, which is contrary to the narrative presented by police. Among the main concerns communicated to NCCM is the lack of empathy shown by case intake officers, as well as inadequacies in fully understanding the cultural sensitivities of the reporting party.

While the outcome(s) of hate crimes and hate 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 ever actually launched.

Due to the lack of consistent national reporting, the overall figures in this report 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 that authorities may have investigated and/or classified as 'hate incidents'.

#### Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents

Many Canadian police services keep data on hate crimes but neglect to keep statistics on hate incidents. Police data is later submitted to Statistics Canada who compiles it and then publishes it on its website. NCCM welcomed Statistics Canada's early release of hate crime data this year. This is a change from the normal two-year gap between when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.nccm.ca/nccm-welcomes-statistics-canadas-early-release-of-hate-crime-data/

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data is provided to Statistics Canada by reporting police services and the release of the statistics to the public.

It is worth mentioning that data on hate crimes is categorized by police based on various motivating factors which can include ethnicity and religion. However, when recording a hate crime, police are only able to list one motivating factor behind why they believe the incident occurred. This can make accurate recording of religiously-motivated hate crimes difficult due to the presence of intersectional identities, in many cases. For instance, while anti-Muslim hate crimes may have decreased by 20 incidents during 2016 in comparison to 2015, hate crimes motivated by race or ethnicity actually increased. It is possible, however, that a victim's intersectional identity may have played a role in the motivation behind the attack but, given the inability for police to report multiple motivations, that these intersecting reasons may not have been reflected in the data.

For example, within the NCCM online hate map, an incident was recorded whereby a Colombian man and his family were mistaken for being Muslim as a man approached them shouting "ISIS" and "terrorists"<sup>2</sup>. In this way, it is not always easy to distinguish when perpetrators of hate crimes are motivated by a hatred to a particular ethnicity or religion, or due to a connection between these identities (perceived or otherwise). While the attack may have been anti-Muslim in nature, it is unknown whether this attack would have been recorded as a racially or religiously motivated incident.

In other words, while we welcome the early release of these key findings, there is concern that police are at present only able to record one motive for hate crimes, meaning the data may not be as representative of the intersectional realities and identities of our communities as it could be.

The NCCM also continues to advocate for all levels of government to provide additional resources to police services to provide the necessary training and to devote the resources required to address hate crimes. For example, many rural police services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See page 27

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do not have the necessary resources or training to accurately capture - much less address - incidents that are reported to them.

Despite the foregoing, the NCCM takes the position that all police services should be required to report hate crime statistics, as well as the prosecution and conviction rates for each case, to their Police Services Board and to the public. The NCCM also continues to advocate for increased accessibility when it comes to reporting of hate crimes and/or hate incidents by victims, including online options.

As Statistics Canada notes, "according to police services, higher rates of police-reported hate crimes in certain jurisdictions may reflect differences or changes in the awareness, reporting and investigation of these incidents by police and community members."<sup>3</sup> It is our hope that through the continued advocacy and awareness-raising activities of the NCCM, we will assist police services and other organizations to impletment the resources and proceeses necessary to help reduce the rate of religiously motivated and other associated hate crimes and incidents across the country.

#### CONTEXT

#### Quebec mosque shooting

In 2017, Candian Muslim communities where left reeling after a shooting at the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec on January 29<sup>th</sup> in which six Muslim men were killed and nineteen others were injured, some gravely. The gunman, Alexandre Bissonnette, entered the mosque and opened fire on worshippers as they performed their evening prayers. Bissonnette had expressed clear anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant sentiments prior to carrying out the attack.

This devastating attack colored the experiences of Muslim communities throughout the year that followed, with many individuals and community groups reporting feeling

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/140626/dq140626b-eng.htm

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more fearful about their physical safety in light of the shooting. For Canadian Muslims who reported actual incidents of anti-Muslim discrimination or hate to the NCCM or law enforcement agencies throughout the year, these fears were unfortunately confirmed.

#### Overall increase in hate crimes against Muslims

It is also important to note that what transpired on January 29<sup>th</sup> was not a standalone or isolated event, but rather cocured against the pre-existing backdrop of increased Islamophobia Canada-wide. A 2017 Angus-Reid poll<sup>4</sup> showed this clearly, with 46% of Canadians reporting feeling that Islam was damaging Canada. This, combined with the general upward trend in documented hate crimes against Muslims in Canada (which increased by 253% from 2012 to 2015 according to Statistics Canada<sup>5</sup>), demonstrates that there is much work to be done to ensure Canadian Muslims not only feel safe, but are capable for full and equal participation.

To illustrate the depth of the problem, in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attack at the Quebec City mosque which took the lives of six innocent Canadian Muslims, as well as discussion on an Anti-Islamophobia motion at the federal level, the NCCM has noted a spike of hate incidents against Canadians Muslims over the years.

#### Motion 103

NCCM welcomed the passage in the House of Commons of a motion condemning Islamophobia and all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination. The motion put forward by MP Iqra Khald urged the government to recognize and condemn the increasing public climate of hate, fear and Islamophobia. NCCM, alongside many civil liberties organizations, released an open letter urging all three level of governments to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/new-poll-finds-religious-diversity-continues-to-divide-canadians

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> https://globalnews.ca/news/3523535/hate-crimes-canada-muslim/

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take concrete action to counter Islamophobia and all forms of systemic racism and discrimination following the terror attack on the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec.<sup>6</sup>

While this motion was a step in the right direction, the unfortunate reality was that the publication of this motion caused a backlash leading to yet more hatred and violence. Iqra Khalid received over 50,000 negative emails, many cornering and attacking her directly after tabling the M103 motion.<sup>7</sup> This severe backlash was reignited when, in early February, the resultant M103 Report, entitled 'Taking Action Against Systemic Racism and Religious Discrimination Including Islamophobia' was released, recommending among other things that January 29 be declared a National Day of Remebrance and Action on Islamophobia. This suggests there is much work to be done in changing the culture of Islamophobia that, quite obviously, still prevails.

#### Rise of the far right

In 2017, the NCCM continued to witness an increase in the voice and presence of the far right ideology within public discourse and media. This rise appears to have gone hand-in-hand with an increase in anti-Muslim (as well as anti-Black and anti-Semetic) sentiment, ultimately resulting in an increase in hate crimes and incidents of this kind across the country.

The strong connection between the rise of the far right's ideology and anti-Muslim hate was exemplified by the evidence that emerged during the sentencing hearing of Quebec mosque shooter Alexandre Bissonnette. Following a search of Bissonnette's computer, police discovered that in the days leading up to the attack, Bissonnette logged hundreds of online searches for popular right-wing politicians, alt-right media personalities and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.nccm.ca/canadian-muslim-leaders-call-for-government-action-on-islamophobia-lettre-ouverte-des-leaders-et-des-representants-des-communautes-musulmanes-du-canada/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/threats-hate-islamophobia-khalid-1.3986563

internet trolls, and conservative commentators<sup>8</sup>. He also followed a considerable number of far-right personalities on social media who are known for their staunch anti-Muslim views.

In another example from the Peel Regionin Ontario, the Peel Regional Police Services issued new findings in an April 2018 report noting a 91% increase in police-reported anti-Muslim hate crimes from 2016 to 2017.<sup>9</sup> The report specifically identified the increased "visibility and voice of far-right extremist groups" as playing a role in the rise of anti-Muslim and other forms of targeted bigotry in the region.<sup>10</sup>

The evidence suggests a causal relationship here between the rise of the far right and increased anti-Muslim hate crimes and incidents, these findings do much to highlight the possible ways in which far-right media activity can serve to embolden those who already hold racist or hateful views to act on those beliefs in increasingly threatening ways.

#### Advocacy on Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents

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, for example, Canadian Jewish and Sikh communities.

These public statements are regularly covered in local, national, and sometimes international media. The NCCM's 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 itself for documentation purposes.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/04/16/quebec-city-mosque-shooters-web-searches-included-trump-mass-shooters.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/peel-police-hate-crimes-rise-in-2017-1.4627197

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2018/04/19/theres-a-noticeable-increase-of-hate-crimes-in-mississauga-and-brampton-report-says.html

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The NCCM staff regularly 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 its <u>"Community Safety Guide"</u> for ways to safeguard their communities from potential hate-motivated harm.

The NCCM also recognizes the critical role community that leaders and elected officials play in standing united and speaking out against xenophobia and manifestations of hate of any kind, against any community. The NCCM regularly calls on our elected officials and leaders to unequivocally condemn acts of hatred, because it recognizes recognizes that silence on these issues can cause people who hold racist or xenophobic views to feel justified in those views.

Finally, the NCCM frequently highlights the importance of creating positive, cohesive, and welcoming communities in order to ensure that every citizen feels valued and welcomed, while also understanding not only their rights, but their responsibilities as citizens. Although Canada's model of multiculturalism is regarded as the most successful at promoting harmony and integration, the evidence suggests there is a lot more work to be done.

#### DISAGGREGATED FIGURES

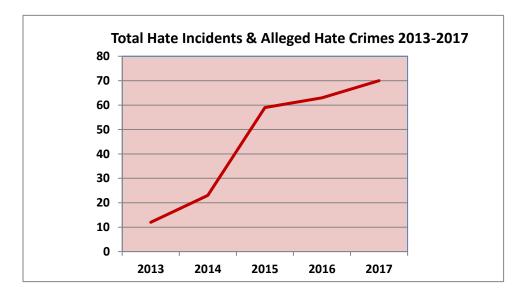
This report references and contains information about 70 hate incidents during 2017 divided as follows:

- 14 verbal attacks on individuals (or groups of individuals)
- 22 attacks on Muslim institutions/property
- 7 physical attacks against individuals (or groups of individuals)
- 16 incidents of threats against inviduals (or institutions)
- 9 incidents of hate propaganda against Islam and/or Muslims
- 2 online hate messages against individuals (or groups)

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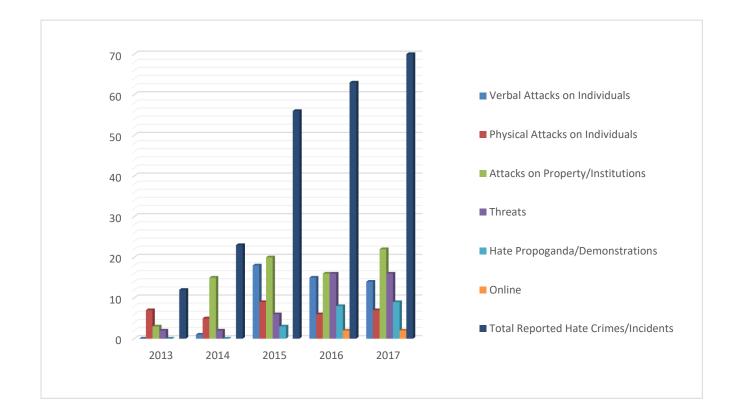
#### 4-YEAR TREND

The incidence of anti-Muslim hate crimes or incidents reported to NCCM, the Police, or in the media has seen a steady increase in 2017. All six categories experienced a gradual increase since 2016. Since 2014, we've seen a significant rise in anti-Muslim incidents from 23 incidents reported to 70 in 2017. This is likely due, in part, to increased awareness regarding the available avenues through which people can report hate, as well as a general increase in the absolute number of hate crimes and incidents taking place.



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### INCIDENTS

VERBAL ATTACKS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL(S)	
Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
1. February 14, 2017 Hamilton, Ontario	A Muslim doctor was walking to his car from the St. Josheph's Healthcare Centre when a group of four men approached him, blew cigarette smoke in his face and yelled "Muslim F*** terrorist" Reported to NCCM and Hospital Security.

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Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
2. March 4, 2017 Milton, Ontario	A Muslim woman who wears the head scarf was walking on the sidewalk towards a crossing signal with her seven year old son when a man pulled in a car and yelled, "This country has better rules than yours, why don't you go back to your country to do whatever you want!" Reported to Police and NCCM
3. March 5, 2017	A man screamed insults at Muslim passengers on the OC
3. March 3, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	Transpo. Cellphone videos by a Muslim high school student shows the man yelling, "F*** Islam!" numerous times. The man also spewed comments such as "You're not welcome in this country! And if you want to fight we are going to have a busload of f**kers that fight with us!" After proceeding to the front of the bus, the man is told by the bus operator to get off. Before taking his advice, the man yells, "the race war is coming! The race war is coming!" OC Transpo has identified a potential suspect. They are conducting an investigation and indicated that results will be shared with the Ottawa police hate crime unit.
	Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/oc-</u> <u>transpo-islamophobic-incident-1.4012439</u>

Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
4. March 28, 2017 Surrey, British Columbia	A Syrian woman, who recently immigrated to Canada with her faimly, was subject to hateful slurs by her landlord's brother. The man yelled at her to go back to her country and told her that Donald Trump was right in banning Muslims. The man also exclaimed: "We've got terrorists. You know they're all over the world. Terrorists! All the terrorists in the Middle East are Muslims!" Media Report: <u>http://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/03/28/n</u> <u>ews/syrian-refugees-rattled-landlords-anti-muslim-pro- trump-rant</u>
5. April 6, 2017 Winnipeg, Manitoba	A middle aged white man approached two young school children as they were waiting outside for their mother and asked if they were Muslim. They both responded "yes." The man proceeded to tell the young boy that when he grows up he's going to rape little girls. He then gestured to a grade 1 girl who was walking with her older brother and exclaimed: "Little girls like this! You're going to hurt little girls like this!" The cross-guard intervened and told the man to leave or she would call the police. The man tried to hit her in the head. He then shouted at the kids saying: "I could hurt you, you know." The cross-guard and the kids ran into a close by restaurant and closed the door. Reported to Police, NCCM and School

Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
6. April 20, 2017 Winnipeg, Manitoba	During a community event, a man began swearing and aggresively held on to a Muslim woman while insulting Islam and other religions, saying that no god "should give a shit" what she wears on her head. After being told that the conversation was over, he walked away.
	Reported to NCCM and Event Organizers
7. May 4, 2017 Scarborough, Ontario	A defaced toy pig was discovered by a student on the grounds of an Islamic school with the figure of a man drawn on its behind and the words "Muhammad the Prophet" inscribed on the toy. Reported to Police and NCCM
8. June 16, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	A Muslim woman was walking to work when a woman spilled a whole bottle of alchohol on her and started screaming: "terrorist, go back to your country." and "ISIS put me on camera" repeatedly. Reported to Social Media
9. July 9, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	A few Muslim women were walking down the street wearing cultural clothing. A truck drove by and yelled "f*** off" to the girls. The same truck turned around and yelled "f*** off Muslims" while driving by once again. Reported to Police and NCCM

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Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
10. July 17, 2017 Vaughan, Ontario	While waiting in line for one of the rides at Wonderland, a Muslim women and her young children were yelled and sworn at, and told to go back to "where you came from. Reported to Park Security and NCCM
11. July 26, 2017 Montreal, Quebec	Muslim woman was praying during the day at a university campus in public when a woman yelled at her. The woman yelled "you don't have the right to pray here, go do that in private, this isn't your mosque here, you don't have the right, go do that in private, this isn't your mosque, get out of here!" Reported to McGill Security and NCCM
12. August 11, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	An unknown caller left a hateful voice mail at NCCM's office. The caller commended Kevin J. Johnston for propogating hate against Muslims. She continued to disparage Muslims, calling them backwards and stating that they should go back to where they came from Reported to NCCM

Date & Location	Description and Additional Sources <sup>11</sup>
13. August 15, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	The NCCM received a message with a clipping of an op-ed by one of its staff with hateful messages scrawled across the article. The messages included: "Your rags are not religious", "Subservient Fools", "illiterate Women & Men!", "Backward Ragheads!" Reported to NCCM
14. August 24, 2017 Winnipeg, Manitoba	Muslim woman stopped to ask for directions and was verbally abused by a man who claimed to be a "Nazi." "I'm a f – Nazi b – !" the man can be heard shouting. "Take your head towel off in this country." Media Report: <u>http://globalnews.ca/news/3691517/im-a- nazi-woman-verbally-racially-attacked-by-man-near- winnipeg-man/</u>

ATTACKS ON PROPERTY / INSTITUTIONS	
Date & Location	Details
15. February 3, 2017 Montreal, Quebec	The Khadijah Islamic Centre in Montreal's Pointe-Sainte- Charles neighbourhood was vandalized. Between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m a window was found smashed with a heavy object. The building has also been egged and graffiti was spray painted a few months ago.

Date & Location	Details
	Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/khadijah-masjid-mosque-vandal-pointe-saint-charles-1.3964193</u> See Appendix 1.
16. February 21, 2017 Montreal, Quebec	The Tawuba mosque located on Ontario Street East near Fullum Street in Montreal was vandalized. Officers found broken windows at the front and side of the building and arrested a man nearby. Imam Youssouf Fofana said the mosque has been vandalized at least three times in the past five years, including once when someone tried to set it on fire.
	Media Report: <u>http://globalnews.ca/news/3262122/man-arrested-after-allegedly-vandalizing-mosque-in-montreal/</u> See Appendix 2.
17. February 21, 2017 London, Ontario	The front doors of B. Davison Secondary School were spray painted with Islamophobic and homophobic messages reading "Arabs R Terrorists" and "Gay Fags."
	Media Report http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/windsor/two- london-teens-charged-in-connection-with-homophobic- and-islamophobic-vandalism-1.4069725 See Appendix 3.

Date & Location	Details
18. February 27, 2017 Oshawa, Ontario	"No more Muslims" was found written on a public bench near a bus stop in Oshawa Reported to NCCM and Social Media See Appendix 4.
19. March 1, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	A fire broke out Tuesday night at an Islamic information centre and mosque on Weston Road. Toronto police are investigating the fire as arson.
	Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/islamic-</u> <u>centre-fire-1.4004235</u> See Appendix 5.
20. March 7, 2017 Oshawa, Ontario	Three incidents of anti-Muslim graffiti at public transit stops have been found and reported to police in Durham region. "No more Muslims" was written on bus stop benches using a marker.
	Media Report: <u>https://www.durhamregion.com/news-</u> <u>story/7177211-police-investigating-anti-muslim-graffiti-at-</u> <u>durham-transit-bus-stops/</u>

Date & Location	Details
21. March 19, 2017 Calgary, Alberta	Anti-Islam graffiti was found on a playground near a Rachlands Mosque, days before the Muslim Association of Canada's Calgary Chapter hosted an open house for non- Muslim neighbours.
	Media Report: <u>http://www.metronews.ca/news/calgary/2017/03/19/a</u> <u>nti-islam-graffiti-days-before-calgary-mosque-open-</u> <u>house.html</u>
22. April 6, 2017 Calgary, Alberta	An SUV vehicle of a Syrian refugee family was spray painted with hateful messages targeting Islam and Arabs. The SUV was also keyed, dented, and the back window was smashed.
	Media Report: <u>http://globalnews.ca/news364391/calgary-suv-spray-</u> <u>painted-with-anti-islam-graffiti-in-hate-motivated-attack-</u> <u>police/</u>
23. April 12, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	A window was smashed with bricks at the Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA). The offender has been apprehended and charged with mischief of religious property.
	Media Report: <u>http://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/man-arrested-after-ottawa-mosque-islam-centre-vandalized-</u> <u>1.3369207?autoPlay=true</u>

Date & Location	Details
24. April 19, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	Islam Care Centre was attacked at just after 2am. Debris and garbage was piled up at a doorway and set on fire. Notes and hateful messages were left at the scene, leading police to believe that the centre was the target of a hate crime. This was the second attack on the centre in one week.
	Media Report: <u>http://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/second-attack-</u> <u>in-one-week-at-islam-care-centre-on-somerset-st-1.3375205</u>
25. April 29, 2017	A public outhouse in Jasper National Park was
Edmonton, Alberta	spraypainted with the word "Mosque." Tyler Jonhstone, a man driving by, saw the graffiti and stopped to cover it up with venting tape.
	Media Report: <u>http://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/edmonton-</u> <u>man-posts-video-showing-cover-up-of-graffiti-on-jasper-</u> <u>restroom-1.3376279</u>
26. June 4, 2017	A Sikh realtor discovered that one of his bus shelter ads
Surrey, British Columbia	had been vandalized with threatening anti-Muslim graffiti. The graffiti read, "Kill all Muslims. They're killing us."
	Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-</u> <u>columbia/racist-graffiti-aimed-at-muslims-found-on-sikh-</u> <u>realtor-s-bus-shelter-ad-1.4148666</u> See Appendix 6.

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Date & Location	Details
27. June 8, 2017 Newmarket, Ontario	Several Islamophobic messages were spray painted at various locations in the city of Newmarket. A municipal street sign read: "NO ISLAM." Reported to Police and Social Media
28. June 8, 2017 Aurora, Ontario	Several Islamophobic messages were spray painted at various locations in the city of Aurora. A municipal street sign read: "NO ISLAM." Media Report: <u>https://www.yorkregion.com/news- story/7417854-suspects-wanted-for-anti-muslim-graffiti- in-newmarket-aurora/</u>
29. June 12, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	Ramadan lights and decor at a Muslim family's home were destroyed. After putting all the decoration back up, the family found them gone the next morning. They also found scratches all over their vehicle that was parked in the driveway. Reported to NCCM
30. July 31, 2017 Dollard-Des Ormeaux, Quebec	A stop sign was defaced with a piece of paper taped onto it with the words "LISLAM KILL." Police removed the paper and are looking into the matter. Media Report : <u>http://police%20investigate%20defaced%20stop%20sign %20in%20dollard-des-ormeaux/</u> See Appendix 7.

Date & Location	Details
31. August 6, 2017 Quebec City, Quebec	The Quebec City mosque which saw six of its members killed in January have had both the building and its president the object of hate crimes. Excrement has been thrown at the doors of the mosque and the car of the president of the mosque was subject to arson at his home. The police have confirmed that the car fire was deliberately set. Media Report: <u>http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-</u>
	<u>news/torched-car-belongs-to-president-of-islamic-</u> <u>cultural-centre-of-quebec</u>
32. August 18, 2017 Pickering, Ontario	A Muslim woman woke up to her car window smashed and her car and drive way vandilized with graffiti. The graffiti contained profanity and the case has hateful overtones. The police are investigating the incident as a potential hate crime.
	Media Report: <u>http://www.680news.com/2017/08/18/muslim-</u> <u>womans-car-vandalized-possible-hate-crime/</u>
33. September 19, 2017 Winnipeg,	Hateful graffiti was found on the fence outside the home of Syrian newcomers telling them to "go back to your country"
Manitoba	Media Report: http://www.metronews.ca/news/winnipeg/2017/09/21 /police-investigate-graffiti-at-winnipeg-complex-telling- newcomers-go-home.html

Date & Location	Details
34. October 9, 2017 Windsor, Ontario	Racist and anti-Islamic graffiti was painted on the sidewalks, garbage cans, and hydro boxes. There were a total of 10-15 hateful pieces of graffiti in the city.
	Media Report: <u>http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/windsor-activist-spends-thanksgiving-weekend-painting-over-anti-islamic-graffiti</u> See Appendix 8.

PHYSICAL ATTACKS	
Date & Location	Details
35. January 29, 2017 Quebec City, Quebec	A gunman opened fire inside the Islamic Cultural Centre of Quebec during evening prayers, approximately around 8pm. Six people have been killed and several wounded. The mosque has been targeted several times in the past. A package with a severed pig`s head was left at the doorsteps of the mosque last year, and anti-Muslim flyers were distributed in 2014. Alexandre Bissonnette, 27, is charged with six counts of first degree murder and five counts of attempted murder.
	Reported to: Police/Media Media Report: http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/quebec- mosque-shooting-five-remain-in-critical-condition- following-attack http://www.ctvnews.ca/mobile/canada/6-dead-2- suspects-in-custody-after-mosque-shooting-1.3262728

36. February 18, 2017	A young Muslim woman of South Asian descent was physically assaulted at Newin Center, an area in
Mississauga, Ontario	Mississauga that hosts several ethnic restaurants. Aala was having lunch with her mother when she heard a woman making several racial slurs to the public. The woman yelled expletive comments including: "Get the F*** out of here, you immigrants!" After Aala asked her to calm down, the woman grabbed Aala's hair and twisted it into a strong grip. She then pulled her back into the staircase where her male-friend came up behind Aala and punched her numerous times on the head. After letting go of her hair, the woman walked up and kicked Aala in the face with the heel of her shoe.
	Reported to: NCCM/Media/Police Status: Currently under investigation as a hate crime.
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	Media Report:
	http://www.citynews.ca/video/2017/02/19/video- woman-claims-stranger-who-attacked-her-yelled-get-out-
	<u>of-here-you-immigrants/</u>
37. May 21, 2017	A Muslim woman who wears the hijab (headscarf) was
Oshawa, Ontario	subject to death threats by a woman while shopping with
	her husband at a mall in Oshawa. The offender also kicked
	a female bystander and another male who attempted to intervene, both of who belong to the Muslim
	faith. Reported to: Police/Media Status: The offender has
	been charged with five counts of assualt and one count of
	threatening death, and one count of threatening bodily
	harm. Investigation on hate crime charges is pending.
	Media: <u>https://www.thestar.com/news/crime/2017/06/08/attac</u> <u>ks-on-muslims-in-oshawa-probed-as-possible-hate-</u> <u>crimes.html</u>

38. September 10, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	A Muslim woman was physically assaulted in her apartment building by another resident, who told them "You are not Canadian, you are Muslim," and justified slapping and kicking her by saying "Muslim men always beat their wives up." Reported to Police.
39. December 4, 2017 Vancouver, British Columbia	According to reports a Muslim woman wearing a hijab on public transit was approached by a man that verbally abused her. He had apparently called her names and threatened to kill her and all Muslims. His actions escalated to physical violence as the man later allegedly struck her. The man was arrested and charged with one count of Threatening to Cause Death or Bodily Harm and one count of Assault. Reported to: Police/Media. Media Report: http://bc.ctvnews.ca/muslim-teen-says-she-was-attacked- on-skytrain-because-of-faith-1.3709674 https://transitpolice.ca/news-posts/suspect-arrested- transit-police-unprovoked-hate-crime/
40. December 7, 2017 St. Thomas, British Columbia	A Colombian man and his family were seemingly mistaken for being Muslim as a man approached them shouting "ISIS" and "terrorists" in a mall parking lot. The man was attacked with a baseball bat, cracking his rib and leaving large bruises. The attacker was charged with aggravated assault and three counts of assault with a weapon. Reported to: Police/Media

Media Report:

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/familyattacked-bat-yelling-isis-st-thomas-1.4439437

THREATS TO INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS	
Date & Location	Details
41. February 9, 2017 Sherbrooke, Quebec	Threats in a 911 call were made against Mosques in the area, as well as Sherbrooke and Quebec City Mayors. Reported to: Media/Police Media Report: http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/sherbrooke- man-accused-of-threatening-mosques-mayor-1.3974047
42. February 16, 2017 Mississauga, Ontario	Liberal MP Iqra Khalid recieved over 50,000 e-mails, many of them with overt discrimination and direct threats, after tabling a motion calling on the government to condemn Islamophobia and other forms of racism and religious discrimination. Some of the messages she recieved included: "Kill her and be done with it. I agree she is here to kills us. She is sick and needs to be deported," "We will burn down your mosques, draper head Muslim," "Why did Canadians let her in? Ship her back." Reported to: Media/Police. Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/threats-hate- islamophobia-khalid-1.3986563</u>
43. February 17, 2017 Montreal, Quebec	A Muslim man was subject to hateful comments, death threats and physical assault by management and employees at a mechanical shop in Montreal. After refusing to fix the

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man's vehicle, the manager at the garage called him a "F**** Arab," and exclaimed "It's like you don't speak french." He then continued to insult him and the situation escalated to physical aggression by the manager and employees that were present. One employee shouted "I will kill you."
Reported to: Police/NCCM
Status: Charges have been laid.
A man wrote a hateful message in the snow outside the Red Deer Islamic Centre. The RCMP said the act is considered a hate crime. The suspect is a white male who was wearing a hoodie and ball cap under a jacket that may have been the Carhartt brand. He was also wearing light-coloured pants and dark running shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call Red Deer RCMP or Crime Stoppers.
Reported to: Media/Police Status: Currently being investigated as a hate crime.
Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/hate-crime-</u> <u>islamic-red-deer-rcmp-1.3992413</u>
Several media outlets, including CBC, received a letter
suggesting that a bomb targeting Muslims would be set off at the engineering, computer science and visual arts integrated (EV) and hall buildings at Concordia University. The letter is alleged to be sent from a group that calls itself Council of Conservative Citizens of Canada (C4). Reported to: Police/Media Status: Police did not find anything suspicious after searching the buildings. Investigations are underway by Montreal police major crimes division.

	Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-</u> <u>police-threat-concordia-1.4004671</u>
46. March 2, 2017 Oshawa, Ontario	A man wearing a ski mask threatened an 11-year-old Muslim student at Woodcres Public School. The man approached the student at the schoolyard and shouted anti- Muslim comments, threatening the students life. Police are looking for a 6 feet tall male, approximately 30-40 years of age. The man was wearing a black sweater, black pants and
	a ski mask hiding his identity. Anyone with information is asked to contact Det-Constable. Hartry at 1-888-579=1520 ext: 2732 or Crime Stoppers annonymously at 1-800-222- TIPS (8477). Reported to: Media/Police
	Media Report: <u>http://globalnews.ca/news/3286018/masked-suspect-sought-after-muslim-student-11-in-ontario-subjected-to-death-threats-police/</u>
47. April 6, 2017 Brantford, Ontario	A Muslim man recieved hateful messages, including threats on facebook for converting to Islam and being vocal on his support for anti-Islamophobia motion M103. One of the threats read: "come to my province and i'll make sure to take your life."
	Reported to: NCCM/Social Media/Police Status: Under police investigation

48. April 14, 2017 Mississauga, Ontario	An Muslim religious leader recieved hate messages to his email. One of the messages included photos of Muslim men who were hung like windchimes. The caption stated: "Islamic Wind Chimes." The perpetrator continued to send hate mail and threatening images to the religous leader over the course of a week. Reported to: Police/NCCM
49. May 31, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	NCCM recieved a threatening post on its Facebook page which read, quoted: "MAY VIOLENCE AGAINST MUSLIMS GROW STRONG AND TALL LIKE THE TREES IN THE FOREST. MAY 2 MUSLIMS SUFFER FOR THE BLOOD OF EVERY WHITE AND BLACK PERSON. MAY THE QURAN BURN BRIGHT AND MAY MECCA GET A MAOB IN THE NIGHT".
	Reported to: NCCM/Police
50. June 3, 2017 Kanata, Ontario	A middle aged man was heard by residents at a Kanata neighbourhood screaming anti-Muslim slurs and expletives, followed by threats, around 10pm at night. The man screamed that he would kill everyone and blow up all Muslims. Reported to: NCCM/Police
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51. July 14, 2017 Quebec City, Quebec	A package containing a defaced Qur'an and a note suggesting they use a hog farm for a cemetery was delivered to the mosque where six men were shot and killed in January.
	Reported to: Police/Media
	Media Report: http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/quebec-city- mosque-hate-package-1.4211778

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	See Appendix 9.
52. August 14, 2017 Ottawa, Ontario	The NCCM received a threatening voice mail by an unknown caller. Among other racist remarks loaded with expletives, the caller stated: "F***k Muslims", "North America and Canada was great when it was white and black - two was enough.", "We don't need any of these F***king mud Monkeys coming here to Canada.", "I can't wait for a new Adolph Hitler to get rid of all these F***king Muslim C**nts."
	Reported to: NCCM/Police
	Status: Under investigation
53. August 17, 2017	Nimra Amjad, a trustee candidate for the Calgary Board of
Calgary, Alberta	Education (CBA), recieved death threats on Facebook from a man claiming to be part of the neo-nazi Aryan Guard group. The facebook messages to Amjad included explicit derogatory remarks about her ethnicity and religion. The commenter wrote: "what business do you have running for council", "Canada belongs to white people", "The Aryan Guard will come for you Muslim scum." In another post, the man told Amjad that she would be "lying dead in the street like Heather Heyer," the young woman killed at the Charlottesville riots while protesting white supremacy.
	Reported to: Police/Media/NCCM
	Media Report: <u>http://www.metronews.ca/news/calgary/2017/08/17/cb</u> <u>e-trustee-candidate-victim-of-racist-online-threats.html</u>
	Status: Under investigation

54. October 24, 2017 Vaughan, Ontario	According to York Regional Police, a man allegedly used hate bias language and threatened a Muslim woman and her family on the TTC. The man asked if he could take a photo with her and when she refused, he began yelling at her. The man allegedly also disparages Muslims and Islam. The Police are looking for the man and anyone with any information is urged to call York Regional Police. Reported to: Police/Media Media Report: http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/york-regional- police-hate-bias-crime-against-muslim-woman-ttc-bus- 1.4443093
55. November 1, 2017 Sasaktoon, Saskatchewan	Keyboard warriors took to social media with harmful, racist and threatening comments, including death threats, after the Saskatoon Police Service hosted an event for Islam Awareness Day. This prompted a response by the SPS condemning the hate speech. Reported to: Police/ Media Media Report: <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/3846894/hate- speech-death-threats-islam-awareness-day-saskatoon- police/</u>
56. December 2, 2017 Calgary, Alberta	An anti-Muslim hate message was thrown in an individual's window for having a sign up in support of Mayor Nenshi. Though the individual does not identify as Muslim, the hate message stated "You are a Muslim Sympathizer pig". A similar message containing anti-

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Indigenous sentiment was sent to another individual. The nature and content of these messages were similar which appears to indicate the perpetrator(s) may be the same.
Reported to: Police/Media
Media Report: <u>http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-deer-</u> <u>ridge-threats-bus-vandalized-rock-window-1.4432614</u>
Status: Under Investigation

HATE PROPAGANDA	
Date & Location	Details
57. January 10, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	Anti-Muslim protestors shouted Islamophobic remarks against students and the Muslim community during a Peel District School Board meeting to discuss religious accomodation for Muslim students.
	Reported to: Media/NCCM
	Media Report: <u>http://www.citynews.ca/2017/01/10/debate-</u> <u>muslim-prayer-heats-pdsb-meeting/</u>
58. February 17, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	Anti-Muslim protestors stood outside of a Toronto mosque on a Friday and blocked people from entering. They also shouted anti-Muslim slogans and held banners that read "Say no to Islam," "Ban Islam," "Muslims are Terrorists," and "Less Islam Brigns Less Terror No Islam No Terror".
	Reported to: Media/NCCM/Police.

	Media Report: <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/3257296/anti-islamic-protesters-demonstrate-outside-toronto-mosque-calling-for-ban-on-islam/</u> See Appendix 10.
59. March 22, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	Anti-Islam protesters shouted Islamophobic slurs, ripped a Qur'an and walked over its torn pages at a Peel District School Board (PDSB) meeting. The protesters demanded that Muslim students be banned from praying at school. Reported to: Media/Police/PDSB.
	Media Report: <u>http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/03/23/ontario-</u> <u>schools-muslim-prayers_n_15568254.html</u>
60. June 16, 2017 Mississauga, Ontario	An anti-Islam protest took place at John Fraser Secondary School in Mississauga. Protestors gathered outside the school and screamed racial and anti-Muslim slurs at young students. A young woman and her mother dropping her 15 year old brother at school were told to go back to their country.
	Reported to: Media/Social Media Report: <u>http://globalnews.ca/news/3536594/islam</u> <u>ophobic-protest-mississauga-high-school/</u>

61. June 21, 2017 Toronto, Ontario	The Jewish Defence League (JDL) claimed that they were going to hold an anti-Islam death march at Toronto's Pride parade. The JDL is described as a "radical organization" by the Southern Law Povery Centre in the United States and deemed a "right-wing terrorist group" in a 2000/2001 report by the FBI. Reported to: Media/NCCM Media Report: <u>https://nowtoronto.com/news/jewish- defense-league-canada-member-charged-with-hate-crime/</u>
62. June 22, 2017	
Calgary, Alberta	The Worldwide Coalition Against Islam (WCAI) planned on holding an event in Olympic plaza but were denied a permit by the city. As a result, they planned to march in Calgary. According to city officials, the group was denied a permit "on the basis that [their] organization, and messages it espouses, are hateful."
	Reported to: Media/NCCM
	Media Report: http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/anti-muslim- coalition-against-wcai-phillips-calgary-city-hall-muslim- hate-group-1.4173321
63. August 19, 2017	Anti-Islam protests were held by certain groups in front of
Vancouver, British Columbia	Vancouver City Hall. According to the event's Facebook page, the rally was organized to protest Islam and the government's immigration policies. The protestors also held confederate flags during the rally.
	Reported to: Police/Media
	Media Report: http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/british- columbia/anti-racism-rally-vancouver-city-hall-1.4253117

64. August 20, 2017 Quebec City, Quebec	An anti-Islam rally was organized where rally organizers claimed that the group was "not racist" but rather were "just against Islam". They claimed to have issues with eating halal food and stated that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau failed to protect them as a result of this. Reported to: Police/Media
	Media Report: http://www.ctvnews.ca/mobile/canada/far-right-march- proceeds-in-quebec-after-counter-protesters-hurl-chairs- bottles-1.3553715
65. August 27, 2017 London, Ontario	Canada Pegida organized anti-Islam rally which gathered 30 supporters. Counter protestors were also present with around 500 supporters claiming that it is important that they make an effort to drown out the voices of hate and intolerance.
	Reported to: Police/Media Media Report: http://www.lfpress.com/2017/08/27/more-than-500- people-protested-against-approximately-30-supporters-of- anti-islam-group-pegida-canada

ONLINE INCIDENTS		
Date & Location	Details	
66. January, 2017		

Montreal, Quebec	Antonio Padula was charged in connection with this incident and has now been granted bail.	
	Reported to: Police/Media	
	Media Report: <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/3219000/kirkland-</u> man-detained-for-posting-hate-speech-on-social-media/	
67. January 13,	An anti-Muslim activist uploaded a youtube video associating a	
2017 Toronto, Ontario	Muslim lawyer and human rights advocate with radicalism. The video, and his subsequent tweet, included a picture of the lawyer with blotches of blood in the background.	
	Reported to: Peel District School Board/Police/NCCM	

APPENDICES: PICTURES	
APPENDIX 1:	APPENDIX 2:





