



PRESS RELEASE

«ANTISEMITISM IN FRANCE» 1st Trimester 2014

There were 169 Antisemitic acts perpetrated on French soil during the first trimester of 2014. This represents a 44-percent increase in comparison to the first trimester of 2013.

We observe a 55-percent increase in violent Antisemitic attacks and a 41-percent increase in Antisemitic threats during the same period.

For the sole month of January, there was a 130-percent increase.

We know that the “Dieudonné affair” took place in January, as well as the rally for the “Day of Rage,” during which slogans such as “Jew, France is not yours” were shouted.

The Antisemitic acts that were recorded during that period partly referred to Dieudonné, to his song “Shoananas” and to the “quenelle”—a gesture performed in front of Jewish buildings.

We note that the census taken by the SPCJ and the Interior Ministry that we present here records Antisemitic acts that were reported to the police and filed as complaints.

This methodological principle excludes a number of acts that were reported to the SPCJ but not to the police. In addition, Antisemitic content published on the Internet, particularly through social media, is not included systematically, even though it is increasing and becoming more violent.

The various statistical elements that are presented in this report thus represent a reliable prism to analyze the main trends, but they do not show the complete picture of Antisemitic violence in France during the first trimester of 2014.

**ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED ON FRENCH SOIL
BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 31 MARCH 2014**

TYPE OF ACT		JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	TOTAL FOR EACH TYPE	Comp. 1st trimester 2013
A C T S	ATTACK OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0
	HOMICIDE OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0
	VIOLENCE	8	6	7	21	15
	ARSON OR ATTEMPT	0	0	0	0	0
	DEFACING OR VANDALIZING	14	3	7	24	14
TOTAL		22	9	14	45	29
COMPARISON WITH 1ST TRIMESTER 2013		6	9	14	29	
T H R E A T S	THREATENING WORD AND GESTURE, INSULT	31	11	9	51	39
	FLYER AND HATEMAIL	9	2	1	12	10
	GRAFFITI	23	23	15	61	39
TOTAL		63	36	25	124	88
COMPARISON WITH 1ST TRIMESTER 2013		31	28	29	88	
TOTAL		85	45	39	169	117
COMPARISON WITH 1ST TRIMESTER 2013		37	37	43	117	

Source : SPCJ and Interior Ministry

**EXCERPTS FROM THE LIST OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS PERPETRATED IN FRANCE
DURING THE FIRST TRIMESTER OF 2014**

7 January 2014 – PERIGUEUX (24000)

The President of LICRA-Dordogne (International League against Racism and Antisemitism) was invited by the local radio channel “France bleue Périgord,” and said something negative about the Dieudonné affair. The following day, she received an anonymous phone call that said, “The hell with LICRA, it wants to prevent Dieudonné from telling the truth, this is humor, fuck you Jews, go back to Israel, Israel will not vanquish France, Israel will not win anywhere, this is a Republic, long live France, long live the Republic.” During the investigation, the caller said the following to the police representative who called back his number: “The police is controlled by Jews,” “with a Spanish Prime Minister,” and added that he had used a prepaid phone card that couldn’t identify him. A complaint was filed.

10 January 2014 – PARIS (75012)

A 14-year-old Jewish student faced harassment and Antisemitic slurs (“Dirty Jew”) and was beaten by four boys in her school. The following week, the teenager was brutally attacked: she was chased in the hallways and taken to the garbage room where she was beaten up. She was injured at the wrist and at the thumb, and had to wear a orthesis. The emergency room asked her to stay home for 10 days. A complaint was filed.

20 January 2014 – LYON (69)

A young man posted on YouTube a video containing death threats, calling himself the new Merah and threatened to use weapons and blow everything up. A number of web-users reported the video, which was later taken down. The young man posted a second one later that day, in which he threatened Jews. A complaint and a report were filed.

26 January 2014 – PARIS (75)

During the “Day of Rage” rally, Antisemitic and Holocaust-denying slogans were shouted: “JEWS, FRANCE IS NOT YOURS,” “THE POLICE BELONGS TO THE JEWS,” “JEWS OUT OF FRANCE.” NO TO JEWS, LICRA,” “FAURISSON IS RIGHT, GAS CHAMBERS ARE A HOAX,” along with quenelle gestures and Nazi salutes. A complaint was filed.

26 February 2014 – THIAIS (94320)

While he was smoking outside the family house, a young man was called by an individual. As he gets closer, another man, who was hiding in a bush, appears and pins him down to the ground. They shout Antisemitic slurs, “dirty Jew, we don’t like Jews here, we’re not in Israel, we’re in Palestine.” Pinned to the ground, he was stripped from his cell phone and his cash. His attackers hit him on the head and the knee before running away. At the hospital, he was diagnosed with an avulsion fracture. He could not go to work for 42 days. A complaint was filed.

2 March 2014 – NOGENT SUR MARNE (94130)

A Jewish man was physically attacked in the RER A subway by four men in their 40s who first directed the quenelle gesture to him and then insulted him “Lihud, Lihud” (the Jew). He was also hit on the body and the face. A complaint was filed.

9 March 2014 – PARIS (75004)

In Saint-Paul, the historic Jewish neighborhood in Paris, a 52-year-old Orthodox man was about to enter a synagogue. He punched in the code, and left the door ajar. Two men who were walking up and down the street seized the opportunity and stepped inside the building. They attacked the man with a Shocker, and inflicted him an electric shock on the left side of the ribcage. The victim turned and saw the second man holding the building door. The first attacker gave him a second electric shock on the forehead and the nape. He was also hit on the head and nape. People inside the synagogue were alerted by the screams of the victims. They rescued him and try to chase the two attackers, unsuccessfully. A complaint was filed.