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ON MANIFESTATIONS
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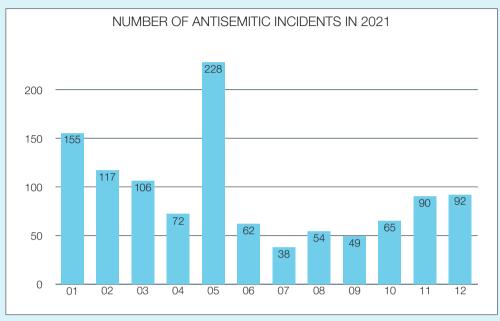
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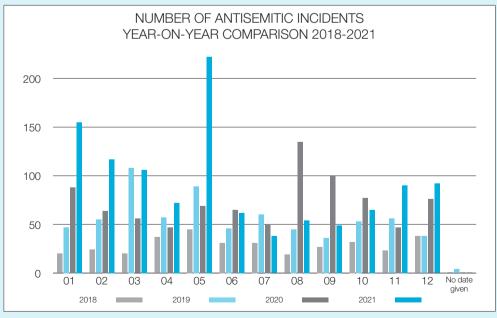
### 1 SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION IN 2021

In 2021, the Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic (FJC) recorded 1128 antisemitic incidents. In keeping with the trends of recent years, there has been a constant rise – in fact, 254 incidents more than in 2020 when 874 incidents were recorded.

Cases of openly antisemitically motivated violence are still rare in the Czech Republic – in 2021, the FJC recorded one case of physical assault. However, there is one non-negligible fact that for a long time has complicated the collection of data. The victims and witnesses of antisemitically motivated prejudicial hatred often decide to not report such incidents to the relevant bodies or for various reasons do not wish to communicate the details of their negative experience. Thus, although the recorded number of violent acts against Jews was low (in the order of single figures) in the last four monitored periods, the real number of such cases is usually higher.

The category of desecration of Jewish property with antisemitic inscriptions, symbols etc. included three such recorded incidents in 2021; a further five incidents fell under the category of threat of a violent act, harassment or insult of a concrete individual because of their real or presumed Jewishness. In both categories the number of incidents has been either the same or smaller compared to 2018–2020.





In the most recently monitored period, too, the general public atmosphere was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. A number of the activities which moved from the real into the virtual world after the onset of the epidemic stayed there in 2021. It is no surprise then that, like in 2020, almost 98 % of all recorded antisemitic incidents emanated from the internet (articles, posts on social networks, anonymous commentaries and discussion contributions). Nevertheless, the constantly rising number of manifestations of hate in the virtual environment should not be underrated especially in the global context of ongoing concerns over the radicalisation of individuals and groups, as well as over the growing polarisation of society.

Almost unmodified remained the chosen themes of hateful attacks against Jews. In almost 73 % of the recorded cases there was a dominance of mendacious, vulgar and stereotypical claims and conspiracy theories with an antisemitic subtext. It was especially in the on-line environment that antisemitic narratives and trends which had emerged during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic could still be observed, especially the theory of a "pandemic conspiracy" or of advancing financial interests relating to vaccination against this disease. In May 2021, and not only in the online environment, a significantly greater number of reactions and commentaries with a content corresponding with manifestations of "new antisemitism" could be seen (see chapter 2.4 3D TEST). In many parts of the world, the wide public reaction to the flare-up of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during Operation Guardian of the Walls escalated into open anti-Jewish violence. No case of physical assault with an antisemitic subtext was recorded in the Czech Republic in this context, but manifestations of "new antisemitism" can be expected to be on the increase in the long term. In view of certain incidents with an anti-Jewish profile that took place in other countries, there are local concerns about possible aggressive and openly antisemitic manifestations of objections to the development of the situation in the Middle East.

The analysis of the 2021 data has pointed to a disturbing trend of rising numbers of recorded manifestations of threatening, approving, justifying or calling for physical aggression. Although the number of such incidents continues to remain within the order of lower double figures, the year-on-year increase has been almost double. Almost all the recorded manifestations of antisemitism of a threatening nature were observed in the virtual environment where, traditionally, the principal hosting platform were social networks.

In 2021, similarly to other countries, in the Czech Republic, too, a significantly larger number of antisemitic attacks were committed by followers of the extreme right. The rise in the manifestations of hatred aimed against Jews, which sprouted from this ideological environment and was aired especially on the social networks, has been, unlike hate based on other ideological premises, continuous. The year 2021 is the first monitored period when the number of recorded incidents from the milieu of the far right (almost 50 % of all the incidents) was higher than the category covering incidents without a clear ideological background (fewer than 33 % of recorded incidents).

The earlier mentioned social networks continue to be the dominant platform on which the publication and dissemination of manifestations of antisemitism occurs almost daily.

In spite of the gravity of some of the findings, it must be stated once again that the Czech Republic is a safe country for the Jewish community, especially compared to other countries of central and western Europe. Nevertheless, from the long-term perspective and on a global scale antisemitism presents a challenge that should not be underrated.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

## 2.1 THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL REPORT ON MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTISEMITISM IN 2021

The Annual Report on Manifestations of Antisemitism in the Czech Republic in 2021 (AR) has been drafted by the FJC for the internal needs of the Jewish communities in the Czech Republic (CR) and also for the needs of other institutions processing data on antisemitism. The aim of the report is to provide, as far as the scope of the acquired details allows, a comprehensive overview of the manifestations of antisemitism, trends and social climate connected to the manifestations of antisemitism.

### 2.2 | METHOD AND TERMINOLOGY

The principal part of the Annual Report contains information about antisemitic incidents recorded by the FJC in 2021. According to the FJC, an antisemitic incident is an act or manifestation that meets the working definition of antisemitism (see chapter 2.3), bearing in mind that antisemitic incidents may take on various forms from attacks on property, physical and verbal assault and threatening to posts on the internet and social networks. The gathered data were provided by victims of antisemitic incidents, Czech Jewish organisations and communities and also the general public, the CR Police and open sources including both mainstream media

and the webs of monitored organisations. As FJC draws exclusively on open sources, and the availability of relevant data depends, amongst other things, on the willingness, ability and possibilities of the victims and witnesses to report manifestations of antisemitism, the number of incidents published in the Annual Report does reflect the total number of incidents occurring in the past year.

The AR contains only general lists of antisemitic incidents and texts recorded by the FJC in 2021. Due to personal data protection requirements, the names and profile photographs used in the discussion and social networks contributions presented as illustrative examples have been intentionally blurred. Also, with regard to the affected individuals and witnesses and their safety, targeted incidents do not contain details allowing their identification. The AR retains full identification details only in the case of personally targeted attacks revealed by publicly exposed persons who had been the target of such attacks. Samples and quotations from individual incidents are presented verbatim, including misprints and stylistic and grammatical errors.

All URL sources referred to in the AR were accessible as of 19 January 2022.

In its further analysis, the AR divides antisemitic incidents into categories and classifies them according to (1) type, (2) ideology, (3) content, (4) target, and (5) the medium through which the individual incidents took place. Since the AR applies certain concepts which have not yet been defined in Czech law and are to a large degree ambiguous, the categorisation of incidents applies, besides the working definition of antisemitism, also the working definitions of the concepts "extremism"<sup>1</sup>, "disinformation" and "propaganda" as used by the Ministry of the Interior of CR (MI CR)<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/co-je-extremismus.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.mvcr.cz/cthh/clanek/definice-dezinformaci-a-propagandy.aspx

In its evaluation of the social-political development in CR in the last year, the AR draws on public documents of national institutions, especially the semiannual report of the MI CR<sup>3</sup>. In its summary of the European and world context it draws, inter alia, on details provided by the British Community Security Trust (CST)<sup>4</sup> and organisations such as the American Jewish Committee (AJC)<sup>5</sup>, Jewish Agency (JA)<sup>6</sup>, European Jewish Congress (EJC)<sup>7</sup>, etc.

#### 2.3 WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

This report abides by the working definition of antisemitism applied by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)<sup>8</sup>. On 25 January 2019<sup>9</sup>, the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of CR adopted a resolution acknowledging this definition; the Senate of the Parliament of CR did so on 30 January 2019<sup>10</sup>.

The objective of the working definition is to provide *inter alia* a practical guide to the identification of incidents and collection of data; it also contains specific illustrative examples of manifestations of antisemitism.

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/ctvrtletni-zpravy-o-extremismu-odboru-bezpecnostnipolitiky-mv.aspx

https://cst.org.uk/
https://www.ajc.org/

<sup>6</sup> https://www.jewishagency.org/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://eurojewcong.org/

<sup>8</sup> https://www.Holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press\_release\_document\_ antisemitism.pdf

<sup>9</sup> https://www.psp.cz/sqw/cms.sqw?z=12305

<sup>10</sup> https://www.senat.cz/xqw/webdav/pssenat/original/90463/75783

"Manifestations might include the targeting of the State of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character traits."

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g., gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

Examples of how antisemitism may, in summary, be manifest in relation to the State of Israel include the following:

- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it a behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Criticism of Israel similar to that applied towards other countries cannot of course be considered antisemitism.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property – such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries – are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries."11

https://www.fzo.cz/projekty-fzo/forum-proti-antisemitismu/pracovni-definice-antisemitismu/

### 2.4 3D TEST

The AR also uses the concept of "new antisemitism". This term has not been codified in the Czech legal environment but from the point of view of the FJC it is methodologically a useful instrument as it reflects well the essence of the methodologically unjustified criticism of the State of Israel as specified in the above-mentioned working definition of antisemitism. The concept of new antisemitism refers to the "3D test" as devised by Natan Sharansky<sup>12</sup>. According to this test, an antisemitic statement is deemed to be a statement containing at least one of the 3Ds.

The first D symbolises the demonisation of Israel ("Demonisation"), i.e., denotation of Israel as evil and aggression incarnate. Another example could be the comparison of the politics of Israel to Nazi Germany, or of Palestinian refugee camps to concentration camps etc.

Sharansky uses the second D to refer to the double standards ("Double Standards") selectively applied to the State of Israel when judging its foreign policy or internal affairs. Especially in the United Nations Organisation, Israel has been the target of a multitude of biased declarations and resolutions while other, often non-democratic, authoritarian and totalitarian states are not made to face criticism and not once are the ones to step out against Israel as arbiters of the observance of international law and human rights.

The third D symbolises the delegitimization of the State of Israel ("Delegitimization"). Statements denying the right of Israel to exist can be evaluated as antisemitic<sup>13</sup>.

<sup>12</sup> http://www.jcpa.org/phas/phas-sharansky-f04.htm

The same definitions and application criteria applied in this report are applied, for example, by FRA in its analyses (https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/agencies/fra\_cs).

# 3 | MAJOR EVENTS AND TRENDS IN THE AREA OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Czech Republic can still be described as a country where antisemitic violence and open discrimination are rare. Nevertheless, it would be unwise to ignore the lasting year-on-year rise in the number of manifestations of antisemitism, which is evident especially in the virtual environment. In 2021, these manifestations were affected especially by the unabating global Covid-19 pandemic. In direct and indirect connection with the epidemic situation, there was a striking reinforcement, spread and deepening of certain antisemitic narratives. Manifestations of hatred in the virtual environment, possibly assisted by new technologies and the deepening polarisation of society, cannot be ignored in the global context of rising concern about the radicalisation of individuals and groups<sup>14</sup>.

The EU responded to the disturbing rise of manifestations of antisemitism in the EU and beyond by presenting, in October 2021, its *Strategy on combatting antisemitism and fostering Jewish life* (2021–2030)<sup>15</sup>. The Communication of the European Commission ("Communication") to the European Parliament, Council, European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of

https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/justice-and-fundamental-rights/combatting-discrimination/racism-and-xenophobia/combatting-antisemitism/eu-strategy-combatting-antisemitism-and-fostering-jewish-life-2021-2030\_cs?etrans=cs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The fact that radicalisation presents an increasingly pressing and growing cross-border threat has been pointed out for a long time by a number of institutions, including the European Parliament: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/cs/headlines/security/ 20210121ST096105/radikalizace-v-eu-co-vlastne-znamena-a-jak-ji-predchazet

Regions of 5 October 2021 states, amongst other things, that the Covid-19 pandemic has shown how old antisemitic prejudice can once again rise to the surface and incite new conspiracy myths and hatred on the internet and elsewhere. During the pandemic, Jews were one of the most attacked communities; they faced unfounded accusations of having created the virus and having developed vaccines with the aim of making profit<sup>16</sup>.

The strategy involves a number of measures based on 3 pillars: (1) prevention of all forms of antisemitism, (2) protection and fostering of Jewish life, and (3) promotion of research, education and Holocaust remembrance. The Strategy proposes measures to step up cooperation with online companies to curb antisemitism online, to improve the protection of public spaces and places of worship, to set up a European hub on contemporary antisemitism and to create a network of sites where the Holocaust took place<sup>17</sup>.

In October 2021, the Czech Republic was one of the counntries that pledged to take steps to improve the situation in combatting antisemitism. The then Czech minister of foreign affairs Jakub Kulhánek<sup>18</sup> spoke at the Malmö International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism and presented three concrete Czech pledges: (1) to draft a Czech national strategy of combatting antisemitism, (2) to establish a government funded organisation Memorial of Silence, and (3) to hold an international conference on the Terezin Declaration during the Czech presidency of the EU Council in 2022. At the conference, the head of Czech diplomacy commented also on the issue of manifestations of antisemitism and hatred on social networks. In his words, "it

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Full text in Czech available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/CS/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0615&from=EN

 $<sup>^{17}\</sup> https://www.euroskop.cz/13/37981/clanek/spravedlnost-svoboda-a-bezpecnost-v-rijnu-2021/$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Jakub Kulhánek was minister of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic from 21 April 2021 to 17 December 2021: https://www.vlada.cz/cz/clenove-vlady/jakub-kulhanek-187862/

is necessary to provide for a safe and responsible online environment. Simultaneously, the interval between the appearance of antisemitic and hateful manifestations on the internet and social networks, and their removal and punishment must be reduced...//... What is punishable off-line, must be punishable on-line."

In 2021, the Czech Republic was one of the 11 countries that voted against a UN resolution according to which the only valid name of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem was its Arabic name Al-Haram Ash-Sharif. Some members pointed out that this name denied the bonds between Jews and Christians and the Temple Mount and that the resolution itself did not contain any mention of the Jewish past of the town (for more see chapter 4 EUROPE AND THE WORLD)<sup>20</sup>. Czechia also joined the countries that refused to participate in last year's Durban conference against racism (UN World Conference Against Racism). The decision stemmed from historical concerns about spreading antisemitism and abusing this platform for attacks against Israel.<sup>21</sup>

Significant distributors of manifestations of antisemitism in 2021 included platforms with a content based on spreading disinformation and conspiracy theories reviving and thematising traditional antisemitic stereotypes especially in connection with the coronavirus pandemic (for more see chapter 3.4 Disinformation platforms). For a long time, the Centre Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats (CTHH), working under the Ministry of the Interior (MI CR),

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA CR) press release available at: https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/cz/udalosti\_a\_media/tiskove\_zpravy/x2021\_10\_13\_ministr\_kulh anek\_prednesl\_projev\_na.html

In this context, the minister of foreign affairs Jakub Kulhánek stated: "On Wednesday, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution denying Jewish and Christian bonds with the Temple Mount. I decided to change our formerly proposed neutral stance to a clear 'against.": https://echo24.cz/a/SMGLm/osn-prejmenovalo-chramovou-horu-v-jeruzaleme-vyhovelo-arabum-proti-izraeli

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Based on the statement by the then minister of foreign affairs Jakub Kulhánek: https://denikn.cz/minuta/663771/

has been calling attention to growing public interest in topics related to Covid-19. The greater demand for information was accompanied by a large amount of disinformation, fabulation and manipulation and their new variants. According to CTHH, disinformation narratives became a carrier component of the ideology of extremist groupings leading to the radicalisation of a part of the public.<sup>22</sup>

One of the most prominent trends, which continued to deepen and branch during the monitored period, was that of comparing the current situation in society to the status of Jews during the Second World War. One of the pillars of this totally ahistorical thesis without any real or rational core was the abuse of the yellow six-pointed star, the commonly recognised symbol of the Holocaust.

Considerable media interest was aroused when this symbol was brought back to the public arena for the first time in January 2021 at a demonstration in Prague called in protest against measures introduced by government decree to curb the spread of the coronavirus, and in support of former US president Donald Trump, and to challenge the circumstances of the demise of former Slovak police president Milan Lučanský. Some of the demonstrators wore a yellow six-pointed star with the slogan "Unvaccinated".<sup>23</sup>

This fact was commented by a number of organisations and politically and socially exposed personalities, who warned against the dangerous phenomenon of trivialisation of the Holocaust and disparagement of the memory of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Overview of major disinformation trends and communications according to CTHH MI CR: https://www.mvcr.cz/cthh/clanek/koronavirus-prehled-hlavnich-dezinformacnich-trendu-a-sdeleni.aspx

<sup>23</sup> The details were made public by a number of domestic news servers, inter alia, Romea.cz: https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/fotoreportaz-zidovske-hvezdy-extremiste-drive-bojujici-proti-islamu-uprchlikum-nebo-romum.bizarni-demonstrace-za-trumpa-a



Source: https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/fotoreportaz-zidovske-hvezdy-extremiste-drive-bojujici-proti-islamu-uprchlikum-nebo-romum.bizarni-demonstrace-za-trumpa-a (8. 1. 2021)

its victims. In January, the general secretaries of the Czech Bishops' Conference, the Ecumenical Council of Churches in CR and the Federation of Jewish Communities in CR issued a statement in which amongst other things they state: "If anyone is usurping this symbol and by using it wants to place themselves on a par with the six million murdered in concentration and annihilation camps, then this is nothing but tasteless and calculated cynicism which goes beyond any conceivable limits." The abuse of this symbol was condemned also by the former ambassador of the State of Israel in the Czech Republic J.E. Daniel Meron<sup>25</sup> and the director of the Jewish Museum in Prague Leo Pavlát, who said

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://www.cirkev.cz/cs/aktuality/210111prohlaseni-generalnich-sekretaru-cbk-erc-cr-a-fzo-cr-ke-zneuziti-symbolu-zidovske-hvezdy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://twitter.com/ambmeron/status/1347970394263851008?lang=cs

that "to compare, albeit indirectly, the genocidal persecution of Jews with a restrictive measure is factually completely senseless. It also trivialises the Holocaust as a historical fact."<sup>26</sup>

Also the Chairman of the Jewish Community in Prague, František Bányai, reacted to the absurdity of comparing anti-epidemic measures to the Holocaust by stating that "the mere ban on visiting pubs, restaurants, theatres and stadiums would have been taken by Holocaust victims as an exceptionally wonderful opportunity – should such an opportunity be given to them; this would not have threatened the lives of Jews."<sup>27</sup>

The act of comparing the current social situation to the situation of Jews during the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia and the use of the symbol of the yellow six-pointed star with variations of the "Unvaccinated" slogan became more intensive during the course of 2021 and, in the form of a paradigmatic disinformation norm, became firmly anchored in expressions of opposition to anti-pandemic measures. However, the abuse of the symbol of the Shoa and inappropriate comparisons cannot be attributed to followers of one ideology only; they can be observed also among radically inclined individuals or groups across the ideological spectrum, among the ambivalent part of the population and among various public and political figures.

Manifestations of antisemitism in the Czech Republic in 2021 were formed significantly also by events abroad. This was most evident during the month of May when following the flare-up of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and subsequent Israeli Operation Guardian of the Walls there was a rise in the number of antisemitic attacks, and that not only in the online environment.

<sup>26</sup> https://cnn.iprima.cz/odpurci-ockovani-se-zlutou-hvezdou-trivializuji-Holocaust-varuje-pavlat-16743

https://www.facebook.com/Z0vPraze/posts/4206129772825294

## 3.1 | REACTION TO THE ANNUAL REPORT ON MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTISEMITISM 2020

Besides the official FJC press release, information on the publication of AR 2020 was brought also by the domestic media. The same as in previous years it can be stated that the largest number of reactions appeared in the discussion sections of news servers. Among the mostly neutral or generally polemicising commentaries it was possible to find also claims such as: "They are obsessed



Source: VKontakte

with this antisemitism."<sup>28</sup> or: "We keep hearing about the rising number of antisemitic manifestations. These drag on through history like a yellow thread. But has anybody ever answered why this is so? In history probably yes, but it cannot be said out loud..."<sup>29</sup> One contribution with commentary referring to AR 2020 has been recorded on the VKontakte network: "You are being ruled by the one you cannot criticise".

#### 3.2 THE RIGHT AND THE FAR RIGHT

During last year, a number of domestic and foreign experts have studied the phenomenon of the radicalisation of society due to the development of the covid-19 pandemic and related government measures. In the Czech environment there was an evident radicalization of a part of society under the influence of the pandemic; rejection of vaccination against the coronavirus became yet another theme of radical right ideology<sup>30</sup>. The neo-Nazi scene attempted to utilise the theme of the pandemic to elaborate and revive traditional antisemitic stereotypes about Jewish conspiracy<sup>31</sup>. Simultaneously, there was

omov\_hetom/diskuse

Miroslav Mareš said in an interview for Novinky.cz: https://www.novinky.cz/domaci/ clanek/extremiste-se-chteji-prizivit-na-odporu-k-opatrenim-40353952

Discussion under article on *iDNES.cz*: https://www.idnes.cz/zpravy/domaci/federace-zidovskych-obci-antisemitismus-nenavistne-projevy.A210609\_093351\_domaci\_ajez/diskuse
 Discussion under article on *Lidovky.cz*: https://www.lidovky.cz/domov/federace-zidovskych-obci-loni-evidovala-o-180-antisemitskych-projevu-vice.A210609\_094437\_ln\_d

The theme was commented by, amongst others, prof. Ondřej Císař, a sociologist at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University in Prague and Sociological Institute of the Academy of Sciences: https://eurozpravy.cz/domaci/politika/rozhovor-pandemieradikalizuje-cast-spolecnosti-tvrdi-sociolog-cisar.2c73f79e/. Expert on terrorism and extremism Miroslav Mareš of Masaryk University in Brno pointed out some of the conclusions of the European Police Office, Europol, issued in June 2021: https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-events/main-reports/european-unionterrorism-situation-and-trend-report-2021-tesat "The report mentions, for example, the Siege neo-Nazi structure in which, according to Europol, also teenagers from the Czech Republic are involved," said Miroslav Mareš in an interview for Lidovky.cz. https://www.lidovky.cz/svet/pandemie-posilila-extremisty-varuje-europol. A210623\_150900\_ln\_zahranici\_liluj

a continuation of the trend observed during the preceding monitored period of extreme right activists adopting and implementing disinformation and various conspiracy theories in their ideological constructs<sup>32</sup>.

#### 3.2.1 TRADITIONAL FAR-RIGHT ENTITIES

In February, the High Court in Prague dismissed by final judgement an appeal by the non-parliamentary National Democracy (ND) party which filed a protection of reputation suit demanding an apology and erasure from the MI CR reports on extremism issued in 2015 and the first half of 2016. The ND defines itself as "a conservative, patriotic and nationalist party" with a mission to preserve and develop the nation. However, according to the Ministry of the Interior, the party displays characteristics that justify its inclusion in the report on extremism<sup>33</sup>.

#### 3.2.2 | XENOPHOBIC POPULIST POLITICAL PARTIES AND ENTITIES

The Freedom and Direct Democracy (*Svoboda a přímá demokracie, SPD*) movement continues to be the most significant grouping with dominating xenophobic and distinctively nationalist elements<sup>34</sup>.

This statement follows one of the conclusions of the Report on Extremism and Prejudicial Hatred 2020 published in June 2021: https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/extremismus-vyrocniznravy-o-extremismu-a-strategie-hoje-proti-extremismu-aspx

zpravy-o-extremismu-a-strategie-boje-proti-extremismu.aspx

The Municipal Court in Prague issued a pending verdict as early as in April 2019, stating that the primary objective and purpose of MI CR reports was not to disparage the ND: https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/strana-narodni-demokracie-kterou-vede-antisemita-adam-b.bartos-je-extremisticka.potvrdil-to-prazsky-vrchni-soud. In 2018, the ND chairman Adam B. Bartoš got a two-year suspended sentence with a three-year probation period in connection with the publication of antisemitic books, articles and commentaries. In August 2019 the Supreme Court rejected the appellate review of his case, which was confirmed by the Constitutional Court in 2020: https://www.idnes.cz/zpravy/domaci/adam-b-bartos-ustavni-soud-stiznost-odmitl-protizidovske-knihy-a-clanky. A200604\_095830\_domaci\_chtl

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> As stated in the hitherto last available Report on Extremism and Prejudicial Hatred 2020, published in June 2021: https://www.mvcr.cz/clanek/extremismus-vyrocni-zpravy-o-extremismu-a-strategie-boje-proti-extremismu.aspx This trend continued in the currently monitored period; according to expert on extremism Miroslav Mareš of Masaryk University in Brno, the movement has managed to eliminate possible competition on the far-right and anti-vaccination scene: https://www.novinky.cz/domaci/clanek/proticovidova-opatreni-mobilizuji-extremisty-40376224



Source: https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/poslanec-volny-zverejnil-nechutnou-kolaz-ockovani-prirovnal-k-holokaustu-misto-arbeit-macht-frei-je-na-brane-koncentraku-v (12. 1. 2021)

In January, former parliamentary deputy Lubomír Volný shared on Facebook a collage comparing vaccination to the Holocaust, which he copied from foreign servers<sup>35</sup>. After failing to be re-elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic in 2021, he proclaimed that he felt "*like a Jew in Germany under Hitler*" <sup>36</sup>.

<sup>35</sup> https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/poslanec-volny-zverejnil-nechutnou-kolaz-ockovani-prirovnal-k-holokaustu-misto-arbeit-macht-frei-je-na-brane-koncentraku-v 36 Lubomír Volný was elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic for SPD in 2007. In March 2019, he left the SPD and founded his own movement The United – An Alternative for Patriots, (JAP). In February 2021, he started being active in the VOLNÝ blok political grouping. After failing to get re-elected in the October 2021 parliamentary elections, he declared: "I prayed for 21 % so that we could form the government. Of course I am not happy. To put it more exactly I feel like a Jew in Germany under Hitler.": https://cnn.iprima.cz/reakce-na-vysledky-slachta-se-raduje-volny-si-pripada-jako-zid-v-nemecku-za-hitlera-35345

#### 3.3 THE LEFT AND THE FAR-LEFT

Like in the preceding years, in 2021, too, the core of left-wing activities and statements connected to the Czech Jewish community lay mainly in criticism of the State of Israel. There has been no marked change in the terminology used in the extreme left narrative, which continued in its frequent use of terms such as "occupation", "colonisation", "racism", "apartheid", "aggression", etc. to describe the State of Israel and its legal code.

In this context, the Czech extreme left made itself heard most strongly during the flare-up of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in May<sup>37</sup>.

In May 2021, the civic initiatives Not in Our Name – For a Just Peace in the Middle East, Jewish Voice of Solidarity, International Solidarity Movement (ISM CZ) and Friends of Palestine sent an open letter to the minister of foreign affairs Jakub Kulhánek, in which they challenged the ministry to display the Palestinian flag on Cernin Palace. The letter adds: "As citizens of CR we consider unacceptable the unprecedented display of the flag of Israel on a government building of sovereign CR on the day of the Naqba when Palestinians remember the expulsion from their homes in 1948, which is reflected in the painful present of expulsion today. (...) Allow us also to remind that the whole "Israeli-Palestinian conflict" did not start with the proclamation of the State of Israel and the first Israeli-Arab war, but with the ethnic cleansing of Palestine even before the birth of Israel. (...) To ignore this fact means to disregard the apartheid nature of Israel. (...) It means to disregard the lasting occupation

<sup>37</sup> The series of mutual armed attacks carried out by the IDF (Operation Guardian of the Walls) and Palestinian resistance organisations (Operation Sword of Jerusalem led mainly by the Hamas movement and Palestinian Islamic Jihad). This continued for 11 days and cost the lives of hundreds of people and thousands injured. Source: https://www.lidovky.cz/svet/izrael-podle-mistnich-medii-schvalil-primeri-ktere-ma-ukoncit-konflikt-s-gazou. A210520\_212726\_ln\_zahranici\_lros

and colonisation of Palestinian territories with all the ensuing consequences for the Palestinians..."<sup>38</sup>

Also, the Communist Union of Youth (Komunistický svaz mládeže, KSM) took a public stance on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It presented its position on current developments in Israel and on the subsequent response in the Czech Republic in the July issue of its online magazine Mladá Pravda: "The representatives of both our government and the opposition, including for example president Miloš Zeman, who in the name of servility to American imperialism unilaterally and uncritically support the Israeli state, including its racist and apartheid regime, and display its flags on public buildings, find it difficult to get over the fact that our public and especially the young people see the long – concealed truth and that their stances are in principal disagreement with the propaganda of the current regime." In another article containing the joint statement of European communist youth organisations, KSM sends "its greetings to the large actions of solidarity with the people of Palestine taking place these days all over the world and call for an end to the bloodshed and Barbarian occupation" 39.

One of the demonstrations in support of Palestine that took place in May in Prague was followed up by the Police of the Czech Republic. The event attended by several dozen people involved minors wearing headbands with the Arabic inscription Al-Qassam (military wing of the radical Hamas movement)<sup>40</sup>.

<sup>38</sup> https://ism-czech.org/2021/05/18/tiskova-zprava-obcanske-iniciativy-odeslaly-otevreny-dopis-ministru-kulhankovi-s-zadosti-o-vyveseni-palestinske-vlajky/. The conflict has been analysed by a number of experts including The Washington Institute for Near East Policy: https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/sword-jerusalem-vs-guardian-walls-gaza-and-next-lebanon-war.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> July issue of *Mladá pravda*: http://www.ksm.cz/images/MP022021a5.pdf
<sup>40</sup> https://echo24.cz/a/S5j3C/policie-proveruje-arabske-napisy-na-demonstraci-pred-



Source: https://echo24.cz/a/S5j3C/policie-proveruje-arabske-napisy-na-demonstraci-pred-izraelskou-ambasadou (19, 5, 2021)

### 3.4 DISINFORMATION PLATFORMS

In the last monitored period, the coronavirus, anti-pandemic measures and developments at home and abroad were the crucial themes shared by both the mainstream media, and disinformation platforms. In keeping with the trends introduced in the preceding years, these platforms in 2021 belonged to the group of significant producers and disseminators of antisemitic articles and commentaries.

The Centre Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats (CTHH) under the MI CR identified several types of long-term narratives in the area of major dis-

information trends and communications<sup>41</sup>. One of the most common claims, according to CTHH, was that "western producers of vaccines against covid-19 are untrustworthy; they have a dark past and insidious interests and possibly can be in tow of evil global elites".

In December, *Investigace.cz* presented a list of fifteen most shared posts on Facebook<sup>42</sup>. One of them was an article published on *CZ24NEWS*, taken over from the *Aeronet* disinformation platform. The article contains, amongst other things, the following claim: "Oh boy, here we have another chunky chutzpah; however, in this particular case it was not coughed up by goyim, but by Israeli Jews. Remember what I have already said several times – Israel is always the first in both priviligisation and liquidation."<sup>43</sup>

#### 3.5 PUBLISHING ACTIVITY

The publishing of antisemitic literature was given a lot of attention in recent years by the public as well as by law enforcement bodies. It is therefore no surprise that the activity of entities linked to the publication of titles with such a focus has been rather muted. No new books appeared last year in the output of monitored far-right publishers.

<sup>42</sup> The analysis concerned almost 500,000 news items from 63 Czech news and publicist servers, and that including conspiracy and tabloid servers, published between January 2021 and the Christian Christmas period: https://www.investigace.cz/zpravy-roku-2021/

<sup>41</sup> CTHH has also pointed out the fact that this was a list of individual types, whereas in reality the recorded communications combine several narratives: https://www.mvcr.cz/cthh/clanek/ koronavirus-prehled-hlavnich-dezinformacnich-trendu-a-sdeleni.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> According to *Investigace.cz*, the article https://cz24.news/sokujici-mega-skandal-zkorumpovane-vlady-se-v-tajne-smlouve-s-pfizerem-se-zavazali-blokovat-superucinny-ivermectin-vsechny-body-tzv-smlouvy-jsou-pouze-ve-prospech-pfizeru-a-na-ukor-podpisujicic/ was shared on Facebook 19,447 times. The CZ24NEWS portal then took it from the Aeronet platform, where it had been published a day earlier under a different title: https://aeronet.cz/news/pfizer-leak-na-verejnost-unikla-duverna-smlouva-pfizeru-ododavkach-mrna-vakciny-comirnaty-500-a-uz-je-jasne-proc-vlady-blokuji-ivermectin-ve-smlouve-s-pfizerem-se-k-tomu-totiz-de-facto-zavazaly/

In 2021, there was some development in the case of the publisher Bodyart Press s.r.o. and its title *The Myth of the Six Million* by David L. Hoggan. Experts consider this work to be the founding literary feat of Holocaust denial. During the proceedings, the publisher argued that the book had been published for study purposes<sup>44</sup>. The case, which was investigated by the Vysočina Region Police Directorate, was adjourned on the grounds of not constituting a criminal offence<sup>45</sup>. The decision was then reviewed at the request of the General Prosecutors Office and in August 2021 the police initiated the prosecution of one individual and one legal person connected with the book<sup>46</sup>. In October 2021, the public prosecutor brought an action for publishing and spreading the book against one individual and one legal person before the District Court in Žďár nad Sázavou<sup>47</sup>. The verdict was passed in January 2022; the court in Žďár nad Sázavou found the publisher Bodyart Press s.r.o. and its managing director Hedvika Fiksová guilty of the offence of denying, minimising, approving and justifying genocide and imposed a fine of 60,000 Czech crowns. Both prosecution and defence decided to retain the legal period for possible appeal<sup>48</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> The Myth of the Six Million contains, for example, the claim that the detail of six million Jewish victims of Nazism is "intentional and brazen" falsification of history and is a "genocide legend". Bodyart Press s.r.o. published the book in 2016. It was still available from internet shops in the first quarter of 2020 together with other titles which openly professed anti-Jewish agitation. Their list is available in last year's AR published by the FJC: https://www.fzo.cz/wp-content/uploads/FZO-VZ20-F4-email.pdf. str. 10.

https://www.izo.cz/wp-content/uploads/FZO-VZ20-F4-email.pdf, str. 10.

45 The spokesperson of the Vysočina Region Police Directorate stated in March 2021: "We concluded the case by deferring it in accordance with section 159 paragraph 1 of the criminal code. Where the case is not one of suspicion of committing a crime, the prosecutor or the police body shall defer the case by its resolution unless it is appropriate to dispose of the case otherwise.": https://www.romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/domaci/podle-policie-neni-trestne-yydavat-knihu-popirajici-holokaust.pripad-bible-popiracu-prosetri-nejvyssi-statni-zastupitelstvi

46 Information about this fact was brought also by iROZHLAS: https://www.irozhlas.cz/

zpravy-domov/policie-obvinila-nakladatelstvi-kniha-popirajici-holokaust\_2109012126\_piv <sup>47</sup> In his statement, the public prosecutor Martin Černý said that in this criminal case "an action was filed with the District Court in Žďár nad Sázavou against one individual and one legal entity within the same scope of the fact as proposed by the police authority.": https://nasregion.cz/nakladatelstvi-bodyart-press-jde-k-soudu-kvuli-knizce-popirajici-Holocaust-240932/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> The court first issued a criminal order and set a fine lower than that proposed by the prosecutor. All the participants filed a protest and that is why the court dealt with the case in a trial held on 6 January 2022 and soon after that rendered a decision: https://www.ceskenoviny.cz/zpravy/zdarsky-soud-uznal-vinnymi-jednatelku-i-vydavatelstvi-kvuli-popirani-holokaustu/2141766

In June 2021, four more private individuals and two companies were charged by the police of denying, minimising, approving and justifying genocide – the Guidemedia etc s.r.o. publishing house and the distributor Náš směr s.r.o. as well as four individuals linked to these firms. The first fact concerned the publication of Dissecting the Holocaust (*Holocaust pod lupou*) by Germar Rudolf (published in 2016). According to the investigators, the book questions the existence of gas chambers and minimises the severity of the Holocaust. It contains statements such as: "there was no order or plan for the alleged genocide of Jews, nor any plan, nor any budget", or that "the number of four million victims of Auschwitz was fabricated". The second problematic title is The Plague in Russia (Mor v Rusku) by the prominent German Nazi Alfred Ernst Rosenberg. According to the investigators, the book venerates this person and calls into question his sentencing to death in the Nuremberg Trials<sup>49</sup>.

#### 3.6 OTHER IMPORTANT CASES INVOLVING THE MEDIA

In June 2021, at a meeting of the Local Prague 11 District Authority, councillor and former mayor Jiří Štyler referred to the current councillors and advisers as "Jewish Bolshevist material"<sup>50</sup>. In its press release published in the end of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Novinky.cz, referring to the text of the notice of accusation, which the Právo daily had the opportunity to see, wrote: https://www.novinky.cz/krimi/clanek/vydayatel-obvinen-zpopirani-zlocinu-nacismu-40365804. Other titles published by the same publisher in the past included openly antisemitic pamphlets by local and foreign authors, e.g. The Poisonous Mushroom (Jedovatá houba) (author Ernst Hiemer), What Do You Know About Jews (Co víte o židech?) (author Alois Kříž) or Golem – Geissel der Tschechen (Golem, metla Čechů) (author Walter Jacobi). The representative of the publisher, Pavel Kamas, declared in the past that he was starting an independent series dedicated to "refuting the myth of the Holocaust". This was after the Supreme Court acquitted both him and two other publishers of the speeches of Adolf Hitler in June 2019: https://www.irozhlas.cz/zpravy-domov/nejvyssisoud-pavel-zeman-statni-zastupce-adolf-hitler-projevy-nsdap-guidemedia\_1906251718\_gak <sup>50</sup> Jiří Štyler said, literally: "I would like to know why he [Ing. Petr Jirava] did not, with a heavy heart, start to cut the money, fifteen million on little meetings, cronies and other Jewish Bolshevist material that you have in your council?" The complete minutes of the Prague 11 Local Authority session is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUA0xoOO-ZQ, the utterance at issue starts at 49:33 of the minutes.

lune, the Prague 11 Local Authority Council mentioned the fact that, at the same meeting, Štyler's colleague from the Movement for Prague 11 (Hnutí pro Prahu 11, HPP11) Martin Farmačka tried to publicly excuse Jiří Štyler's utterance by claiming that "Jewish bolshevism was a normal term"51. The Prague 11 Local Authority Council distanced itself from these statements and called upon both councillors to consider their resignation from the council or to at least publicly apologise for their statements<sup>52</sup>. In June 2021, the Jewish Community in Prague approached the infractions unit of the Internal Affairs Department of the Prague 11 Local Authority and asked for a hearing in the matter of Jiří Štyler's statement. In August 2021, the Municipality of the Capital City of Prague, as the superior administrative authority, decided to transfer jurisdiction in the matter of the alleged offence to the Prague 4 Local Authority. In December 2021, the Secretary's Office / Offences Department of the Prague 4 Local Authority informed the Prague Jewish community that it has been decided "not to proceed with the case due to termination of liability"53.

In January 2021, the police closed the investigation of a case of sale of promotional items with a Nazi theme by the *Naše Vojsko a.s.* publishing house and filed a motion<sup>54</sup>. The investigators accused one individual and the company as a legal entity of supporting and promoting a movement aiming

51 Statement by Martin Farmačka made in HPP11: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lUA0xoO0-ZO&t=8700s

<sup>52</sup> Press release: https://www.praha11.cz/cs/media/aktuality-z-prahy-11/tiskova-zprava-rmc-praha-11-k-antisemitskym-vyrokum-pronesenym-na-poslednim-jednani-zastupitelstva.html

According to section 29 of Act 250/2016 Sb., on responsibility for offences and procedures, the responsibility for an offence expires only after the end of the limitation period. The limitation period, which is 1 year and starts on the day following the day on which the offence was committed, has not yet elapsed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> An information charge was filed in 2020 by, inter alia, the chairman of the board of the Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims Michal Klíma and the Federation of Jewish Communities concerning The Calendar of Personalities of the Third Reich for 2021 produced by Naše Vojsko a.s.

to suppress the rights and freedoms of man and of disorderly conduct<sup>55</sup>. In April 2021, the Prague 5 District Court returned the case for additional investigation; the supervising public prosecutor lodged a complaint against this decision. In May 2021, the appellate court endorsed the decision to return the case for additional investigation. The charge was once again filed by the prosecutor's office with the Prague 5 District Court in the end of September 2021<sup>56</sup>.

## 3.7 | MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTISEMITISM REFLECTED IN CR POLICE STATISTICS

The annual report usually includes data relating to antisemitism presented every year in the summary statistical overview compiled by the CR Police<sup>57</sup>. The police process the statistical data using the "tactical statistical classification (TSC)" with its own codes for individual types of offences and their combinations and for the inclusion of offences into specifically designated groups.

Out of a total of 20 recorded criminal offences of defamation of nation, race, ethnic or other group of persons (section 355 of the criminal code) one had an

<sup>55</sup> A number of domestic media informed about the development of the case; the charges in the case were reported for example by iROZHLAS: https://www.irozhlas.cz/zpravydomov/kalendar-nase-vojsko-nacismus-navrh-na-obzalobu\_2101151114\_kro

The police had earlier investigated the publishing house because of cups with the portraits of the Nazi Fuhrer Adolf Hitler and acting Reich protector Reinhard Heydrich. However, it closed the case in summer 2018, stating that no offence had been committed: https://ct24.ceskatelevize.cz/domaci/3384610-v-kauze-kalendare-s-nacistickoutematikou-padla-nova-obzaloba

<sup>57</sup> The total number of facts recorded according to TSC in 2021 is available here: https://www.policie.cz/clanek/statisticke-prehledy-kriminality-za-rok-2021.aspx. The details of the number of recorded facts with an antisemitic motive or subtext was provided upon request by the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic.

antisemitic motive or subtext in 2021. Compared to the preceding monitored period when six such facts were recorded, this was an evident decrease.

In recent years, a relatively stable trend could be observed in the category of recorded offences of instigation of hate towards a group of people or of suppression of their rights and freedoms (section 356 of the criminal code). The three acts with an antisemitic motivation recorded in 2021 come after two monitored periods (2020 and 2019) when 2 acts had an antisemitic motive or subtext.

In 2021 there was a change in the way data concerning offences pursuant to sections 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405 of the criminal code were processed  $^{58}$ . TSC 789 was divided into two new categories – 702 (attack against humanity, genocide, pursuant to sections 400, 401, 405) and 703 (establishment, support and promotion of movements aimed at suppression of human rights and freedoms, sections 402, 403, 403a, 404).

Of the total 7 recorded offences pursuant to sections 400, 401, 405, three, that is almost a half, had an antisemitic motive or subtext. The category of offences according to sections 402, 403, 403a, 404 included 58 recorded offences of which 23 had an antisemitic motive or subtext.

The category of recorded acts with an antisemitic motivation or subtext according to sections 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405 showed a marked year-on-year rise. In 2020, altogether 15 facts (out of a total of 53) had an antisemitic motive or subtext; in 2019 there were 19 (out of a total of 83).

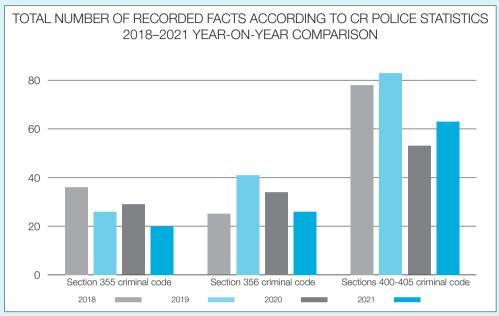
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Section 400 Genocide, section 401 Attacks against humanity, section 402 Apartheid and discrimination of a group of people, section 403 Establishment, support and promotion of movements aimed at suppression of human rights and freedoms, section 404 Expressing sympathies for movements seeking to suppress human rights and freedoms, section 405 Denial, impugnation, approval and justification of genocide.

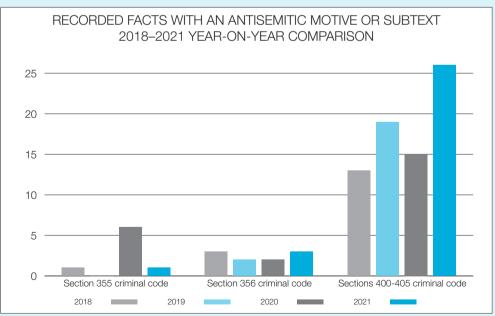
Once again, it must be pointed out in relation to all the categories that most offences of hate violence remain unreported and that the motive or subtext cannot always be confirmed with absolute certainty<sup>59</sup>.

	TSC				
	702	703	787	788	789
Total number of recorded facts in 2021 according to the TSC	7	58	20	26	0
Recorded facts with an antisemitic motive or subtext in 2021	3	23	1	3	0
Total number of recorded facts in 2020 according to the TSC	0	0	29	34	53
Recorded facts with an antisemitic motive or subtext in 2020	0	0	6	2	15
Total number of recorded facts in 2019 according to the TSC	0	0	26	41	83
Recorded facts with an antisemitic motive or subtext in 2019	0	0	0	2	19
Total number of recorded facts in 2018 according to the TSC	0	0	36	25	78
Recorded facts with an antisemitic motive or context in 2018	0	0	1	3	13

- 702 Attacks against humanity, genocide (sections 400, 401, 405)
- 703 Establishment, support and promotion of movements aimed at suppression of human rights and freedoms (sections 402, 403, 403a, 404)
- 787 Defamation of nation, race, ethnic or other group of persons (section 355 of the criminal code)
- 788 Instigation of hatred towards a group of people or of suppression of their rights and freedoms (section 356 of the criminal code)
- 789 section 400 Genocide, section 401 Attack against humanity, section 402 Apartheid and discrimination of a group of people, section 403 Establishment, support and promotion of movements aimed at suppression of human rights and freedoms, section 404 Expressing sympathies for movements seeking to suppress human rights and freedoms section 405 Denial, impugnation, approval and justification of genocide.

<sup>59</sup> Statistics of its activity and cases dealt with are published regularly also by the Office of the Public Defender of Rights, which since 2009 has been the national body for equal treatment and protection against discrimination in compliance with the law and relevant EU directives (e.g. 2000/43/EC, 2000/78/EC and others): https://www.ochrance.cz/ dokument/zpravy\_pro\_poslaneckou\_snemovnu\_2021/





## 4 | EUROPE AND THE WORLD

The state of antisemitism in the Czech Republic cannot be seen as an isolated phenomenon; it is in many ways closely linked to the situation in the neighbouring countries and the world. The unsettling rise in the number of antisemitic incidents is, generally, a lasting and global trend<sup>60</sup>, which is clearly identifiable and documentable also in the Czech environment. Compared to other countries, however, the situation in the Czech Republic remains favourable, especially with view to the fact that antisemitically motivated physical attacks are very rare and Jews in the Czech Republic do not experience the feeling of immediate danger and fear of violent expressions of hatred as may be the case in western European countries or in the United States.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> This follows from much research and many reports: e.g., the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency issued a joint report on manifestations of antisemitism in the world in 2021. It follows from the report that 2021 was the most "antisemitic year" in the last decade. On average, there were 10 incidents daily and almost 50 % of the total number of incidents were attacks in Europe. https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/news/wzo24012022/ en/file\_2021%20report-final.pdf. The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) published a summary report on antisemitic incidents recorded between the years 2010-2020: https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2021/antisemitism-data-gaps-continue-hide-true-picture. The Kantor Centre at Tel Aviv University published a report on worldwide manifestations of antisemitism in 2020: https://en-humanities.tau.ac.il/sites/humanities en.tau.ac.il/ files/media server/Extract%20of%20the%20Annual%20Worldwide%20Report%20for% 202020.pdf. From the annual research carried out by ADL it follows that during the last five years a quarter of American Jews have personally encountered antisemitism. The proportion of Jews who stated that they had experienced antisemitism or had been victims of a physical attack was even a little higher than in the preceding year: https://www.adl.org/ news/press-releases/more-than-half-of-jewish-americans-have-experienced-antisemitismin-past-five. The top 10 global antisemitic incidents in 2021 were published by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre: https://www.wiesenthal.com/assets/pdf/global\_anti-semitism\_2021\_ top\_ten.pdf

In 2021, the same as in the preceding year, antisemitic incidents worldwide were linked partly to far-right activities, partly to the covid-19 pandemic and the conspiracies of the anti-vaccination movement, partly to the radicalised Muslim community, and partly to the conflict in the Middle East.

It was the unrest in May in Jerusalem, which escalated into an open conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Hamas in the Gaza strip<sup>61</sup>, that shifted massively into the online environment<sup>62</sup> and triggered anti-Israeli and pro-Palestinian demonstrations. In many parts of the world protests by opponents of Israel then grew into violent and antisemitic incidents. In Britain alone, in May there were 116 incidents in eleven days<sup>63</sup>. In the United States too, an 80% rise in manifestations of antisemitism was observed in May<sup>64</sup>. For example, during one protest action in New York a Jewish youth wearing a kippah was brutally attacked<sup>65</sup>; in the centre of Los Angeles a group of pro-Palestinian demonstrators attacked two Jewish customers in a local restaurant<sup>66</sup>. In London, the police arrested four men who drove in a convoy of cars through Golders Green, an area with a large Jewish population, blowing their horns

61 Operation Guardian of the Walls: https://ct24.ceskatelevize.cz/svet/3309589-palestinci-

se-znovu-stretli-s-izraelskou-policii-nepokoje-v-jeruzaleme-si-vyzadaly

The sharp rise of hate online posts against Jews during the Israeli conflict with the Gaza strip in May 2021 was pointed out also in the Annual Report on Worldwide Antisemitism of the Israeli Ministry of Diaspora Affairs: https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/report\_Gaza%20Tensions.19.05.21.pdf anti240121/en/Antisemitism-Gaza%20Tensions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> During the period from 8 May to 7 June 2021, a total of 628 antisemitic incidents were recorded in the United Kingdom. This was the highest number ever of incidents in a month and a 365 % rise compared to the preceding month: https://cst.org.uk/data/file/4/a/The\_Month\_of\_Hate.1626263072.pdf

<sup>4/</sup>a/The\_Month\_of\_Hate.1626263072.pdf

64 https://www.nytimes.com/2021/05/26/us/anti-semitism-attacks-violence.html

65 https://www.timesofisrael.com/i-thought-i-was-going-to-die-jewish-man-recounts-assault-by-pro-palestine-mob/ A week later men called out antisemitic threats at a group of orthodox Jews in front of a synagogue (e.g. "Free Palestine - kill all Jews"); the same group then physically attacked two Jewish youths: https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/police-investigating-2-alleged-antisemitic-incidents-in-brooklyn-ny-only/3070406/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> A day earlier an orthodox Jew became the target of an attack in LA. He was pursued by demonstrators in a car with Palestinian flags and recorded the whole incident on his phone: https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-05-19/l-a-sushi-restaurant-attack-is-being-investigated-as-an-antisemitic-hate-crime

and shouting antisemitic insults and chanting slogans such as "Rape their daughters!" 67.



Source: https://www.timesofisrael.com/london-cops-arrest-4-over-f-the-jews-rape-their-daughters-video/ (16. 5. 2021)

<sup>67</sup> https://www.timesofisrael.com/london-cops-arrest-4-over-f-the-jews-rape-their-daughters-video/

Also in Paris, Brussels and many other European cities, pro-Palestinian demonstrators chanted antisemitic slogans, burned Israeli flags<sup>68</sup>, and in Bonn, for example, threw stones at the entrance to a synagogue<sup>69</sup>.

Although a truce between Israel and Hamas was declared after eleven days of fighting, attacks linked to the May conflict continued throughout the remaining part of 202I. In July, for example, attackers threatened a Jewish man on a London bus, vowing to "cut his throat in revenge for Palestine"<sup>70</sup>; on an October evening in the Spandau district of Berlin a group of three assailants selected a random passer-by, surrounded him and started forcing him to shout the anti-Israeli slogan "Free Palestine". When the man refused, the three attacked him. The thirty-six-year-old man suffered severe head injuries and lost consciousness<sup>71</sup>.

In 2021, the UN General Assembly adopted several resolutions aimed against Israel. In December, it adopted a resolution by a large majority according to which the only valid name of Temple Mount in Jerusalem was its Arabic name Al-Haram Ash-Sharif ("The Noble Sanctuary"). In ancient times, centuries before Muslim settlement, this was the site of both Jewish temples, the centrepiece of Judaism. However, the UN resolution, in contravention of historical facts, did not take into account the Jewish bond with the most sacred place in Judaism. The proposal was approved by 129 countries; 11 including

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> https://www.irozhlas.cz/zpravy-svet/evropska-mesta-propalestinske-demonstrace\_ 2105152022\_btk; https://eurojewcong.org/news/communities-news/belgium/ antisemitic-chants-at-brussels-anti-israel-demonstration/

<sup>69</sup> https://www.dw.com/de/emp%C3%B6rung-wegen-verbrennung-israelischer-flaggen-in-deutschland/a-57506133. Due to rising antisemitism during anti-Israeli protests, the German government imposed a ban on the flag of the terrorist organisation Hamas.: https://echo24.cz/a/SxLfK/nemecko-zakaze-vlajky-hamasu-kvuli-narustajicimu-antisemitismu

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> https://www.thejc.com/news/uk/bus-passenger-threatened-i-will-slit-your-throat-for-palestine-1.518364

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> https://www.tagesspiegel.de/berlin/polizei-justiz/er-weigerte-sich-free-palestine-zu-rufen-trio-schlaegt-und-tritt-36-jaehrigen-in-berlin-lebensgefahr/27739316.html

the Czech Republic voted against<sup>72</sup>. Thirty-four countries including the Czech Republic refused to attend the Durban conference against racism (UN World Conference Against Racism) because of concerns that the platform might be misused for attacks against the State of Israel and for antisemitic statements like the ones that had resounded there in the past $^{73}$ .

The worldwide rise in the number of antisemitic incidents in 2021 can be placed in the context of the covid-19 epidemic. The trend that started in 2020 deepened even further and had an impact in the form of an alarming growth of antisemitic posts and conspiracy theories – not only in the virtual environment. Linked to the activities of the opponents of anti-pandemic measures and of the supporters of the anti-vaccination movement, there was evident and repeated abuse of the vellow star of David as the symbol of the Shoah and an inclination towards conspiracy theories that blamed the Jews as the originators of the covid-19 pandemic<sup>74</sup>. One example was the antivaccination demonstration in France accompanied by openly antisemitic slogans and banners<sup>75</sup>. Antisemitic claims were sounded at a demonstration against vaccination in the Polish town of Głogów, alleging that "The pandemic is the Jews' doing" and "The Jews rule the world"; the crowd chanted: "Every Pole can see today that it is the Jews who are behind the 'pandemic'"<sup>76</sup>. In Cologne on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> The first temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE, the second in 70 BCE by the Romans. What remains of it is the Western Wall, also known as the Wailing Wall. The first Muslim building was not erected on this site until 600 years later. The UN General Assembly adopted a further two resolutions concerning the Middle East. In these resolutions it condemns the Israeli occupation of the Golan Heights and demands the withdrawal of Israel from this territory. It also calls upon Israelis and Palestinians to expend more effort to terminate the mutual conflict and achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East: https://www.un.org/press/en/2021/ga12390.doc.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> https://www.worldjewishcongress.org/en/news/38-countries-boycott-antisemitic-

durban-iv-conference.

74 https://www.wiesenthal.com/assets/pdf/global\_anti-semitism\_2021\_top\_ten.pdf
75 https://www.idnes.cz/zpravy/zahranicni/koronavirus-nakaza-pandemie-nemoc-covid-19-francie-antisemitismus-zide-nenavist-demonstrace-zdravotn.A210812 124141 zahranicni dtt

<sup>76</sup> https://www.timesofisrael.com/polish-anti-vaccine-protesters-chant-jews-are-to-blamefor-the-covid-19-pandemic/

Rhine, antisemitic flyers labelling Jews as the originators of the covid-19 pandemic were found<sup>77</sup>. Flyers with conspiratorial antisemitic proclamations, especially the claim that "all aspects of the `covid agenda' are Jewish", appeared also across the United States<sup>78</sup>.





Source: https://www.timesofisrael.com/anti-semitic-flyer-in-german-tram-blames-jews-for-pandemic/ (11. 2. 2021) and https://antisemitism.org/every-single-aspect-of-the-covid-agenda-is-jewish-antisemitic-flyers-distributed-to-beverly-hills-homes-on-eve-of-chanukah/ (29. 11. 2021)

In 2021, unlike in the previous years, there was no terrorist attack against a Jewish institution that claimed human lives. There were nevertheless many antisemitically motivated physical assaults<sup>79</sup>, attempts at arson attacks against

<sup>77</sup> https://www.timesofisrael.com/anti-semitic-flyer-in-german-tram-blames-jews-for-pandemic/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> https://antisemitism.org/every-single-aspect-of-the-covid-agenda-is-jewish-antisemitic-flyers-distributed-to-beverly-hills-homes-on-eve-of-chanukah/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> For example, in July an attack with a cold weapon against a rabbi occurred in front of the Chabad in Boston. The rabbi was making a phone call on the street in broad daylight when he was approached by an attacker wielding a gun, who tried to force the rabbi to climb into a car. The rabbi resisted and started running with the attacker in pursuit. The attacker then stabbed him several times: https://www.nbcboston.com/news/local/1-arrested-in-brighton-stabbing-police-say/2419674/

synagogues<sup>80</sup> and also several attempts at attacks against Jewish assemblies<sup>81</sup>. A steady growth in the number of online antisemitic incidents has been recorded<sup>82</sup>.

On the other hand, the rise in antisemitism has been matched by efforts to stem its spread, to prevent it and protect Jewish communities worldwide.

A conference titled *International Forum on Holocaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism*<sup>83</sup> was held in Malmö (Sweden) on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October to which the Swedish prime minister Stefan Löfven invited presidents and members of governments of many countries. The conference was attended also by representatives of a number of international organisations and operators of social networks. This was twenty-one years after Sweden held the International Forum on the Holocaust, which resulted in the adoption of the

For example, in June a masked assailant tried to set fire to a synagogue in Ulm (Baden-Württemberg, Germany). He arrived at the site carrying a plastic bottle containing a combustible which he poured on the ground by the wall of the synagogue and lit it: https://www.zdf.de/nachrichten/politik/ulm-synagoge-brandanschlag-100.html. An 18-year-old student started a fire in front of a synagogue in Austin (Texas). The police found the culprit carrying, amongst other things, material for making Molotov cocktails and a propagandist sticker with swastikas and the inscription "Kill them all ": https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/11/16/austin-synagogue-fire-sechriest-arson/

For example, on the eve of Yom Kippur the German police issued a warning about a serious threat of an Islamist motivated attack against the synagogue in Hagen (west Germany) and detained a sixteen-year-old Syrian who was allegedly preparing to attack with explosives: https://ct24.ceskatelevize.cz/svet/3371196-policie-zmarila-chystany-utok-na-synagogu-v-nemeckem-hagenu-zadrzela-ctyri-lidi. Two right-wing extremists planned attacks against the Jewish community in the Argentinian province of Tucumán. The arrest of the two men was based on evidence of a threat of an immediate attack, which according to their plan was to take place during Sabbath. A large number of firearms and cold weapons, transmitters and Nazi literature was found in the apartments of the accused: https://www.wiesenthal.com/about/news/t.html

Moreover, research conducted by British organisations focused on fighting racism and hate confirmed that antisemitism was spreading at a growing rate through social networks among young people: https://hopenothate.org.uk/
 https://ct24.ceskatelevize.cz/svet/3385514-svedku-Holocaustu-ubyva-ale-pripominat-

<sup>83</sup> https://ct24.ceskatelevize.cz/svet/3385514-svedku-Holocaustu-ubyva-ale-pripominat-ho-je-treba-stale-zaznelo-na-konferenci. One of the speakers was the CR minister of foreign affairs Jakub Kulhánek: https://www.mzv.cz/jnp/cz/udalosti\_a\_media/tiskove\_zpravy/x2021\_10\_13\_ministr\_kulhanek\_prednesl\_projev\_na.html

Stockholm Declaration – the founding document of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). In 2016, IHRA adopted the working definition of antisemitism, which received broad support; it has been adopted so far by 29 countries, the European Union, and a number of local governments and institutions from all over the world<sup>84</sup>.

On the occasion of the Malmö conference, fifty academicians published an open letter in which they claimed that the IHRA working definition was being used as an ideological weapon against human rights organisations and activists criticising Israel for its occupation of Palestinian territories<sup>85</sup>. They also proposed an alternative definition, which was drafted in March 2021 as the Jerusalem Declaration (JDA)<sup>86</sup>. Through this declaration, academicians engaged in the study of antisemitism, Jewish history and the State of Israel criticise the IHRA definition and its examples of contemporary antisemitism, which in their view are misused and have a stunning impact on the freedom of speech. Although the new IDA definition refers to universal principles in its preamble and links the fight against antisemitism to the fight against other forms of racism and discrimination, the document has faced criticism for almost immediately politicising the neutral position. According to the critics, the academicians do not question any other nationalism except the Jewish one, do not legitimise any other boycott or sanction except the anti-Israeli ones and ignore the fact that the demand for justice and equality may be a euphemism for the destruction of Israel and rejection of the Jewish right to self-determination in any form<sup>87</sup>. The

https://www.jpost.com/diaspora/antisemitism/madrid-adopts-ihra-antisemitism-definition-680366; endorsed by the Parliament of the Czech Republic in January 2019: https://www.psp.cz/sqw/cms.sqw?z=12305
 https://s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/euobs-media/b7602129dc4791bd47267b593f517caa.pdf

on https://s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/euobs-media/b/602129dc4/91bd4/26/b593f51/caa.pdf
https://jerusalemdeclaration.org/

<sup>87</sup> E.g.: https://fathomjournal.org/fathom-long-read-accommodating-the-new-antisemitism-a-critique-of-the-jerusalem-declaration/; https://nationalinterest.org/blog/middle-east-watch/jerusalem-declaration%E2%80%99s-bogus-definition-anti-semitism-181960; https://www.thejc.com/comment/opinion/the-jerusalem-declaration-defines-the-community-of-the-good-not-antisemitism-1.513816

IHRA definition actually guarantees that "Criticism of Israel similar to that applied towards other countries cannot of course be considered antisemitism" (see chapter 2.3 Working definition of antisemitism). IHRA merely gives examples of incidents which, as experience has shown, were antisemitic in the past and says that a case which is similar may, depending on the context, also be antisemitic. If a state or institution adopts the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, it is confirming that incidents and statements which look like criticism of Israel can in a certain context be antisemitic. Politicisation and subversion of this context would open the space for violence focused on Israeli and Jewish targets (see the aftermath of the May conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Hamas in Gaza).

In October 2021, the European Commission introduced the first EU Strategy on combatting antisemitism and fostering Jewish life (more in chapter 3 MAJOR EVENTS AND TRENDS IN THE AREA OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC). The strategy contains measures focused on prevention and elimination of all forms of antisemitism; protection and fostering of Jewish life in the EU; education, research and remembrance of Holocaust victims. The strategy proposes measures for intensifying cooperation with internet companies with the aim of restricting antisemitism on the internet, improving protection of public spaces and places of worship. Besides these measures, the EU has declared its intention to stand at the head of the worldwide battle against antisemitism<sup>88</sup>.

In the beginning of November 2021, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) issued a summary overview of antisemitic incidents on EU territory in

<sup>88</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/eu-strategy-combatting-antisemitism-and-fostering-jewish-life-2021-2030 en

2010–2020<sup>89</sup>. In the accompanying press release, FRA director Michael O'Flaherty points to the issue of inadequate reporting and collection of data on antisemitic incidents: "Antisemitism is a serious problem. Without data however we do not know how serious it really is. The lack of data also prevents us from combatting antisemitism effectively. EU members must step up their effort in support of reporting and improving data collection as recommended by the recent EU Strategy on combatting antisemitism and fostering Jewish life. Then we will be able to deal better with hate and prejudice towards Jews." The FJC Annual Report aspires to contribute to achieving a more accurate picture of the state of antisemitism not only in the domestic, but also European context.

<sup>89</sup> https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\_uploads/fra-2021-antisemitism-overview-2010-2020\_en.pdf

<sup>90</sup> https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2021/antisemitism-data-gaps-continue-hide-true-picture

# 5 CATEGORIES OF ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS

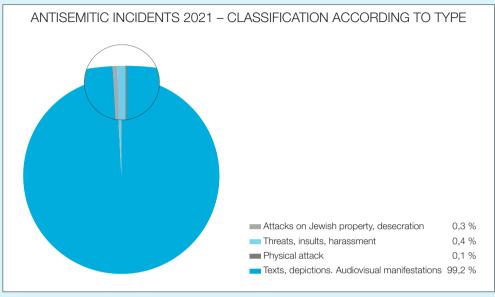
This chapter is the key part of the current Annual Report, dealing directly with manifestations of antisemitism recorded by the FJC during 2021. A total of 1128 incidents were recorded; the following text then divides these into several categories. Each category is introduced by a brief definition followed by illustrative examples of incidents falling under it. The individual categories differentiated according to type, target, ideology, content and medium contain and classify all the incidents recorded in 2021. Where an incident could fall under more than one category – because it contains, for example, both vulgar and stereotypical claims, both Holocaust denial and new antisemitism – only one category, the dominant one, is selected and the incident is included there.

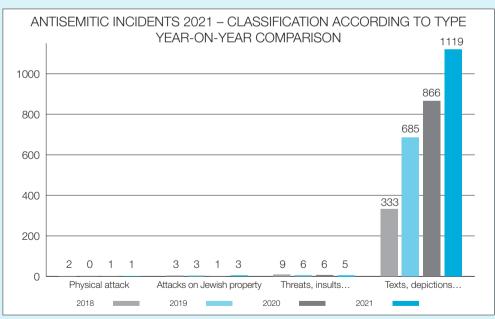
# 5.1 | ACCORDING TO TYPE

#### 5.1.1 PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON INDIVIDUALS

A physical attack on an individual is one which results in actual bodily harm or one where the aim is to cause bodily harm even when the victim of the assault succeeds in escaping or when for any reason bodily harm, though intended does not occur.

TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDED ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS IN 2021	1128
ACCORDING TO TYPE	
Physical attacks on individuals	1
Attacks on Jewish property, desecration	3
Threats, insults, harassment	5
Text, depictions, audiovisual manifestations	1119
ACCORDING TO TARGET	
Targeted	19
General	1109
ACCORDING TO IDEOLOGY	
Far-right extremism	526
Far-left extremism	48
Islamism	7
Ultraconservative Christian fundamentalism	15
Disinformation platforms	162
Unspecified	370
ACCORDING TO CONTENT	
Physical aggression	3
Threatening, approving, justifying or calling for physical aggression	47
Mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, vulgar and stereotypical claims and conspiracy theories	822
Denial of the fact, scope and mechanism of the Holocaust	32
New antisemitism and BDS	224
ACCORDING TO MEDIUM	
Personal confrontation and interaction	2
Public space	18
Letters and e-mails	5
Printed media	4
Internet	1099





Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

#### 5.1.1.1 Incidents in 2021

Just one physical attack on an individual was reported in 2021, which is the same situation as in previous years. In 2020 one attack was recorded, in 2019 none and in 2018 two such attacks were documented.

**April** (Prague) – a teenage girl was attacked by her peers; besides physical violence the attack was accompanied by verbal manifestations of antisemitism. During the incident the girl was called, amongst other things, "a dirty Jewesss", who should "be gassed".

#### 5.1.2 ATTACKS ON JEWISH PROPERTY, DESECRATION

An attack on Jewish property or property perceived as being linked to Jews is an evidently antisemitically motivated incident committed with the aim to deface the property symbolically with antisemitic inscriptions, symbols etc. The cases include destruction of Jewish cemeteries, painting Nazi symbols on Jewish buildings etc.

## 5.1.2.1 Incidents in 2021

Three incidents of vandalism of Jewish or Israeli buildings were recorded in 2021.

**May** (Prague) – Red paint poured on the entrance to the Embassy of the State of Israel in Prague. The incident occurred prior to an anti-Israeli demonstration titled *Solidarity and protest against the attacks on the residents of the Shiech Jarrak in Jerusalem by the ALAKSA mosque^{91}.* 

<sup>91</sup> This is the title of the demonstration which took place on 14 May 2021 in the form found at: https://www.Prague.eu/public/52/1b/68/3268634\_1153322\_Aktualni\_prehled\_oznamenych\_shromazdeni\_na\_web.docx



**September** (Prague) – a wooden bench was damaged in the Jerusalem Synagogue which is commonly open to tourists. It was sprayed with red paint and SS was carved into the wood.



# 5.1.3 THREATS, INSULTS, HARASSMENT

This category of antisemitic incidents covers any written or verbal threat addressed to the Jewish community or individuals from Jewish ranks as well as to those thought to be Jews, and expressed personally, by phone, e-mail or ordinary mail. An utterance or written text is considered to be threatening if a concrete individual is being threatened with a violent act because of their, even only presumed, Jewishness. Utterances not containing a threat of following violence are recorded as harassment or insults.

# 5.1.3.1 | Incidents in 2021

Five such incidents were recorded in 2021, similarly to 2020 and 2019 when there were 6 incidents each. In 2021 the category included, for example, the following incident:

**February** (Prague) – A threatening phone call to an employee of the Jewish Museum in Prague containing antisemitic invectives. The unidentified caller uttered, amongst other things: "Come out you Jewish swine, I'll fuck your trap to pieces, I'll kill you".

#### 5.1.4 TEXTS, DEPICTIONS, AUDIOVISUAL MANIFESTATIONS

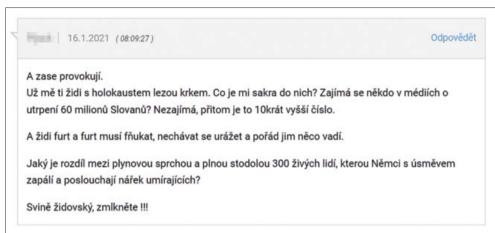
This category covers public manifestations of antisemitism not addressed to a specific person, institution or Jewish premises. They thus include publicly pronounced speeches, antisemitic graffiti, videos, images, articles, commentaries and other texts. The resulting number of recorded antisemitic texts has probably been distorted due to the possibility of having been posted on private servers, locked and non-public profiles on social networks, etc.

### 5.1.4.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 1119 recorded incidents of this type, accounting for 99.2 % of all the recorded manifestations of antisemitism. Due to the limited scope of this report, only very few examples can be given here.

**January** – contribution to discussion of an article on *pravyprostor.cz*<sup>92</sup>:

<sup>92</sup> https://pravyprostor.cz/koronavirova-krize-jen-podtrhla-rozpad-zapadnich-spolecnosti/



Here they go again.

The Jews and their Holocaust make me want to puke. Why should I care? Is anyone in the media interested in the suffering of 60 million Slavs? They are not, although the number is 10x higher.

And the Jews will continue to whine, on and on, let themselves be insulted and keep complaining about something all the time.

What's the difference between a gas shower and a barn full of 300 live people to which smilling Germans set fire and then listen to the cries of the dying?

Jewish swine, shut up!!!

# February, May - posts on VKontakte:





#### May - Facebook post:



Z.sraní židáci,okupují cizí území a ještě se diví,že je tam nechtějí a útočí na ně.Teď tam Izrael vlítne a všichni vč.OSN, NATO a EU to budou ospravedlňovat,opět tím,že jsou chudáci a za války trpěli.Kdyby Izrael

rozpoutal třetí světovou válku tak to všichni vč.amíků a nás budou omlouvat tím,že židáci za války trpěli/ostatní asi ne/a proto na to mají nárok.

Prostě Žid,migrant a nebílý může v současné době všechno a ostatní musí držet hubu a krok!!!! Otázka je "ale jak dlouho!!!



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#### Válka je na spadnutí, varuje diplomat. Izrael přesouvá tanky k hranici s Gazou -Seznam Zprávy

Fucking Jews – they are occupying foreign territory and are then surprised that they don't want them there and attack them. Now they go in there and everybody including the NATO and EU will justify this by saying that the poor things have suffered during the war. If Israel started a third world war, then everyone including the Yanks and ourselves will find excuses for this, saying that the kikes suffered during the war (as if nobody else did) and thus have the right to do so.

Simply, a Jew, migrant and non-white can do anything these days and everybody else must shut up and stay in line!!!

Question is, for how long!!!

War is imminent, a diplomat warns. Israel is moving its tanks to the borders with Gaza – Seznam Zprávy

**August** (Prague) – the inscription *Jude* on the pavement near Maisel and Old-New Synagogues in Široká street painted with a semi liquid substance<sup>93</sup>:





**August** - post on *VKontakte*:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Due to the context, i.e., the location of the inscription JUDE in the Prague quarter of Josefov, the former Prague Jewish quarter, this can be considered an antisemitic threat. In Nazi Germany the inscription "Jude" was used to mark Jewish shops and business premises. A pogrom known in history as the Kristallnacht took place in November 1938 in Germany, Austria and Sudetenland. Its consequences included the burning and demolition of more than 250 synagogues, looting of thousands of Jewish shops and apartments. During the event almost 100 Jews lost their lives, another approximately 30 thousand were imprisoned and subsequently deported to concentration camps.

## **October –** conspiracy theory in an article on *nwoo.org*<sup>94</sup>:

"While the Rothschilds secretly armed radical Islam and turned it against the West, they simultaneously mobilised the Zionists against Islam for the purpose of protecting the Jewish-Christian civilisation, by which they turned individual races and individual religions against each other, which is a part of their divideand-rule strategy for destroying the West and its population."

### **December** – post on Twitter:



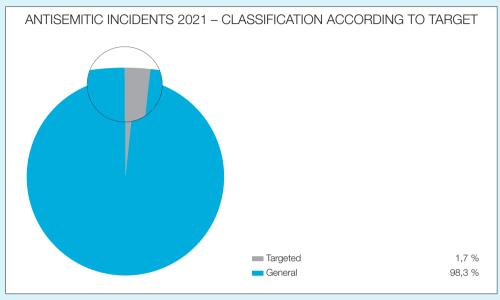
# 5.2 | ACCORDING TO TARGET

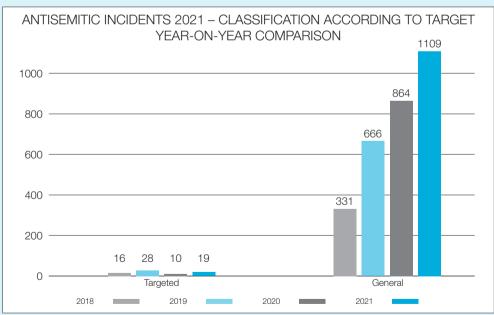
In follow up to the category described in the preceding chapter of the AR, antisemitic incidents are further divided into targeted and general.

# 5.2.1 TARGETED

Targeted incidents are those aimed at a concrete individual or institution, or attacks on Jewish property, or property perceived as property interlinked with Jews, with the aim of symbolically defacing such property with antisemitic inscriptions, symbols etc.

 $<sup>^{94}\</sup> http://www.nwoo.org/2021/10/15/rothschildova-dynastie-zkousi-provest-kalergihoplan-na-depopulaci-evropy-cast-2/$ 





Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

# 5.2.1.1 | Incidents in 2021

In 2021, nineteen antisemitically motivated targeted incidents were recorded. The year-on-year comparison within this category reflects relatively significant fluctuations, but in the context of the total number of incidents over all the monitored periods this is a stable minority type of antisemitic manifestations. Ten targeted incidents were recorded in 2021; in 2019 there were 28.

#### 5.2.2 GENERAL

This category covers all the incidents that had no specific target for the damage or harm.

#### 5.2.2.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 1109 reported generally targeted incidents, which was 98.3 % of all documented manifestations of antisemitism. The year-on-year number of general incidents has been rising for a long time. The rate of this increase correlates with the total rise in the number of antisemitic incidents.

**January** – contribution to discussion of an article on *abclinuxu.cz* $^{95}$ :

19.1.2021 13:16

Re: Kutilové měli pravdu

Odpovědět | Sbalit | Výše | Link | Blokovat | Admin

lol ..

- 1) pejzaty zidaci rozhodne zadny omezeni nedodrzujou, a argumentujou pritom virou, stejne jako spousta jinych vymazancu.
- 2) japonci maji tak schopny urady, ze nechaly (ty urady) vybouchnout fukusimu. 3 dny se totiz dohadovaly s majitelem/provozovatelem o tom, co by se jako melo nebo nemelo, az bylo na vsechno pozde.
- 3) kdyby vlada (ta nase) nevyhlasovala jednu picovinu za druhou, tak by se tim lidi taky ridili. Ted uz je to ale ve stavu, kdy si muzou vyhlasovat co chteji, stejne na to vsichni serou zvysoka.

DIYers were right

lol..

- 1) Sidelocked kikes definitely do not observe any restrictions, arguing with their faith, the same as many other dimwits.
- 2) Japanese authorities are so competent that they let fukushima explode. For 3 days they had been arguing with the owner as to what should or should not be done, until it was too late to do anything.
- 3) If the government (i.e., our government) did not vote for one piece of bullshit after another, then people would go by the book. But now it has reached a state when they can vote through whatever they want and nobody gives a fuck.

<sup>95</sup> https://www.abclinuxu.cz/blog/Tomik/2021/1/kutilove-meli-pravdu

# May – picture attached to article on *protiproud.cz* $^{96}$ :



### December - post on Twitter:



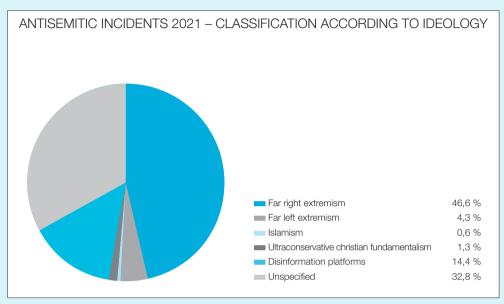
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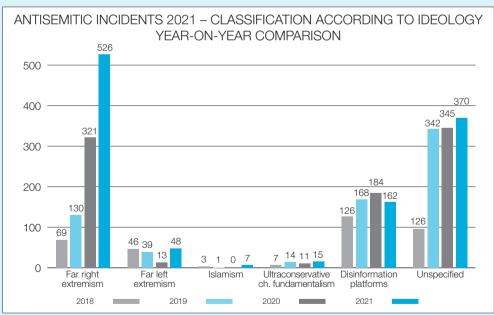
# 5.3 ACCORDING TO IDEOLOGY

A symptomatic feature of antisemitism is that it is not bound to just one ideology but can come from all sides of the political and social spectrum from the far-right and far-left, from the followers of ultraconservative Christian fundamentalism to radical Islamism. In CR, a distinct ideological base is represented by disinformation platforms, which often have a pro-Kremlin bias. The source of an antisemitic incident can be identified only when the incident takes place through an unequivocally categorizable medium, or when the author or the assailant claims allegiance to an ideology or religious extremism and it is evident that they have been motivated or influenced by extremist stances. All other incidents, where it is not possible to determine their ideological origin, have been included in the Unspecified category (subchapter 5.3.6).

## 5.3.1 FAR-RIGHT EXTREMISM

Incidents falling under this category occurred on the platforms of the farright. This includes parties, clubs, associations, group initiatives and individuals expressing national, racial or ethnic hate; they often speak and act against immigrants and the Roma. Most of them are nationalistic, some even express sympathies for fascism and Nazism. Antisemitic incidents originating on the extreme right are most often based on classical antisemitic stereotypes with a strong element of conspiratorial thinking and sometimes Holocaust denial.





Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

#### 5.3.1.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 526 recorded incidents of this type, which is almost a half of the total number. The year-on-year comparison unequivocally shows that the number of incidents recorded on far-right platforms, unlike on those of other ideological bases, has been continuously and significantly rising. This growth in the last two monitored years can be described as dramatic. Until 2020, the dominant category in the statistics of manifestations of antisemitism was "Unspecified", i.e., incidents where the ideological background could not be identified unequivocally. While the other categories have remained at comparable levels for the last three years, cases of antisemitism stemming from the ideological positions of the far right, especially on social networks (see subchapter 5.5.5.4 Social networks), continue to rise. It is among far-right extremists that it is possible to find several very active individuals who share antisemitically slanted posts on a daily basis.

**January** – conspiracy theories on the National Unification (*Národní sjednocení*) website contain, *inter alia*, the following claim<sup>97</sup>:

"The question of Jews living among European nations and their enormous influence through finance (...) political Zionism, a force vector leading to global domination hidden from the world public."

<sup>97</sup> http://www.narodnisjednoceni.cz/20200126.htm

# February, May - posts on VKontakte:





# October - post on Twitter:



Calling the youth of the Litoměřice area!

## **November** – post on *VKontakte*:



## 5.3.2 FAR-LEFT EXTREMISM

This category covers incidents stemming from the platforms of the far-left, which in the Czech environment is linked by its ideological grounds for antisemitic stances to, especially, communism, the anarchist movement and activist non-for-profit organisations connected to the BDS movement. The dominant content is new antisemitism in the form of non-objective criticism of the State of Israel.

#### 5.3.2.1 Incidents in 2021

Forty-eight such incidents were recorded in 2021. This number corresponds with 2018 statistics when 46 incidents were recorded and 2019 statistics with 39. The only significant variation in the year-on-year comparison was in 2020 when only 13 incidents were recorded. This variation was probably due to the covid-19 pandemic when for the greater part of the year extraordinary anti-epidemic measures did not allow holding lectures, invite foreign guests or organise larger public meetings.

#### April - new antisemitism in an article on halonoviny.cz98:

"Israel turned the Gaza strip into a modern age concentration camp, which it has fully under its control... / (most countries) fear Israel because of the `legacy of the Holocaust' and still let themselves be blackmailed by it."

**May** – demonising article on the website of the Communist Youth Union<sup>99</sup>:

"We condemn the Zionist occupation of Palestine controlled by Israeli aggression, an instrument of imperialism, which today is worse than at any other time, the same as the policy of expulsion of Palestinians through occupation, camps, forced eviction and isolation of Palestinians, economic barriers, apartheid walls and continuing incarceration of thousands of Palestinians."

# May - demonising article on levaperspektiva.cz<sup>100</sup>:

"The new version of ground attack aircraft, Leonardo Industry points out, is especially suited for `missions in urban areas', where heavy bombers `are used with often little success and at a large operational cost'. This is therefore an ideal model for further Israeli bombardment of Gaza, which can be effectuated at

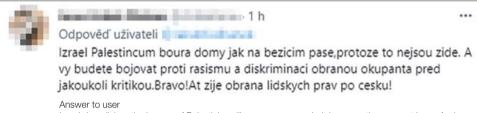
<sup>98</sup> http://www.halonoviny.cz/articles/view/55241297

<sup>99</sup> http://www.ksm.cz/ze-zahranici/4672-svetova-federace-demokraticke-mladeze-ke-dni-nakby

<sup>100</sup> https://levaperspektiva.cz/clanky/bombardovani-gazy-jako-priprava-izraelskeho-utoku-na-iran/

'a flying-hour price reduced by 80 %'; it will thus have a significantly more favourable `price/ performance' ratio – that is, it will allow the killing of more Palestinians for less."

#### **Iuly** - post on Twitter:



Israel demolishes the homes of Palestinians like on a conveyor belt because they are not jews. And you will fight against racism and discrimination by defending the occupiers against all criticism. Bravo! Long live human rights protection Czech style!

## 5.3.3 ISLAMISM

This category covers incidents emanating from the ideological positions of religious extremism – Islamism. As the local Muslim community is moderate and radical Islamists and Muslim immigrant communities in which antisemitism is commonly rampant is absent, this category is very marginal. Most of the incidents involve strongly hostile anti-Israeli views formulated in a way that meets the working definition of antisemitism.

#### 5.3.3.1 Incidents in 2021

Altogether seven incidents were recorded in 2021. For a long time, the number of incidents in this category has been in single figures; the year-on-year increase undoubtedly reflected the flare-up of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict in May. Three incidents were recorded in 2018, in 2019 there was 1, and in 2020 there was no incident falling under the category of Islamism.

**May** – article on  $islam.cz^{101}$  demonising Israel as the definite aggressor and containing, *inter alia*, a claim confusing cause and effect and justifying the violence committed by Hamas against Israel:

"In the last ten days of Ramadan, Israel attacked Palestine. The western media, as expected, quickly cooked a story which makes Hamas responsible for the acts of Israel (...) The immediate cause of the eruption of violence was the order by the Israeli Supreme Court giving a green light to the expulsion of Palestinians who for more than a hundred years have been living in the Jerusalem quarter of Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah (...) The UN and the rest of the world must recognise the Palestinian state. Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other organisations should join the proposed Palestinian army and end the existence of the militias and focus their energy on developing their new state."

**May** – demonisation and delegitimization of Israel, comparison of Gaza to a concentration camp. Statements made by the Palestinian ambassador on the Events and Commentaries programme of the Czech Television ČT24 station. The quoted statement contained, for example, the following claim<sup>102</sup>:

"[The Israelis] are the aggressor, they infringe the rights of people, violate their territory and say they are giving us something (...) They have been occupying us for more than 50 years (...) Gaza is considered an open-air prison (...) the Czechs can imagine this as some kind of Terezín ghetto (...) this is an occupation which must end and then things will be mended..."

<sup>101</sup> https://islam.cz/2021/05/21/4748/

The words of the Palestinian ambassador Khaled Alattrash are available here, approx. from the 43rd minute: https://www.ceskatelevize.cz/porady/1096898594-udalosti-komentare/ 221411000370519/

#### 5.3.4 ULTRACONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISM

Incidents originating with ultraconservative Christian fundamentalists must be seen as private initiatives that often contravene the conclusions of the Second Vatican Council and diverge radically from the official positions of the Catholic Church which cannot in any way be associated with antisemitism. As far as content is concerned, the incidents in this category are frequently full of myths and stereotypical claims based on religiously motivated hate or conspiracy theories.

#### 5.3.4.1 Incidents in 2021

Fifteen incidents were recorded in 2021 – a number comparable to the data for the last two years.

### **February** – conspiracy theories in a Catholic integralist's blog<sup>103</sup>:

"It was however the Jews – both the leaders and the people (Mt. XXVII, 20) – who crucified Jesus. And since then, a large part of the Jews hate Christ and do what they can to continue to crucify Him in His Church (...) And if [the Jews] see in the white race people who in the past contributed most to the success of the religion of Jesus Christ, which lasted many centuries, it is no surprise that they use all the power they have accumulated until this day in politics, in the media, films and the university world to defame white people to a degree when they feel shame at being white. From there stems the scarcity of identity for whites."

http://rexcz.blogspot.com/2021/02/komentar-eleison-dccviii-belosska.html; http://rexcz.blogspot.com/2021/02/komentar-eleison-dccx-belosska-identita.html

# May, July, December – posts on the *gloria.tv* social network:

# 6 4 20. kvě

Milý oráči z Čech, jsou to stejní Sussové, kteří dodnes ovládají masmédia a naše mocnáře, včetně smečky plojharů v biskupské konferenci, kteří patří umístit doživotně v kamenolomu.

Dear ploughmen from Bohemia, these are the Sűsses who until this day rule the media and our potentates, including the quislings in the Bishops' Conference, who deserve to be sent to a quarry for life.





Dalsi pozidovstovani cirkve. Po nejake dobe tim Panem budou myslet demona, ktery je otcem farizeu

Yet more judaization of the Church. After some time, they will consider the demon, who is the father of the Pharisees, their master

## 5.3.5 DISINFORMATION PLATFORMS

A separate category covers incidents originating in disinformation media, on websites and social networks connected to them. These platforms often present themselves as alternative news media; the published articles may be based on facts, which gives them false credibility, but at the same time they contain also a concocted or distorted part. What is mostly found on these platforms is antisemitic incidents permeated with conspiracy theories and new antisemitism.

#### 5.3.5.1 Incidents in 2021

Altogether 162 incidents on disinformation platforms were recorded; compared to 2020, when 184 incidents had been recorded, this is slightly less. On the other hand, in previous years there had been a continuous growth: in 2018 there were 126 incidents. in 2019 the number was 168.

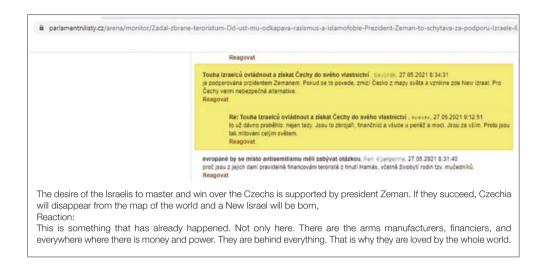
**January** – conspiracy on the *infokuryr.cz* disinformation web<sup>104</sup>:

"The richer the goyim society, the fewer loans people need and the less willing they are to become subject to the debt slavery imposed by Zionist banks."

**May** – discussion containing antisemitic statements on the *parlamentnilisty.cz* platform<sup>105</sup>:

<sup>104</sup> http://infokuryr.cz/news.php?day.20210104

<sup>105</sup> The discussion section referred to was closed during 2021 and removed: https://www.parlamentnilisty.cz/arena/monitor/Zadal-zbrane-teroristum-Od-ust-mu-odkapava-rasismus-a-islamofobie-Prezident-Zeman-to-schytava-za-podporu-Izraele-6653 02#discussionbrief



**September** – conspiracy theory on the *aeronet.cz* disinformation web<sup>106</sup>:

"Globalism is an `ism', that is a political system of world global government, which is in the hands of unelected Zionist elites. Not a single one of the powerful, who disposes of power on this planet, is a goy."

#### 5.3.6 UNSPECIFIED

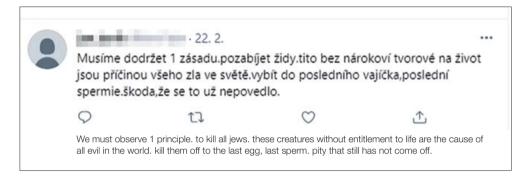
This category covers incidents where the ideological base cannot be determined and which cannot be included into any of the above-mentioned categories. The number of incidents in this category has been rising for some time. An increasing frequency of isolated antisemitic incidents on social networks involved people who have not manifested long-term activity that could be attributed to antisemitic stances. A typical example is the use of slurs such as "židák" (kike) or concepts such as "typická židovina" (typical Jew stuff) etc.

https://aeronet.cz/news/total-control-sefka-verejneho-zdravotnictvi-statu-novy-jizni-wales-v-australii-prohlasila-ze-lide-jsou-sledovani-a-dohledavani-v-ramci-noveho-svetove ho-radu-premierka-statu-vystoupila-hned-vedle/

### 5.3.6.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 370 recorded manifestations of antisemitism without a clear ideological base, which is 32.8 % of all recorded incidents. This is a similar percentage to 2020 when however, the absolute number of incidents was higher and the total share of this category was 39.5 %.

## February - post on Twitter:



### **May** – post in discussion of article on *iDNES.cz*<sup>107</sup>:



<sup>107</sup> https://www.idnes.cz/zpravy/zahranicni/izrael-evropa-antisemitismus-palestina-gaza-rakety-francie-nemecko-vlajka-synagoga-utok-vytrznictvi.A210513\_142839\_zahranicni\_dtt/diskuse/4?razeni=time

## May - post on Facebook:



You've got it all mixed up in your head. How can this Jewish Nazi terrorist beast [be] in danger when it occupies Palestine, massacres Palestinians, women and children, drives them out of their homes, and this jewbeast with impunity commits crimes against humanity on them. By flying the jew-nazi rag you support the atrocities committed against the Palestinians.

## **September -** post on Facebook:



## October – post on Twitter:



## 5.4 ACCORDING TO CONTENT

Classification according to content is based directly on the working definition of antisemitism quoted in chapter 2.3. Hatred towards Jews, their institutions and religious communities takes many forms and is often a combination of several types of manifestations. It would thus be possible to include individual incidents on the basis of their content into more than one category – a vulgar claim could be accompanied by physical aggression or threats. In such cases only one content category, the dominant one in the incident – is selected to include the incident.

## 5.4.1 PHYSICAL AGGRESSION

This category covers acts of physical aggression examples of which have been simultaneously included in subchapter 5.1.1 Physical attacks on individuals or subchapter 5.1.2 Attacks on Jewish property, desecration.

## 5.4.1.1 Incidents in 2021

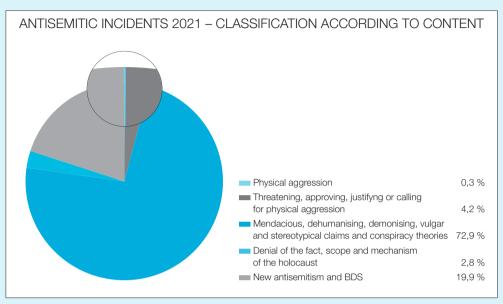
Three incidents of physical aggression were recorded in 2021.

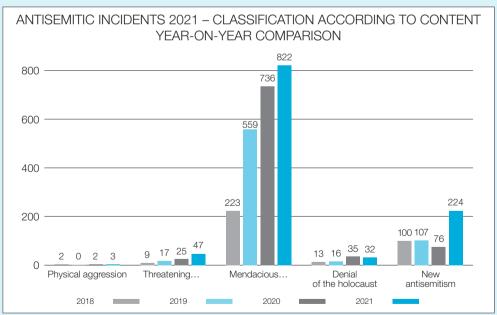
# 5.4.2 THREATENING, APPROVING, JUSTIFYING OR CALLING FOR PHYSICAL AGGRESSION

This category includes threatening Jews or justifying the harming or killing of Jews in the name of radical ideologies or extremist religious views.

#### 5.4.2.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 47 recorded manifestations of this type. The year-on-year comparison shows a continuous rise in the number of incidents falling under this category. In the preceding year, 25 such incidents were recorded, which is almost a half less; in 2019 seventeen incidents were recorded, in 2018 only 9.





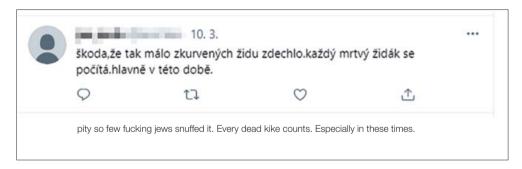
Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

## January and February – posts on VKontakte:





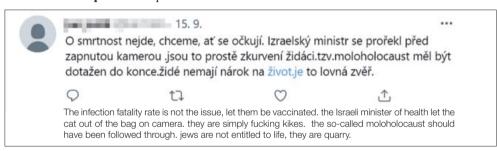
## **March** – post on Twitter:



## **August** – post on *VKontakte*:



#### **September** – post on Twitter:



#### **November** – post on *VKontakte*:



# 5.4.3 | MENDACIOUS, DEHUMANISING, DEMONISING, VULGAR AND STEREOTYPICAL CLAIMS AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Incidents in which mendacious, dehumanising, demonising, vulgar and stereotypical claims about Jews as individuals or Jews as a whole have been used. This includes frequently spread conspiracy theories about the myth of the global Jewry, its control of the media, economy, governments and other public institutions, and also the accusation that Jews give preference to the presumed world Jewry before the interests of the states of which they are citizens.

#### 5.4.3.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 822 recorded incidents, which accounts for 72.9 % of the total. Last year's findings correspond with the trends in the preceding monitored periods when most of the recorded manifestations of antisemitism fell under this category.

#### **March** – post on Twitter:



## April- post on VKontakte:



#### **July** – article on *aeronet.cz*<sup>108</sup>:

"The guest list of the panel included mostly American Jews, e.g. Rebecca Katz, Ron Klain, Bill Steiger, Amy Pope and it was they who were seconded by Anthony Fauci, between the first and the second course, when dessert was being served. This degrading time frame for the audience is allotted to the least honoured guests; it is a symbol of matching a goy to his status. Dr Fauci is indeed not of Jewish descent, but he eagerly takes on the role of a Hazarchik, that is of a Hazar lackey who dutifully and diligently fulfils tasks."

https://aeronet.cz/news/video-dr-anthony-fauci-jiz-v-lednu-2017-pred-inauguraci-donalda-trumpa-na-prednasce-v-georgetownu-varoval-ze-za-trumpovy-vlady-dojde-k-propuknuti-infekcni-pandemie-bande-znudenych-hostu-ve-fronte/

#### September - post on Twitter:



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Hlavním a klíčovým nástrojem řízení světových sionistů je globalismus. Jenže, co se nepodařilo demokraticky Američanům v Afghánistánu, to se podařilo zákulisně, a to je dohoda mezi USA a Talibanem za pomoci peněz a úplatků. Taliban se nechal Američany za nosaté dolary koupit...

The main and key control tool of the world Zionists is globalism. Actually, what the Americans did not succeed in doing democratically in Afghanistan was achieved behind the curtains – that is the agreement between the USA and the Taliban with the help of money and bribes. Taliban let itself be bought by the Americans for hooked-nose money...

## **October** – contribution to discussion of article on *zprávy.tiscali.cz*<sup>109</sup>:



#### Fenda-borek

01. října 2021

Kaddafi nazýval Sarkozyho svým přítelem. Podporoval ho i při volbách a platil mu volební kampaň. A ten křivý židák, když měl příležitost, tak jako biblický Jidáš Kaddafimu bodl nůž do zad. Odporná kreatura. Už ve starých knihách vázaných v kůži se dočtete o židovské podlosti a že židovi nelze věřit ani dobrý den.

Gaddafi called Sarkozy his friend. He supported him in the election and paid for his campaign. And that crooked kike, when he had the opportunity, like the Biblical Judas, stuck a knife in his back. You can read about jewish perfidy in old leather-bound books and as well as that you can never trust a jew.

## **December** – article on $knihya.cz^{110}$ :

"Hitler was a controlled opposition – his bastard grandfather was Rothschild, who financed both sides of the war. Zionists are not Jews. Zionists are Hazara paedophile satanists and the second world war was a satanic ritual. After that these cowards ran away (Operation Paperclip) to the US and to the whole world to establish a New World Order."

https://zpravy.tiscali.cz/exprezident-sarkozy-je-podle-soudu-vinen-z-nezakonnehofinancovani-kampane-520082

https://knihya.cz/zvlastni-obnovena-republika-prostrednictvim-zpravy-gcr-k-27-prosinci-2021/

# 5.4.4 | DENIAL OF THE FACT, SCOPE AND MECHANISM OF THE HOLOCAUST

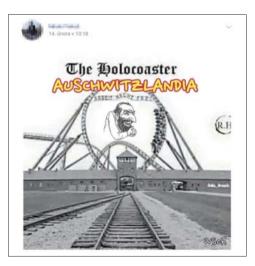
The incidents in this category contain the denial of the fact, scope and mechanism of the intentional genocide of the Jewish people perpetrated by National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II. Examples include calling into question the existence of gas chambers, ridiculing and relativising the number of Jewish victims and accusing the Jews as individuals and Israel as a Jewish state of having fabricated the Holocaust or of exaggerating it.

#### 5.4.4.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 32 recorded incidents. This is a similar number to 2020 when 35 incidents were recorded and when there was a marked rise in the number of incidents recorded in this category. In 2019 and 2018 only 16 and 13 were recorded respectively.

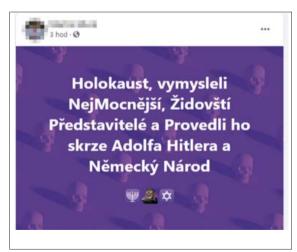
#### January, February, March - posts on VKontakte:







## September - post on Facebook:



The holocaust, devised by the most powerful, by Jewish representatives and they carried it out through Adolf Hitler and the German nation

**November** – contribution to discussion of an article on *Novinky.cz*<sup>111</sup>:

"The Jews have somehow appropriated the suffering in the camps. As if they were the only ones dying there. And yet they themselves carry the greatest guilt for their own fate. They financed 'Ada', they manufactured the weapons used against them, and finally they drove themselves through capos into the arms of death. The conscience of the Jews is just as black as that of the Germans."

## 5.4.5 | NEW ANTISEMITISM AND BDS

This category covers incidents that deny the Jewish people of the right to self-determination; they require of Israel standards of behaviour not demanded of any other democratic nation or hold Jews collectively responsible for actions of the State of Israel. These include claims such as that the existence of the State of Israel is based on racism and comparisons of the current actions and policy of the State of Israel to Nazi policy, or comparison of Palestinian refugee camps to concentration camps.

#### 5.4.5.1 Incidents in 2021

Altogether 224 incidents, which is 19.9 % of the total number, were recorded. In 2018, we had 100 recorded cases of manifestation of antisemitism under this category; in 2019, there were 102 such cases. In 2020, there was a small decrease and 76 incidents were recorded. The 2021 data thus reflect an almost threefold increase compared to 2020. The unequivocally identifiable cause of this step increase in the number of incidents in 2021 was the enormous growth of antisemitic incidents during the armed conflict in May between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza strip (more details in chapter 4 EUROPE AND THE WORLD). We consider it necessary at this point to repeat once again that criticism of the State of Israel is not included among

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antisemitic incidents unless it meets the IHRA criteria of the working definition of antisemitism. Worth noticing in this context is the fact that the significant rise in the number of incidents under the *New Antisemitism and BDS* category is not reflected simultaneously by a rise in the number of incidents in the *Far-left extremism* category classified according to ideology (see subchapter 5.3 ACCORDING TO IDEOLOGY). Followers of the far left traditionally maintain a very critical stance on Israel, which however meets the criteria of the definition of antisemitism only in certain cases. Antisemitic incidents, which in 2018 – 2020 were part of an almost exclusively extreme left narrative, were adopted during the May conflict by the extreme far-right scene. A number of the recorded incidents appeared also on the disinformation platforms and social networks of ideologically ambivalent groups and individuals.

**May** – statements made by the Palestinian ambassador in an interview in  $halonoviny.cz^{112}$ :

"They calculate how many calories per day they need exactly for a certain number of people to not die of hunger. This is in essence a similar system to the one used by the Nazis to calculate the calories for the prisoners in concentration camps. This information must make the situation in Gaza clear to everyone. Our people are oppressed and we suffer the same as other nations suffered under their oppressors."

<sup>112</sup> http://www.halonoviny.cz/articles/view/55414497

## May - post on Facebook:



## **May** – post on *VKontakte*:



**November** – demonisation of Israel in an article on *a2larm.cz*<sup>113</sup>:

"Repression became even more severe when these organisations received more support at international forums for their research into Israeli war crimes and apartheid practice."

 $<sup>^{113}</sup>$ https://a2larm.cz/2021/11/izrael-nazyva-boj-za-palestinska-prava-terorem-stavi-tak-realitu-na-hlavu/

## 5.4 | ACCORDING TO THE MEDIUM

#### 5.5.1 PERSONAL CONFRONTATION AND INTERACTION

Incidents reported by victims or witnesses that occurred during direct personal confrontation or interaction. They thus include physical and verbal attacks and threatening, vulgar assaults and insults with an antisemitic motive.

#### 5.5.1.1 Incidents in 2021

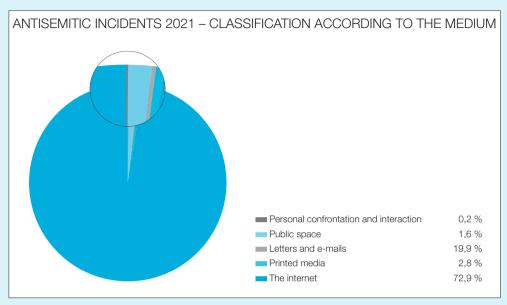
In 2021 there were 2 reported antisemitic incidents that took place during a personal confrontation or interaction. This is 0.2 % of the total number of recorded data and one incident less than in 2020. In the year-on-year comparison the situation in this subcategory is similar to 2019. The largest number of cases was reported in 2018 when 5 manifestations of antisemitism occurred during a personal confrontation or interaction.

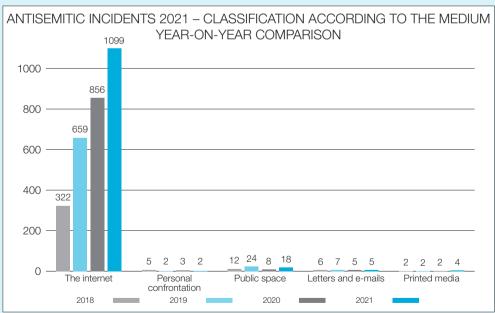
## 5.5.2 PUBLIC SPACE

Manifestations of antisemitism that occurred in the public space. They were not recorded as direct confrontation with individuals from among the members of the Jewish community or those taken for Jews, but as intended for a wider audience. This category includes, for example, public speeches at lecture sessions, during demonstrations or other public assemblies, and also for instance antisemitic graffiti or entries in visitor books of premises connected to the Jewish community.

#### 5.5.2.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 18 such reported incidents, i.e. 1.6% of the total number. After a sharp decline because of the anti-epidemic measures that restricted gatherings of people in 2020, when 8 cases had been recorded, this was an almost 100% rise.





Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

**March** (Prague) – graffiti in a subway in Prague 4 containing slogans typical of football antisemitism, such as "*JUDE SKS*" (Slavia Prague football club) and "*Jews*" in reference to the fans of the club.

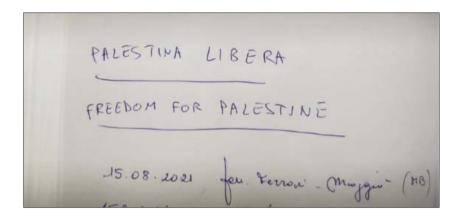




**June** (Prague) – stickers with an antisemitic motive placed by the entrance to the Budějovická metro station in Prague 4:



**August** (Prague) – entry in the Maisel Synagogue visitor book saying "*Palestina Libera / Freedom for Palestine*". Entries with similar proclamations in the visitor books of premises connected to the Jewish community follow a long-term trend.



## 5.5.3 LETTERS AND E-MAILS

Letters and e-mails with an antisemitic content addressed to individuals or institutions.

## 5.5.3.1 | Incidents in 2021

In 2021, the same as in 2020, there were 5 reported e-mails and letters with an antisemitic tinge. This time it was  $0.4\,\%$  of the total number of antisemitic incidents.

**August** – a threatening e-mail in English sent through the contact form on the FJC website, containing amongst other things the following words: "Your programmed theft of the wealth of the world through interest, your spread of immorality and wars...//... your coordinated fight against God's religion and his allies on Earth..."

**November** – a threatening antisemitic anonymous letter sent by slow mail to the town hall in Hejnice after new Stolpersteine were placed on the street. The author of the letter writes: "Remove immediately all kike symbols from the public space, such as Jew-stones, sinagogues, Jew-societies. You shall not collaborate in anything with side-lockers and shall not let them present themselves!" (The quote copies the original wording including grammatical errors.)

## 5.5.4 | PRINTED MEDIA

Texts with an antisemitic message published in the printed media. The trend of sporadic occurrence of incidences of this type continues.

## 5.5.4.1 | Incidents in 2021

There was a slight rise in this category in 2021. There were 4 recorded printed media incidents, which is 0.4 % of the total number of recorded incidents. From the point of view of general trends, this type of manifestations of antisemitism is completely marginal in the year-on-year comparison.

**April** – a reader's opinion published in the printed issue of *Haló noviny* on 21 April 2021 – a manifestation of new antisemitism where the author claims, *inter alia*, that "*Israeli Zionists drew a strange lesson from the Holocaust. That it is probably a road to at least prosperity, if not world rule..."*.

**November** – an article titled "Britain gives a nod to the diktat of Israel", published in the printed issue of Haló noviny on 20 November 2021 – a manifestation of new antisemitism containing amongst other things the following claim: "Britain will include the Palestinian radical group Hamas among terrorist organisations (...) with this step, Britain wants to contribute to the struggle against so-called antisemitism (...) Hamas does not recognise the Israeli regime of apartheid and has waged several wars against it..."

## 5.5.5 INTERNET

The virtual environment plays a key role in disseminating manifestations of antisemitism. The same as in previous years, in 2021, too, the absolute majority of antisemitic incidents in CR took place on the internet. This trend was probably due, amongst other things, to the current coronavirus epidemic and the fact that many activities had moved to online platforms.

In 2021 there were 1099 reported cases of manifestations of antisemitism in the online environment, i.e. 97.4 % of the total number of recorded incidents.

## 5.5.5.1 ARTICLES

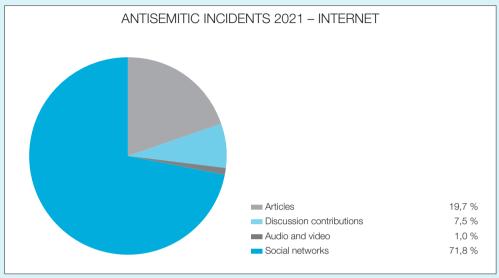
Antisemitic articles published on the websites of internet media and articles on the websites of individuals and monitored organisations.

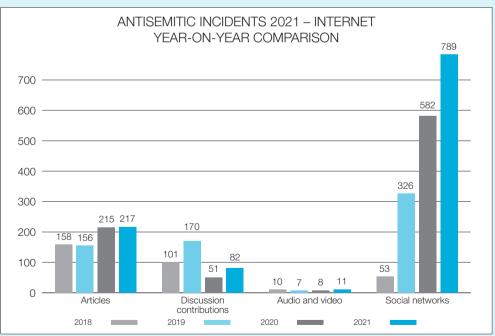
## 5.5.5.1.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 217 reported antisemitic articles on the internet; the situation was thus comparable with 2020, when 215 articles were reported. However, compared to the years preceding the covid-19 pandemic, when 158 (in 2018) and 156 (in 2019) such texts were published, there has been an evident rise.

## 5.5.5.2 DISCUSSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Reactions and opinions of readers of internet articles appearing mostly in separate discussion sections. Antisemitic incidents belonging to this category often appear under articles which on their own are not antisemitic. The recorded antisemitic discussion contributions come from discussions on news servers, disinformation webs and other monitored websites.



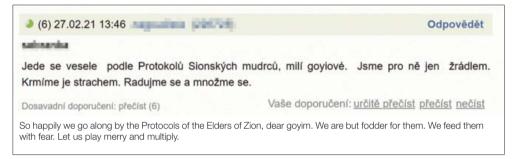


Source: Federation of Jewish Communities in CR, February 2021

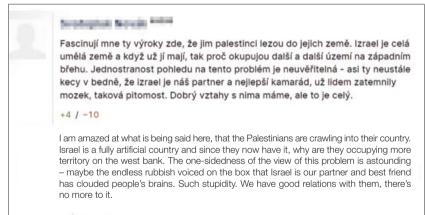
## 5.5.5.2.1 Incidents in 2021

Eighty-two discussion contributions containing antisemitic proclamations and invectives were reported in 2021. Although compared to the preceding monitored period an almost 40 % rise can be observed, this is the second lowest number of incidents in 4 years.

**February** – contributions to the discussion under an article on *kurzy.cz*<sup>114</sup>:

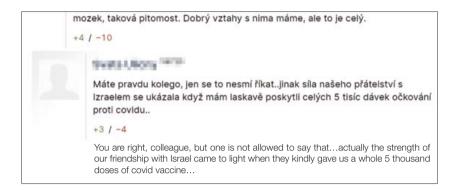


## **May** – contribution to discussion under an article on *iDNES.cz*<sup>115</sup>:



<sup>114</sup> https://www.kurzy.cz/zpravy/nazory/A-V-T-44071/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Discussion available at: https://www.idnes.cz/zpravy/zahranicni/izrael-hamasjeruzalem-rakety.A210511\_104429\_zahranicni\_aha/diskuse



**May** – contribution to discussion under an article on *pravyprostor.cz*<sup>116</sup>:

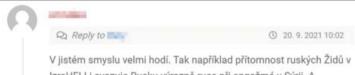
Vsem, kteri tady pisou: Prectete si Protokoly sionskych mudrcu na internetu.
Uvedomte si take, ze veskere konflikty a valky financovali bohati Zide uz po
staleti. Jestli na Zidy mate vztek a chcete je vyhubit, tak zlikvidujte nejdrive to
chazarske zlo, ktere ridi tento svet! Konflikt mezi Zidy a Muslimy je umele ziveny
za ucelem chaosu a niceni civilizaci. Ti sami bohaci financuji konflikty
ozbrojene konflikty, nenavist cerni bili, rusofobii, Vrbetice, Skripaly, atd. Az tohle
si ujasnite, nebudete tady tak blbe kecat.

To all who write here: Read the Protocols of the Elders of Zion on the internet. Understand also
that all conflicts and wars have been financed by rich Jews for centuries. If you are anary with the

To all who write here: Read the Protocols of the Elders of Zion on the internet. Understand also that all conflicts and wars have been financed by rich Jews for centuries. If you are angry with the Jews and want to exterminate them, then first of all eliminate that Hazar evil that rules this world! The conflict between the Jews and the Muslims is artificially fed for the purpose of chaos and destruction of civilisations. The same rich people finance conflicts armed conflict, hate between black and white, Russophobia, Vrbetice, the Skripals, etc. Once you get this straight, you won't talk all this rubbish.

<sup>116</sup> Discussion of article: https://pravyprostor.cz/muslimove-adoruji-hitlera-na-internetu/

#### **September** – contribution in the discussion under an article on *outsidermedia.cz*<sup>117</sup>:

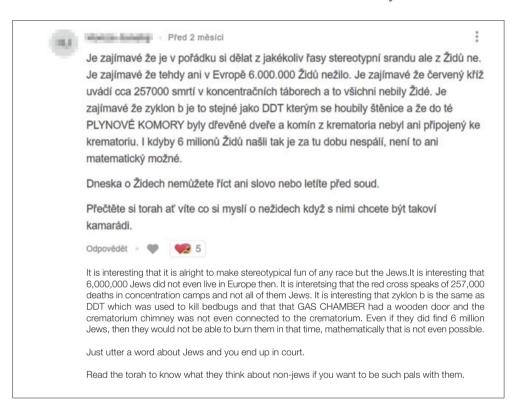


V jistém smyslu velmi hodí. Tak například přítomnost ruských Židů v IzraHELLi svazuje Rusku výrazně ruce při angažmá v Sýrii. A nestačila na tom nic změnit ani prasárna, kdy se dvě izrastíhačky schovaly do radarového stínu ruského letadla typu Awacs a syrská vzdušná obrana nechtěně sestřelila právě ruské letadlo. Bylo z toho pozdvižení, a hrozila revolta v ruské armádě. IzraHELL je Putinova velmi výrazná Achillova pata. Šojgu by se s izrašpínou moc nemazlil. Říká se, že Putin měl osobní dohodu s Bibim podpantoflem, že Rusko nebude zasahovat. Teď tam vládne Naftalín B a předmětná garance už neplatí. Prý. Zatím to tak ale nevypadá. Rus raději dovybavil Syřany modernějšími prostředky, které ovšem musí zůstat pasívní až do momentu, kdy izrarakety překročí syrsko-libanonskou hranici. Sestřelit izražidovi letadlo nad Libanonem by byl velký skandál. Konkrétně v tomto případě jde o pro Rusko velmi nepohodlný tanec mezi vejci.

In a certain sense very welcome. Thus for example the presence of Russian Jews in IsraHELL significantly binds the hands of Russia in its engagement in Syria. And this has remained unchanged even after that dick move when two Israeli fighter jets hid in the radar shadow of an AWACS type Russian aircraft and Syrian air defence then shot the Russian plane down by accident. This caused an uproar and there was a threat of revolt in the Russian army. IsraHELL is Putin's distinct Achilles tendon. Shoigu would not handle the Israfilth with kid gloves. They say that henpecked Putin had a personal agreement with Bibi that Russia would not intervene. Now it is Naphthalene B who rules there...

<sup>117</sup> Discussion of article: https://outsidermedia.cz/p-c-roberts-covid-exploduje-v-nejproockovanejsi-zemi-sveta-v-izraeli/

#### **November –** contribution in the discussion under an article on *Novinky.cz*<sup>118</sup>:



## 5.5.5.3 AUDIO AND VIDEO

Manifestations of antisemitism on internet radios or videos with an antisemitic content, posted on the internet.

## 5.5.5.3.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 altogether 11 audiovisual contributions with an antisemitic content were recorded. This has been the largest number of reported incidents in this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Discussion of article: https://www.novinky.cz/krimi/diskuze/popirani-holokaustu-miri-pred-soud-40378822

category in the last 4 years. Compared to 2020, there has been an almost 40 % increase. The second largest number of controversial contributions was recorded in 2018 (10).

March - YouTube Praydohoda channel - no secret agreement, only Praydohoda video with a conspiracy message, which contains, *inter alia*, the following claim: "The Zionists are religious extremists who claim that the Hebrews are God's (Satan's) chosen race which must rule the whole world from the Muslim Levant (the future Greater Israel)"119.

March - YouTube Integrální katolíci channel - videorecording of a 1916 lecture with antisemitic undertones by the English clergyman Richard Williamson, in which he states, amongst other things, that: "Freemasonry was founded by 'these' people. And until this day Red Sea Pedestrians control Freemasonry." 120

May - YouTube Radio SV channel-studio Tapin-radio - audiorecording in which the editor-in-chief of the Aeronet disinformation medium "comments current events". He says, amongst other things, that: "...the properties from the end of the 19th century moved from the hands of the aristocracy into the hands of the supranational world Jewish khaganate. This is the only consequence of the so--called modern age...". 121

121 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4aNcS2x-DM

 $<sup>^{119}</sup>$  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mo0\_R1DALH8  $^{120}$  In his lecture, Richard Williamson uses the slang term for Jews "Red Sea Pedestrians" (RSP). See videorecording here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so8ZBJ01oDk

## 5.5.5.4 SOCIAL NETWORKS

Antisemitic posts on social networks, which means internet services that enable a registered user to create their profile, communicate with other users, share information, photographs, videos, etc. Controversial content is spread here by individuals on their personal profiles and by groups of individuals with a similar way of thinking.

Following trends in preceding monitored periods, in 2021, too, most recorded incidents in the online environment took place on social networks. It can be stated once again that manifestations of prejudicial hate ventilated in the relatively anonymised social network environment have been on a long-term rise. Also, it cannot be ruled out that the increased activity of individuals and groups in the mentioned environment last year was much enhanced by the polarisation of the society in connection with the continuing covid-19 pandemic.

A wide range of narratives could be observed in the category covering posts of an antisemitic nature on social networks, in both the case of isolated incidents and that of long-term activities of specific individuals and groups. The finding made in previous years about the absolute dominance and defining nature of social networks in the area of presentation and dissemination of antisemitic theses still applies, and that in spite of the increasing attention paid to this area by experts, the media, law and order bodies and the public itself.

In May 2021 a sharp rise in the number of incidents was evident. This development occurred in connection with the unrest in Jerusalem and the following open conflict between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Hamas in the Gaza strip. During that month, almost 20 % of the total annual number of antisemitic incidents in the social network environment was recorded.

#### 5.5.5.4.1 Incidents in 2021

In 2021 there were 789 recorded antisemitic incidents on the monitored social networks, which is by far the largest number in recent years. Compared just to 2020, when 582 incidents were recorded in the same category, this is a statistically significant increase. The difference in the data compared to previous years is even more striking; e.g. in 2019 "only" 326 incidents were recorded in the same category. More than half of the total number of antisemitic incidents originating in the social network environment are the responsibility of a few more active individuals or groups, whose posts with an antisemitic undertone cannot be considered isolated incidents but a stable component of their virtual identity.

Generally, mendacious, vulgar and stereotypical claims and graphics dominated on social networks; also, anti-Jewish conspiracies thematically linked to the current covid-19 pandemic were strongly represented and, especially in May, a large number of posts and commentaries meeting the criteria of new antisemitism was recorded.

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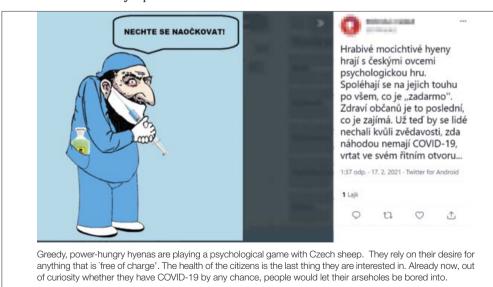




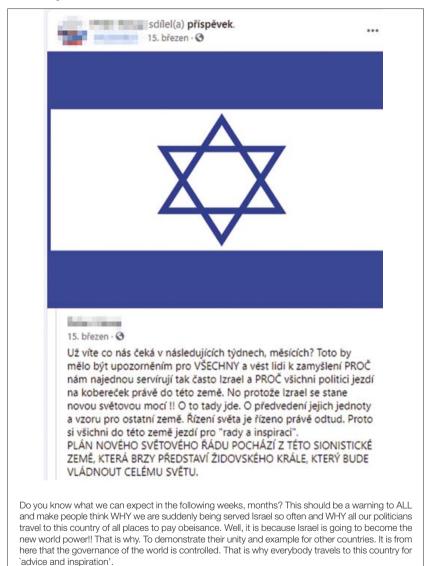
#### January - post on Facebook:



#### February - post on Twitter:



#### March - post on Facebook:



THE PLAN OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER ORIGINATES IN THIS ZIONIST COUNTRY, WHICH WILL SOON INTRODUCE A JEWISH KING WHO WILL RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD.

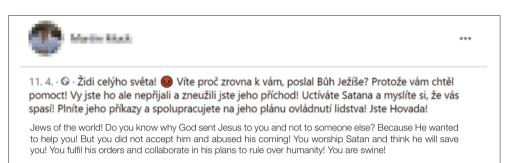
## April - post on Twitter:



#### April - post on VKontakte:



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#### May - post on Twitter:







## June – post on VKontakte:



#### July - post on Twitter:



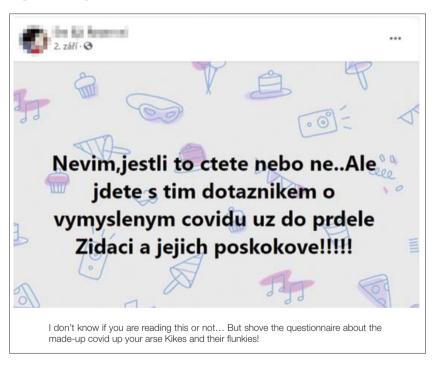
## August - post on Facebook:



#### August - post on Twitter:



## September - post on Facebook:





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Man is the worst animal in the world kills all the time and brutally... Kikes and Mussulmans cut throats brutally and torture animals racial scoundrels!!! Jews together with Mussulmans are murderers of animals and they deserve the same punishment as for murder. There is no difference between murdering an animal and the last animal man!!!!

## **October** – post on *VKontakte*:



## October - post on Twitter:



#### November - post on Facebook:



## November - post on Twitter:



## **December** – post on *VKontakte*:



## **December** – post on Twitter:



## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADL Anti-Defamation League

AJC American Jewish Committee

AR Annual Report on Manifestations of Antisemitism in the Czech

Republic in 2021

BDS Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

CST The Community Security Trust

CR Czech Republic

CTHH Centre Against Terrorism and Hybrid Threats

EJC European Jewish Congress

EU European Union

FJC Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic

FRA European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

HPP11 Movement for Prague 11

IDF Israel Defence Forces

IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

ISM International Solidarity MovementJAP Unified – alternative for PatriotsJCP Jewish Community in Prague

IDA Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism

KSM Communist Union of Youth

LA Los Angeles

MČ Municipal authority

MFO ČR Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
MI CR Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

ND National Democracy

NFOH Endowment Fund for Holocaust Victims

RSP Red Sea Pedestrians SKS Slavia Sports Club

SPD Freedom and Direct Democracy

SV Svobodný vysílač

TSC Tactical Statistical Classification of the Police of the Czech

Republic

UNO United Nations Organisation



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