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*Peace be within thy walls and security within thy palaces* | Qs. 122

# Religious Freedom Data Center

April–June 2026 Report

## Incidents against Christians in Israel Report compiled by Yisca Harani

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The Religious Freedom Data Center (RFDC) and its Hotline for Documenting Harassment against Christians have entered its fourth year of operation, having been established to address a significant need that had previously received neither systematic documentation nor sustained attention. This report continues the series of quarterly reports submitted to the Israeli authorities since July 2023.

The Center is funded and operated exclusively by private citizens, without governmental or political affiliation. It is Israel's largest volunteer network providing real-time assistance to the Christian community in cases of harassment, and all activities—including management—are carried out on a voluntary basis.

## Methods of Operation

### Ongoing Activities

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The Hotline receives reports of harassment through a multilingual telephone hotline and an online reporting system. Volunteers maintain regular contact with Christian communities and religious institutions, collect information and documentation, and assist victims in contacting the authorities and filing police complaints. In cases involving vandalism, graffiti, or defacement of public signage, volunteers contact the responsible authorities and continue to monitor the case until repairs are completed.

### Publication of Data

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Publishing reliable information on incidents and the authorities' response remains at the core of our work. Documentation is maintained in an independent archive, and no names or photographs are published without the consent of those affected.

To further strengthen transparency and credibility, we recently added a documentation column to the incident table. Public authorities are welcome to contact us should they wish to review the supporting evidence.

### Proactive Field Activity

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Volunteers are deployed proactively, particularly during religious holidays and Christian processions in Jerusalem's Old City, in order to observe, document, and help prevent incidents.

During this quarter, volunteers were present throughout the Old City during **Shavuot**, **Jerusalem Day**, the **Flag March**, and the ceremonial entrance procession of the Apostolic Nuncio into the Old City. Their activities included public outreach, preventive presence, and documentation of harassment.

### Protective Accompaniment

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Since the attack on a nun on Mount Zion on April 28, the Hotline has been providing protective accompaniment to clergy and religious in the Old City upon request. Since May, Hotline volunteers have accompanied nuns on their daily journeys to and from Mount Zion. Any Christian who wishes to receive protective accompaniment is warmly invited to contact us.

### Cooperation

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- The **Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC)** provides legal assistance in police complaints submitted by the RFDC.
- The **Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI)** has been supportive of the Center's work.

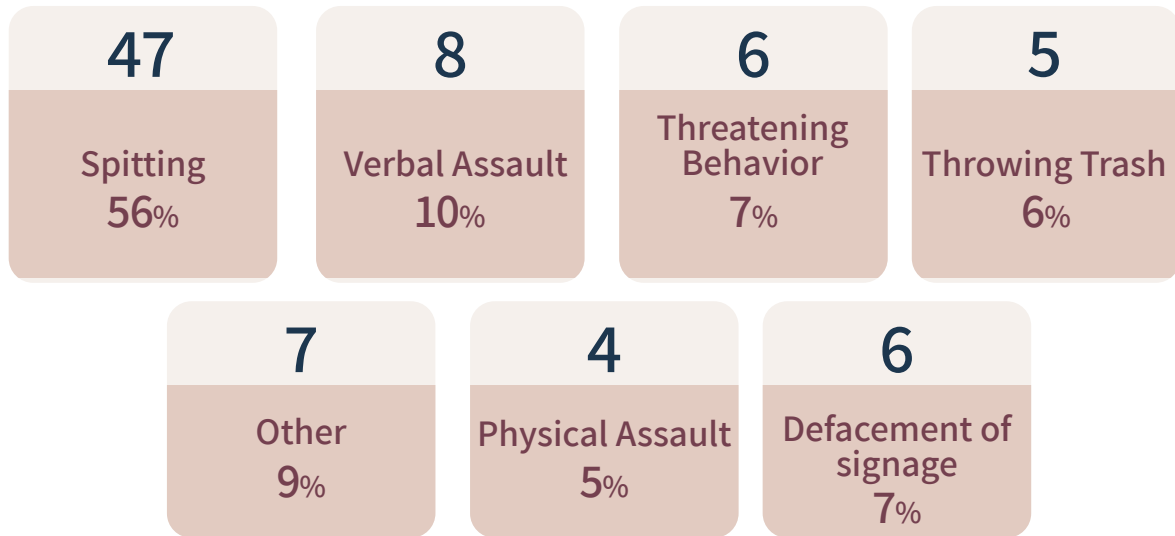
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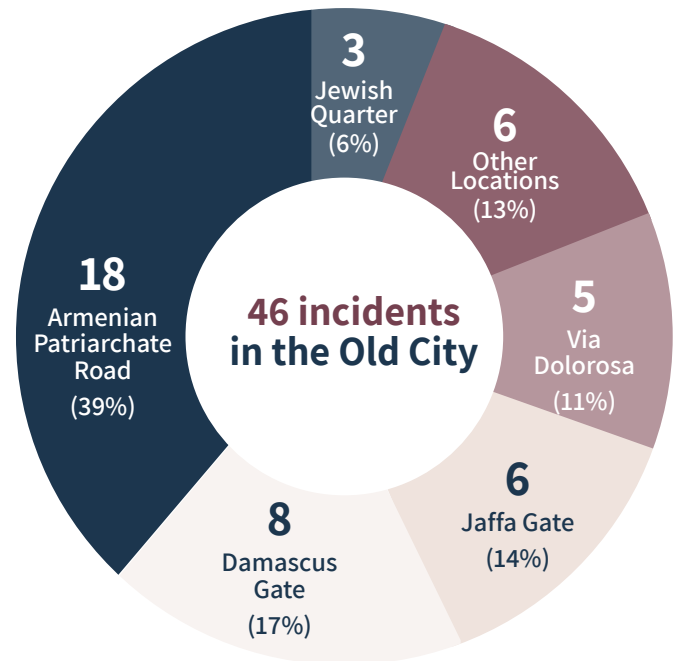
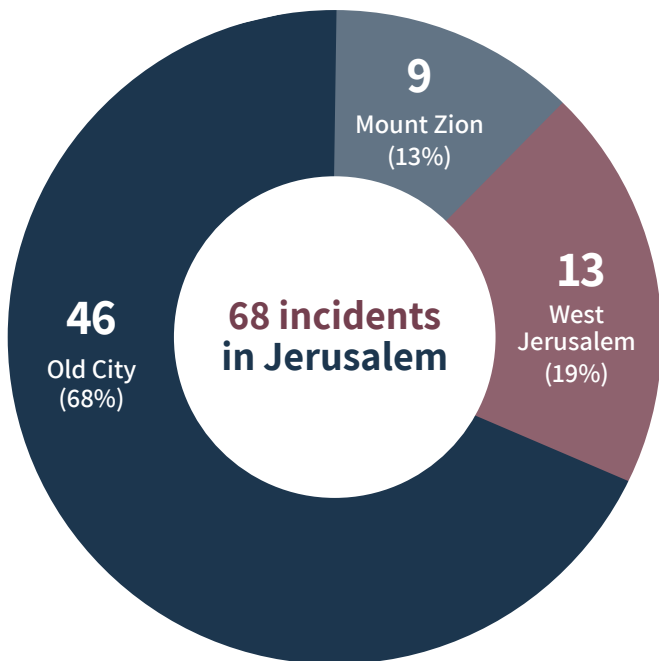
The RFDC strives to reach every Christian community in the Holy Land and encourages clergy and community members to report incidents and make greater use of our services.

To strengthen this cooperation, we distribute letters of support issued on our behalf by the **Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem** and the **Custos of the Holy Land**, encouraging Christians to report incidents to the RFDC and seek our assistance whenever needed.

**\*Report summary | 83 acts of harassment in 76 incidents between April and June 2026**



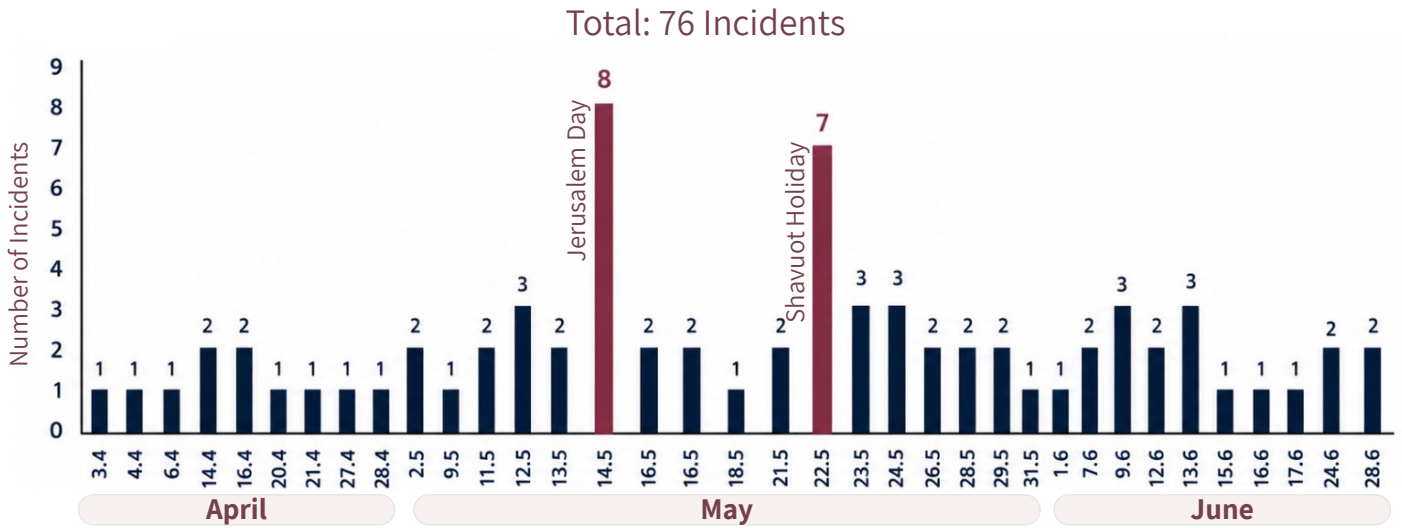
**Distribution of Incidents**



**7 incidents outside Jerusalem**



## Number of Incidents by Date | April-June 2026



## Reported Incidents

	Location	Incident	Date	Documentation	Response
1	Mevaseret Yerushalayim	<b>Other</b>   Anti-Christian graffiti was painted on a public shelter donated by Evangelical Christians in Mevaseret Zion.	3.4.2026	Photographs of graffiti were circulated on social media.	The Head of the Local Council intervened, condemned the act, and filed a police complaint.
2	Jerusalem, Hillel Street.	<b>Assault / Threatening Behavior</b> A man entered a Filipino-owned shop, threatened the shopkeeper, and threw merchandise.	4.4.2026	Video recording of the assault circulated on social media.	Hotline volunteers visited the shop and offered assistance.
3	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, near the Cenacle.	<b>Spitting</b>   A nun was spat at.	6.4.2026	Oral testimony from the nun.	
4	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A boy, approximately 12 years old, rode past the Armenian monastery on a bicycle and spat toward it.	14.4.2026	Oral testimony from an RFDC volunteer.	
5	Jerusalem, Old City, entrance to the Armenian Seminary.	<b>Verbal Abuse</b>   A man poured juice toward a clergyman.	14.4.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
6	Jerusalem, Old City, David Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a procession accompanying the Coptic Archbishop.	16.4.2026	Testimony and photograph provided by a clergyman.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 164260/2026 on behalf of the clergyman.

7	Jerusalem, Talpiot, "Osher Ad" Supermarket.	<b>Verbal Abuse</b>   A man verbally harassed a Catholic monk, shouted "Get out of the country," and instructed a child to tell him, "May you die."	16.4.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	
8	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Two men spat toward two monks.	20.4.2026	Photographs taken by the monks, and security footage, also show an ultra-Orthodox bystander stopping and reprimanding the perpetrators.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 171005/2026.
9	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Greek Garden.	<b>Vandalism</b>   Attempt to damage property belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church.	21.4.2026	Oral testimony from a Christian resident and blurred video footage.	
10	Jerusalem, outside Damascus Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   A monk and nuns were spat at while walking.	27.4.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	
11	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, near the Room of the Last Supper.	<b>Physical Assault</b>   A Jewish man ran toward a nun from a distance, knocked her to the ground, and injured her.	28.4.2026	Police video footage of the assault.	Police Complaint No. 183525/2026.
12	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Ecce Homo Convent.	<b>Other</b>   Three Border Police soldiers mocked a nun with hand gestures at the entrance to the convent. The nun reported feeling threatened.	2.5.2026	Oral testimony and blurred video footage.	
13	Jerusalem, near Notre Dame.	<b>Spitting</b>   A nun was spat at twice while walking nearby.	2.5.2026	Oral testimony from the nun.	
14	Jerusalem, Old City, Jewish Quarter.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man walking with his wife and baby stroller spat toward a monk. A child accompanying him immediately did the same.	3.5.2026	Oral testimony from a monk.	
15	Jerusalem, Old City, near the 'Kishleh' police station.	<b>Spitting</b>   A Jewish men spat twice toward seminarians walking to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.	9.5.2026	Oral testimony from a clergyman.	

16	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Dormition Abbey.	<b>Spitting</b>   A young man spat toward a female employee of the monastery as she left the premises, although she was not wearing visible Christian symbols.	9.5.2026	Oral testimony from the employee.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 205381/2026 on her behalf.
17	Jerusalem, Old City, Damascus Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat at a clergyman and then spat at another clergyman farther along the street. A companion shouted abuse at them.	11.5.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
18	Jerusalem, Old City, Damascus Gate.	<b>Spitting / Verbal Abuse</b> A clergyman was spat at and verbally abused.	12.5.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
19	Jerusalem, Jaffa Road, near the Central Post Office.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a nun.	12.5.2026	Oral testimony from the nun.	
20	Jerusalem, Old City, Damascus Gate.	<b>Spitting / Verbal Abuse</b> A clergyman was spat at and cursed.	12.5.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
21	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat on the wall of the Armenian Monastery.	13.5.2026	Security camera footage from the Armenian Patriarchate circulated on social media.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 203197/2026. The police closed the case.
22	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   An American Jew spat toward a clergyman. The video was immediately forwarded to the police, who located and detained the suspect.	13.5.2026	Photographs of the suspect after the incident and after his detention by police.	An RFDC volunteer and the monk were made to wait two hours at the police station before filing Police Complaint No. 208957/2026.
23	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, entrance to the Church of the Praetorium.	<b>Spitting / Assault</b>   Five or more participants in the Flag March spat toward the church, and one struck its entrance door.	14.5.2026	Video recording circulated on social media.	
24	Jerusalem, Old City, St. Francis Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Participants in the Flag March spat toward the statue of the Virgin Mary.	14.5.2026	Video circulated on social media.	

25	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Children spat toward the Armenian Seminary after realizing that the Armenians were Christians.	14.5.2026	Videos recorded by RFDC volunteers and Armenian Patriarchate security cameras.	
26	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a clergyman at the Patriarchate gate while many people were present.	14.5.2026	Video recording.	
27	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward the entrance of the Armenian Monastery.	14.5.2026	Video recording.	
28	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Three boys, approximately 13–14 years old, spat in front of the monastery entrance. One explained, "Because they are heretics."	14.5.2026	Video recording.	
29	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A group of girls spat and fled when they noticed they were being filmed.	14.5.2026	Video recording.	
30	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A woman spat twice in front of the Armenian Monastery.	14.5.2026	Video recording.	
31	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Praetorium.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat near Russian pilgrims carrying small crosses in their hands.	15.5.2026	Video recording.	RFDC filed Police Complaint (Reference No. 70534326).
32	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Praetorium.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a group of Russian pilgrims. A police officer briefly detained him but released him after he claimed he had merely spat because of phlegm in his throat.	15.5.2026	Video recording.	RFDC filed Police Complaint (Reference No. 70534339).
33	Jerusalem, Teddy Park.	<b>Spitting / Verbal Abuse</b> A group of teenage boys and girls repeatedly shouted vulgar insults at a clergyman. One of the boys began chasing him but was stopped by his friends.	16.5.2026	Written testimony from the clergyman.	

34	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat on the wall of the Armenian Monastery.	16.5.2026	Video recording.	RFDC filed Police Complaint (Reference No. 70534880).
35	Jerusalem, Old City, Church of the Redeemer.	<b>Threatening Behavior</b> During Sunday service, a young man entered the church, waved his arms aggressively toward the congregation, and was removed before reaching the worshippers.	18.5.2026	Oral testimony from the church organist.	
36	Capernaum, Northern Israel.	<b>Defacement of Signage</b> Directional sign leading to Capernaum Church was defaced.	21.5.2026	Photographs.	
37	Jerusalem, Agron Street / Keren Hayesod Junction.	<b>Spitting</b>   Two teenage boys spat behind a monk.	21.5.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	
38	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Two deacons were spat at while crossing the street.	22.5.2026	Oral testimony from the Head of the Armenian Seminary.	
39	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward the entrance of the Armenian Monastery.	22.5.2026	Photograph of the perpetrator.	Police Complaint No. 224282/2026.
40	Jerusalem, Old City, near the Police Station (Kishleh).	<b>Spitting</b>   A monk was spat at.	22.5.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	
41	Jerusalem, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A monk was spat at.	22.5.2026	Photograph taken by the monk immediately after the incident.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 225820/2026.
42	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Two individuals spat toward a monk.	22.5.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	
43	Jerusalem, Old City, Damascus Gate / Al-Wad Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   Three different individuals spat toward a clergyman on his way to the Austrian Hospice.	22.5.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	

44	Jerusalem, Nablus Road.	<b>Spitting</b>   A clergyman was spat at.	22.5.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
45	Jerusalem, Mount Zion.	<b>Verbal Abuse</b>   Christians visiting Mount Zion were subjected to verbal abuse.	23.5.2026	Oral testimony from a Christian couple.	
46	Jerusalem, Old City, Church of the Redeemer.	<b>Verbal Abuse / Threatening Behavior</b>   After the church had closed, loud banging on the door was accompanied by shouts of "Death to Christians." Feeling threatened, the church organist fled through a side exit.	23.5.2026	Oral testimony from the organist.	
47	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Room of the Last Supper.	<b>Vandalism</b>   Branches of the olive tree sculpture, presented by Pope John Paul II for the Millennium, were deliberately bent and broken.	23.5.2026	Photographs of the sculpture before and after the vandalism.	
48	Jerusalem, Old City, Habad Street.	<b>Verbal Abuse</b>   High school students from Nofim BaGalil School (Tiberias) shouted anti-Christian insults and hateful slogans.	24.5.2026	Oral testimony from an RFDC volunteer.	The institution responsible for the educational tour (Yad Ben-Zvi) contacted the school and undertook to improve future preparation for pupils..
49	Jerusalem, Old City, Habad Street.	<b>Other</b>   An RFDC volunteer documenting the harassment of nuns was physically and verbally assaulted by a group of children.	24.5.2026	Video recording.	The volunteer filed Police Complaint No. 225820/2026.
50	Beit Shemesh area, Deir Rafat and Beit Jamal (Routes 38 and 3835).	<b>Defacement of signage</b>   Christian symbols on directional road signs leading to Deir Rafat and Beit Jamal were defaced.	24.5.2026	Photographs.	
51	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Polish Monastery.	<b>Throwing Trash</b>   Trash and a bottle were thrown into the monastery compound.	26.5.2026	Photographs.	
52	Samaria, Taybeh.	<b>Threatening Gesture</b>   A nun traveling by car was threatened by a hand gesture imitating throat-slitting.	26.5.2026	Oral testimony from the nun.	

53	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Polish Monastery.	<b>Throwing Trash</b>   Dozens of black fragments were thrown into the monastery compound.	27.5.2026	Photographs.	A community police officer arranged for a Jewish neighbor to help clean the courtyard.
54	Jerusalem, Old City, Damascus Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a nun.	27.5.2026	Oral testimony from the nun.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 232645/2026 on her behalf.
55	Jerusalem, Old City, Christian Quarter.	<b>Spitting</b>   During the procession marking the entry of the new Apostolic Nuncio, a boy/teenager spat toward the procession.	28.5.2026	Oral testimony from nuns participating in the procession.	
56	Jerusalem, Jaffa Gate / Latin Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   During the procession welcoming the new Apostolic Nuncio, a young man entered the procession and spat in a demonstrative manner.	28.5.2026	Oral testimony.	Police detained the suspect. According to an officer, the perpetrator was apprehended, but no further details were provided.
57	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Dormition Abbey area.	<b>Defacement of signage</b> Directional signs were defaced by stickers covering the words "Monastery" and "Church."	29.5.2026	Photographs.	Report submitted to the Jerusalem Municipality (106), Reference No. 8671967-2606.
58	Jerusalem, Valley of the Cross.	<b>Spitting</b>   A young man angrily spat toward the monastery, stared at it with hostility, and continued his way.	31.5.2026	Oral testimony from a Jewish witness.	
59	Haifa, Stella Maris.	<b>Spitting / Stone Throwing</b> During a school trip, pupils spat and threw stones toward the Holy Family Chapel, while walking from Stella Maris toward Elijah's Cave.	1.6.2026	Oral testimony from the tour guide.	
60	Jerusalem, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward the entrance of the Armenian Monastery.	1.6.2026	Video recording.	
61	Jerusalem, Old City, Jaffa Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a clergyman.	7.6.2026	Photograph of the perpetrator taken by the clergyman.	RFDC filed Police Complaint No. 2591229/2026 on his behalf.
62	Jerusalem, Old City, Jaffa Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat toward a clergyman.	7.6.2026	Photograph of the perpetrator taken by the clergyman.	Call to the 100 Police Emergency Hotline, reference number 9517.

63	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A passerby spat toward a clergyman.	7.6.2026	Oral testimony from the clergyman.	
64	Jerusalem, Kiryat Yovel, "Monster Park".	<b>Verbal Abuse / Threats</b>   A clergyman and a woman sitting in the park were verbally harassed and threatened by a group of children.	9.6.2026	Oral testimony from the victims.	
65	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	<b>Spitting</b>   A man spat demonstratively toward the Armenian Monastery while its gate was closed.	9.6.2026	Video recording.	
66	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Polish Monastery.	<b>Throwing Trash</b>   A child threw a beer bottle into the monastery yard, where it shattered.	12.6.2026	Photographs taken after the incident.	Police Complaint No. 257336/2026.
67	Jerusalem, Old City, Jaffa Gate.	<b>Spitting</b>   Four young men spat toward three monks walking together.	13.6.2026	Oral testimony.	Police Complaint No. 259129/2026.
68	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Polish Monastery.	<b>Throwing Trash</b>   A child threw a glass bottle into the monastery yard, where it shattered.	13.6.2026	Photographs taken inside the monastery grounds.	
69	Jerusalem, Old City, Muristan.	<b>Defacement of Signage</b>   A directional sign and map leading to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre were vandalized.	13.6.2026	Photograph.	Report submitted to the Jerusalem Municipality (106), Reference No. 2606-8661110.
70	Mevaseret Yerushalayim, Ophir and HaHoshen Streets.	<b>Verbal Abuse</b>   A man stopped his car beside a Catholic monk, cursed him, and shouted: "Get out of here. You have no place here."	15.6.2026	Oral testimony from the monk.	Following the RFDC's recommendation, the monk filed a police complaint. 271551/2026. The Head of the Local Council became involved in pursuing the case.

71	Online-Google Maps – User Reviews.	<b>Online Incitement</b>   User reviews of Christian holy sites on Google Maps, (including Dormition Abbey, the Church of St. Alexander Nevsky, and others) quoted biblical verses from Deuteronomy, calling for the destruction of non-Jewish places of worship, including breaking, demolishing, and burning their religious symbols.	16.6.2026	Screenshots.	The Reform Center for Religion and State's Center for Victims of Racism filed a complaint with the police and with the Cyber Department of the State Attorney's Office. RFDC also filed a Police Complaint No. 267955/2026.
72	Jerusalem, Old City, 13 Via Dolorosa.	<b>Defacement of Signage</b>   Directional sign to the Via Dolorosa was vandalized.	17.6.2026	Photograph.	
73	Galilee, Tzalmon Stream.	<b>Spitting</b>   During a school trip by students from Karmeit Katif Yeshiva, a student spat on a stone cairn along the Gospel Trail after it had been explained that the route is a Christian pilgrimage path.	17.6.2026	Oral testimony from the tour guide.	
74	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Church of Ad Coenaculum.	<b>Throwing Trash</b>   A cup was thrown over the monastery wall into the church courtyard.	24.6.2026	Oral testimony from a sister.	
75	Jerusalem, Light Rail	<b>Verbal Abuse / Threatening Behavior</b>   A man shouted anti-Jesus remarks and approached two Catholic nuns in a threatening manner on the Jerusalem Light Rail. The harassment ended following an intervention.	28.6.2026	Oral testimony from a bystander.	
76	Online – "King David's Tomb" website.	<b>Online Disinformation and Incitement</b>   Publication of false information alongside an adversarial narrative portraying the Christian presence and the Vatican as a threat to Mount Zion.	28.6.2026	Screenshots and online documentation.	The RFDC contacted the Legal Counsel to the Jerusalem Municipality.

## Report Summary and Key Findings

### Spitting

As in previous reports, the high number of spitting incidents remains particularly striking. During this quarter, **47 incidents involved spitting, accounting for 56% of all recorded forms of harassment.** In recent years, these acts have increasingly taken place openly, in broad daylight, and at times in a deliberately demonstrative manner. In several cases, perpetrators even explained to Hotline volunteers—and on camera—why they believed such behavior was justified. Among the reported incidents were parents who spat and shouted insults in front of their children, while encouraging them to behave similarly.

As in previous years, a noticeable increase in incidents occurred during **Jerusalem Day** and the **Flag March**. While some incidents involved individuals acting alone, moving in groups appeared to encourage spitting and similar acts.

### Growing Boldness

Harassment and attacks increasingly take place openly in public spaces, with little hesitation on the part of the perpetrators. This is reflected in the violent assault on a nun on Mount Zion (Case 11) and the verbal abuse directed at a monk in a supermarket (Case 7).

### Harassment of Religious Symbols in Lebanon and the IDF's Educational Response

Although this report does not cover incidents that occurred outside Israel's borders, we consider it important to recall the destruction of the statue of Jesus and the desecration of a statue of the Virgin Mary in southern Lebanon.

The Israel Defense Forces bear responsibility for educating their soldiers and establishing basic standards of conduct regarding religious communities and sacred sites. We hope that these incidents are being addressed within the military.

Following reports of soldiers mocking or showing disrespect toward Christians while touring Jerusalem (Case 12), we approached the **Chief Education Officer of the Israel Defense Forces**. We are pleased that constructive educational cooperation followed. A briefing document prepared by the Hotline for guides accompanying military groups in Jerusalem was accepted and circulated within the relevant framework. The document is available on our website.

### School Visits and Educational Tours

In recent years, thousands of school groups have visited Jerusalem through programs encouraged and funded by government ministries. As with many military groups, most students receive little or no preparation regarding the living Christian presence in the city. As a result, the encounter with Christians sometimes comes as a surprise and may lead to hostile reactions (Case 48).

Without prior preparation, students have also displayed hostility toward Christian sites and individuals during educational trips throughout the country (Cases 59 and 73). A coordinated educational effort involving school-trip organizers and tour guides is therefore needed, particularly for visits to Jerusalem.

### The Cost of Excluding Christians from Jerusalem's Public Space

We once again call upon the Jerusalem Municipality to recognize that the absence of **visible and symbolic representation of the Christian presence** in the public sphere contributes directly to expressions of hostility by Jews toward Christians.

From the Municipal Compound to Jaffa Gate, the public space prominently reflects Jewish presence through posters on Jewish themes, holiday greetings, and projections of images and films related to Jewish history and tradition

on the city walls. Given that the Old City contains two Christian quarters, it is equally appropriate that the Christian presence be visibly represented in the public sphere.

At the entrance to the Armenian Quarter via Armenian Patriarchate Street, appropriate signage should indicate that visitors are entering a Christian quarter and present its historical, religious, and cultural significance.

In the absence of visible representation of the Christian presence, we repeatedly encounter cases in which Jewish visitors, surprised to discover Christians living and worshipping in the city, react inappropriately.

The continued exclusion of the Christian presence from Jerusalem's public representation is a matter of concern, and responsibility for addressing it rests with the Jerusalem Municipality.

## Online Incitement

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As in previous quarters, we continue to receive reports of online incitement. Digital platforms, where verbal hostility spreads rapidly, can have a significant impact on public attitudes.

Case 76 illustrates the responsibility of public authorities: the Jerusalem Municipality's website links visitors to the "King David's Tomb" website, which is administered by the Ministry of Religious Affairs. In our view, this contributes to the normalization of inflammatory narratives and the dissemination of disinformation online.

## A Call for Professional Cooperation

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We call upon all public authorities—and the Israel Police in particular—to make greater use of the expertise of the Religious Freedom Data Center and other specialists familiar with the sensitivities of Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Despite the ongoing security and social challenges,  
our commitment remains unchanged:  
to safeguard the dignity of the Christian community  
and protect freedom of religion and  
worship. Even in difficult times, we continue to work toward  
a vision of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence  
among all who live in and visit the Holy Land.

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