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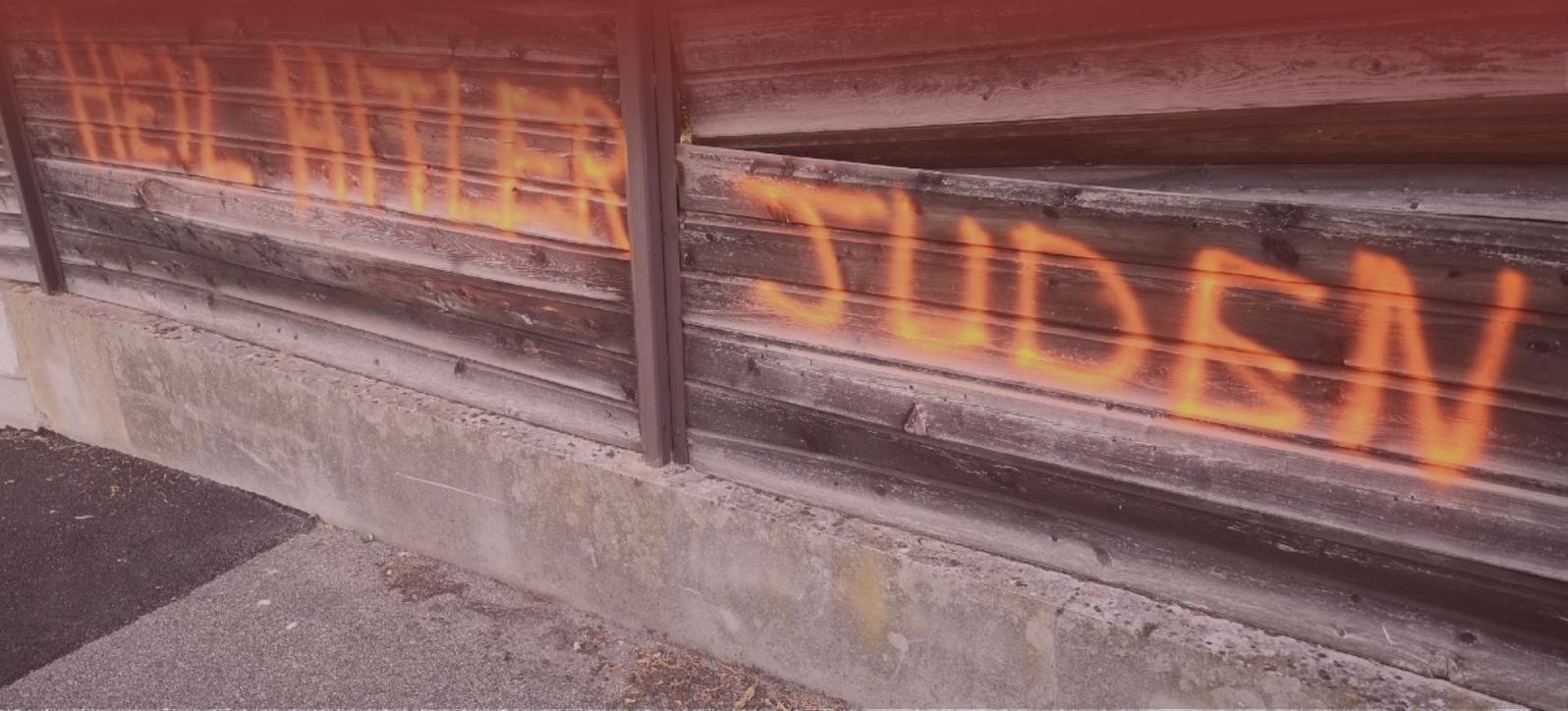
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## SPCJ

SPCJ, the Jewish Community Security Service, was founded in 1980 following the attack in the Rue Copernic in Paris.

SPCJ emerged from the joint determination of CRIF (the Representative Council of Jewish Institutions in France), FSJU (the Jewish United Social Fund), and the French Rabbinate to protect the Jewish community at large. Members of SPCJ's Executive Committee are appointed by these founding institutions. SPCJ's President is Mr. Eric de Rothschild.

SPCJ's existence since the 1980s has been justified by the ongoing terrorist and antisemitic threat in France for the last 40 years. It has become necessary to help the Jewish community flourish, by guaranteeing a free, diverse and satisfying expression of Jewish identity.

SPCJ is an apolitical and not-for-profit organization. Its sole mission is to protect Jewish life in its pluralistic expression.

**ERIC DE ROTHSCHILD  
SPCJ PRESIDENT**

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is always with a heavy heart that I write the preface of this publication that recalls the Antisemitic acts that took place in France during the previous year. The statistics we present have been established in close cooperation with the Interior Ministry.

These numbers increase, decrease, but remain absolutely unacceptable; for our community, they are troubling and distressing.

This year, which was characterized by the pandemic, lockdowns, and the interruption of many economic and social activities, is not very different from the previous ones. Violent attacks remain at the same level, vandalism and insults that were recorded (the few that are subjects of complaints) are decreasing, but they are carried on through outbursts of hatred on social media.

Our community feels very strongly about this anxiety-provoking situation.

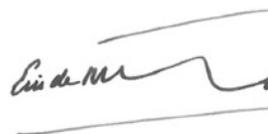
The Court of Cassation's decision, which prevents Mrs. Halimi (zl)'s murderer from being tried, was particularly traumatizing, and many have expressed their complete inability to understand it.

The community accepts its responsibility and is actively engaged in protecting itself, under SPCJ's guidance. To provide this support, SPCJ expands its permanent teams, raises awareness among school parents, synagogue goers, the young and the not-so-young, about the need for vigilance and what to do in case of a serious situation.

I thank the Interior Minister and his whole team for their attention and their support in this fight. We have frequent and open exchanges that have recently led to positive developments.

Police presence remains indispensable, and it is very efficient. We recognize how difficult and weighty much of this work is, in current circumstances. We are grateful for the new measures that are implemented.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers and permanent staff of SPCJ that ensure our community's security each day.



Eric de Rothschild

**HAIM KORSIA**  
**CHIEF RABBI OF FRANCE**

Dear friends,

According to the SPCJ annual report, the number of antisemitic acts throughout 2020 has decreased in comparison to those recorded over the last three years. However, the number of violent attacks recorded remains close to those of the last two years, even though we have spent the majority of the year locked down. The pandemic has provided a platform for those wishing to speak out against the Jewish community, especially through social media.

This social media bubble, which some deem to permit them absolute freedom of speech, has become a cesspit of antisemitic and racist hatred. In addition to the increasingly imaginative conspiracy theories, there has been an unprecedented surge of hatred, including during the election of Miss France.

In the face of some condemnable remarks, we must continue our efforts for the security of all, as is the duty of every citizen in order to live in unity. Unfortunately, the Avia law does not allow yet the sanction of such hateful acts. This outrageous decision made by the Constitutional Council, which I have already condemned, does nothing to stop the incitement and rise of antisemitic and racist rhetoric under the pretext of freedom of speech.

I would like to thank the public services once more for their relentless hard work, the DILCRAH in particular, but also the work performed by PHAROS, which monitors hatred on social networks.

Education and learning are the best and most successful ways in the fight against hatred. This magnanimous task is ours to achieve. I understand the enormity of the task the Ministry of National Education tackles every day. It is everyone's duty to educate themselves and fight ignorance. « Ignorance is the mother of all crimes. Above all, a crime is a lack of reasoning ,» according to Balzac.

At long last people are becoming more aware. Sarah Halimi's (z'l) gathering united people of many backgrounds. The emotion aroused by this horrible tragedy and the denial of justice prove the joined responsibility which rests in our hands. Young people must spread a message of tolerance in order for us all to live together and build a common destiny.

Haim Korsia

## JOËL MERGUI PRESIDENT OF THE CONSISTORIES

Year after year, the pandemic of antisemitism, which is rampant in France, continues to grow. Assaults on people, desecration of cemeteries, vandalism of property, graffiti, a long list of deplorable acts which threaten our community and stain the colors of our Republic.

Sadly, these last few months have been marred by some tragic news which has gone far beyond the framework of our community and provoked a vast public debate. I mean, of course, the decision of the Court of Cassation which confirmed “the exemption from criminal responsibility” of Sarah Halimi’s murderer.

This latest event has aroused intense emotion within the Jewish community, and I would like to believe, within the nation as a whole.

Incomprehension, disbelief, the potential consequences of this decision make our heads spin. By exonerating the perpetrator from criminal liability, and engaging in an adventurous distinction between “intoxication” and “delirium, “the predictable alteration” of the sense of right and wrong or its “unpredictable exoneration” due to the excessive use of drugs, the French Justice System has created a precedent whose consequences no-one can predict.

At a time when our society is suffering the full brunt of the torment of unrestrained violence, and especially the devastating antisemitism that is fueled by the wildest of minds, the need for strong justice has never seemed so important to us. This inverse message sent to the whole world by the Court of Cassation is therefore terrifying.

In addition, our astonishment is all the more heightened as it signifies a new way of interpreting antisemitic acts which has been emerging for several years and which many of us recognized and condemned: the psychiatrization of antisemitic minds. Henceforth, before judging an antisemitic act, there will be a systematically recognized practice which will consist of analyzing the “psyche” of its perpetrator: is he “sane” or is he “crazy”?

However, who has never thought about the fact that an antisemitic murderer could be mentally disturbed? Who can claim that a terrorist is a lucid, reasoned and reasonable person? The characteristics of a criminal mind are motivated and driven by a form of madness and insanity!

Thus, to our great despair, it is this monstrous logic which has ended up being adopted by the French Justice System. From now on, this alleged “madness” is an exonerating cause for the avoidance of trial or even worse, an exonerating cause of antisemitic crime. It stymies the families’ ability to mourn, and society to heal its wounds.

How did our society get here? Is it out of “benevolence” towards the Jews of France whom we hope to reassure by making them believe that antisemitism is not so virulent and that it is ultimately “by chance” that a mad man attacked them like he could have attacked another citizen? Or is it through culpable irresponsibility that we wanted to buy social peace by erasing this word that we cannot see, “antisemitism”?

Finally, and this is the most worrying thing, this decision creates an unparalleled precedent in the recent history of our country. It very significantly undermines the confidence that the Jews of France have in the justice system of their country and in its ability to protect them.

Jewish life among the nations of the world has been made possible by the well-known Talmudic principle “dina de malkhouta dina”: “the law of the country where we live is the law that applies to us.” It is necessary to measure how daring and brave this statement is as well as the faith we have in our nation’s justice system. Therefore, any misalignment made in this immemorial pact is very painful.

History has taught us that justice is very often the last institutional defense against barbarism. Having become the sentinels of History despite themselves, the Jews know this well.

In the past we were the first victims targeted by radical Islamism masquerading as Anti-Zionism. Today, its true colors have been exposed and we have understood the threat that this ideology poses to society as a whole.

This is why, when justice falters, when it sometimes fails to protect its Jewish faith citizens, it is the whole society that must react.

Our fight is not one for our community alone, it must be that of the entire nation so that the denial of justice that falls on a Jewish grandmother cannot apply tomorrow to a teacher, a priest, a policeman or any citizen.

As a community leader, I have fought to preserve a Jewish life in France, despite antisemitic persecution, virulent Anti-Zionism and the “lost territories of the Republic.” Between building and leaving, I have always chosen to resist and build, trusting the protection of the State, its police and the Justice System.

The President of the Republic has heard the cry of the nation, and has promised to change the law. This will obviously be a great step forward for the future. However, we still need to fight for justice for Sarah Halimi. All means must be gathered to allow justice to be obtained, her relatives to be allowed to mourn, and particularly for the doors to be left open for new evidence to be added to the case. Out of dignity towards her family and in accordance with the pact of faith which binds the Republic to each one of its children, we would not accept such a denial of justice.

Like every year, I cannot conclude these few words without thanking from the bottom of my heart and expressing all my admiration and gratitude to the professionals and volunteers who work anonymously and discreetly on a daily basis to ensure the security of our synagogues, community centers, and who make a flourishing Jewish life possible in our country.

Their dedication is only equaled by their great professionalism which leads to everyone’s admiration, even that of the public authorities and the police who know they have found a high quality partner in the Jewish Community Security Service.

Joël Mergui

## **FRANCIS KALIFAT**

### **PRESIDENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF JEWISH INSTITUTIONS**

Antisemitism is never a figment of the imagination. It creeps on our walls, spoils our buildings and streets, slips, winds and sprawls in the silence of the night. Insult is easy, it is cowardly and almost always anonymous.

Antisemitism is neither limited nor localized. It can strike anywhere. We have known for many years that it takes many forms. It transforms, shares, strengthens and disguises itself even in those who claim to be humanist or anti-racist.

It has a lot of resources, conspiracy being one of them. It shows the Shoah as a lie or a trick in order to secure a Jewish State. Caricature and demonization are another mechanism. The principle is well known : we distort, misrepresent and make it hateful. Thus we can justify its obsession and hatred.

Some in our country are obsessed with the caricature they make of Jews. The same people and many others are obsessed with the State of Israel. They see it as the cause of all the world's problems. Therefore, it would be enough to erase Israel for problems to disappear.

They hate Jews and Israel so much that they even attack the dead. They desecrate our cemeteries cowardly, vandalize graves, and paint swastikas on our gravestones.

They also attack the living. I would like to pay tribute to the memory of these 12 French men, women, children and old people murdered since the beginning of the 2000s for the sole reason of being Jewish.

Sébastien Sellam (z'l), 23 years old, murdered on 20 November 2003 in the car park of his building, Ilan Halimi (z'l), 24 years old, kidnapped and murdered on 13 February 2006, between Bagneux and Sainte Geneviève des Bois, Gabriel (z'l), 3 years old, Arié (z'l), 6 years old, and Jonathan Sandler (z'l), 30 years, Myriam Monsonogo (z'l), 8 years old, victims of the terrorist attack on Ozar Hatorah school, in Toulouse, on 19 March 2012 ; Yohan Cohen (z'l), 20 years old, Yoav Hattab (z'l), 22 years old, Philippe Braham (z'l), 46 years old and François Michel Saada (z'l), 64 years old, all four taken hostage and murdered at the Hypercacher on 9 January 2015.

Sarah Attal-Halimi (z'l), 62 years old, tortured and murdered on 4 April 2017 in her home in Paris, 11th arrondissement and Mireille Knoll (z'l), 86 years old, tortured and murdered on 23 March 2018 in her home in Paris, 11th arrondissement.

Every destiny that is killed by antisemitism and terrorism in this litany of names, is individual. Every broken life is an obligation to remember. These names and faces are in my mind every single day. Additionally, a question haunts me : what should we have done to protect them ? I often wonder how the last eight years would have been if in France we had learned lessons from the attack on the Ozar Hatorah school in Toulouse. I keep the bitter taste of a society that at that time was deaf to the cries of the hearts of the French Jews and the few by their side who had understood that this was only the first attack of many others to come. As it often happens in History, while antisemitism begins with the Jews, it never ends with the Jews.

Thus, this antisemitism, which has risen up for 20 years, has been the warning sign of a resurgence of hatred and violence in our country : sexism, homophobia, hatred of France, but also a growing hostility against Christians in France and in the East.

As in previous years, French Jews were insulted, harassed, threatened, robbed, assaulted or beaten in 2020 only for being Jewish. These words are terrible, but do not speak to the antisemitism that these victims had to endure day-to-day, which torments those living in these difficult neighborhoods, these « Lost territories of the Republic .»

I often describe the broken life of these French Jews who endure insults, spitting, graffiti, anonymous letters, torn mezuzot and physical violence. Deep and repeated analysis has been carried out. This analysis suggests that Jews are trapped within a vice, squeezing and hurting us.

Indeed, it hurts when we are caught between overrepresented traditional antisemitism on the far right and overrepresented anti-Zionist antisemitism on the far left. When one is stuck between Muslim antisemitism, which is very present among 15 to 25 years old, and being the favored target of Islamist terrorists, the obsession with Israel and the Jews, the demonization and resulting antisemitism often make these hostile forces join together.

My deep concern is also as a citizen. I fear that this hatred and violence will end up weakening our adherence to the values that make-up France. The continuity of antisemitism in our country, its uninhibited rise and trivialization are a major concern for us. However, we also know that beyond the danger it means to us Jews, it is a threat to the nation of France as a whole as well as for the harmony and peace in our country.

Francis Kalifat

## ARIEL GOLDMANN PRESIDENT OF THE UNIFIED JEWISH SOCIAL FUND

Voted “the worst year ever” by the Times, 2020 paralyses the planet as a result of an unprecedented coronavirus pandemic. “We are at war.”

This is how the President of the French Republic announces on 15th March the beginning of a lockdown in the French territory. A second lockdown, less rigorous than the first, takes place on 30th October. However, it does not allow cafés and restaurants, places of entertainment and culture or community centers to open their doors.

It was believed there would be a decrease in the number of violent anti-Semitic attacks due to general social withdrawal in France. Nevertheless, this was not the case. The number of recorded antisemitic acts remained as in 2019, despite the three-and-a-half-month lockdown and the almost non-existence of Jewish life out of home.

I have long since stopped looking for “an explanation” for this unbearable antisemitism because the “why?” which drives and outrages us understandably can be the reason for the baseless “because” within the public opinion. This conclusion does not prevent us from either thinking about it or mainly acting.

Indeed, there is in France a solidly rooted and recurrent antisemitism at the heart of non-majority groups taking active part in the population: the radicalized Muslims, the “anti-Zionists,” the groups and sympathizers of the far left who search in vain for an ideological struggle, the far right which keeps growing from election to election, including some followers of ecological movements but to a lesser extent. Coming back to radical Islam, two highlights of this *annus horribilis*, the trial of the January 2015 attacks on the editorial staff of Charlie Hebdo and the attack on the Hypercacher, involving several police officers; Jihadist attacks where 17 people were murdered. During the hearings, it turned out that the “ordinary” and virulent antisemitism, which drives those fueled by radical Islam, is clearly the first link in a more global chain. Dreadfully, one month after the opening of the debates, this is proven by Samuel Paty’s beheading. I believe the public authorities and the government are beginning to become aware of this, but they do not know how to act effectively yet.

Especially since the Internet remains a space where action is more difficult to carry out because globalized evil has already woven its web. The Covid-19 pandemic has led to more and more people, who have been prevented from going out, spending time on screens and feeding on anything that is on. The legislation has little influence on this protected “space” which has taken advantage of “the pandemic windfall” to “update” the most overused prejudices concerning the “Jews.” This protected “space” has also deployed a whole arsenal of conspiratorial idiotic remarks, skillfully scripted, distilled and served to be consumed like a good Netflix series. Who watches? Definitely those belonging to the groups of the population previously mentioned, where antisemitism is “by nature” endemic but also fragile and naïve, ignorant minds in search of “explanations” and ready to accept them all. As we well know, social networks, which are conveyors of multiple accusations, do not only find a perfect ideological field of action in antisemitism but also a significant financial windfall of which we know less. Every click counts and pays off. The “product” is not the dishonestly free hook content, but the user who ignores it.

Education in how to use the Internet from an early age and the economic sanctions are our best allies. The battle is certainly not easy. A lot has already been done. Certainly not enough.

The plague of antisemitism appears in a multitude of forms. None of them are unknown to us, and all of them will always be fought with strength and determination. The SPCJ, whom I know well for having been its spokesperson for many years, is at the heart of this fight. Thank you to its professionals and volunteers whose work, commitment and relentless involvement I know about. Thank you for working around the clock. Be reassured: The FSJU of which I am the president, and a founding member of the SPCJ, will always be at your side in our common defense of the values of Judaism and the Republic.

Ariel Goldmann

## OUR METHODOLOGY

### Who contributes to the census ?

After the increase of Antisemitic acts in September 2000, the leaders of the main Jewish organizations tasked the SPCJ to take an official census of Antisemitic acts committed on French soil.

To complete this daunting and rigorous task, SPCJ works closely with the Ministry of Interior's "Victims Unit." Precise and regular exchanges enable a detailed and reliable monitoring of the situation.

### What kind of Antisemitic acts are listed ?

Our inventory keeps a record of Antisemitic acts that led to a complaint or a notification to the police. It is enhanced with reports from various police agencies on French territory and centralized at the Ministry of Interior.

This methodological rigor excludes a number of acts that were reported to SPCJ but not to the police, and are thus absent from official statistics. Furthermore, Antisemitic content that circulates on the Internet is not systematically listed.

**The statistical elements presented in this report therefore put the main trends in perspective, but cannot adequately convey the reality of Antisemitism in France in 2020.**

The Ministry of Interior has defined the following terms :

**ACTS include ACTIONS and THREATS**

**ACTIONS include :**

- . terror attack or attempt
- . homicide or attempt
- . physical violence
- . arson or attempt
- . defacing and vandalizing

**THREATS include :**

- . threatening word and gesture, insult
- . flyer and hate mail
- . graffiti



# 1. ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSES

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## 1.1 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSES

### ANTISEMITISM IN NUMBERS IN 2020

#### 1 - ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED IN FRANCE IN 2020

THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT ATTACKS IS IDENTICAL TO 2019, DESPITE 3.5 MONTHS OF LOCKDOWN AND A DECREASE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

- ▶ The total number of Antisemitic acts recorded in 2020 **amounts to 339**
  - A decrease compared to the years 2018 (541 acts) and 2019 (687 acts)
  - Similar to the numbers in 2016 (335 acts) and 2017 (311 acts)
- ▶ In 2020, **we observe that the number of violent acts that were recorded (44) is almost identical to the 2019 figure (45)**, despite 3.5 months of lockdown and a decrease in community activities.
- ▶ We observe a decrease in the number of acts of vandalism, graffiti, hate mail and Antisemitic insults that have been reported to the police. However, similar Antisemitic acts flourish on the Internet and those behind them are not taken to court or sentenced.

#### 2 - ANTISEMITIC DISCOURSE IN FRANCE IN 2020

ANTISEMITIC DISCOURSE FINDS FREEDOM AND IMPUNITY ON THE INTERNET, WHICH REFLECTS THE REALITY OF ANTISEMITIC DISCOURSE IN THE FRENCH PUBLIC SPHERE.

- ▶ This year was characterized by newly gained freedom for Antisemitic discourse on the Internet.
- ▶ The following could be observed in 2020:
  - The proliferation of conspiracy theories that point to Jews as the instigators of the worldwide COVID-19 crisis.
  - The outpouring of Antisemitic speeches on social media after it was revealed that Miss Provence had Israeli roots, the evening that Miss France 2021 was elected on French television.

- ▶ In 2020, the Internet is still a quasi-lawless area where Antisemitic speech and insults can be expressed with complete impunity.
- ▶ This hateful and stigmatizing discourse against Jews on the Internet is not only virtual. It reflects the reality of Antisemitic discourse in the public sphere, as shown in numerous public opinion surveys.
- ▶ In 2020, an **IFOP survey conducted for the French Union of Jewish Students and the *Journal du Dimanche*** and published in September showed the breadth of Antisemitic discourse among young people in France:
  - ✦ **One in ten** youngsters said that their history teacher could not teach the Holocaust in class.
  - ✦ **One in five** youngsters faced one or more students who questioned the fact that the Holocaust really happened.
  - ✦ **One in three** youngsters heard jokes about the Holocaust in class or after school.

### 3 - ANTISEMITISM PERSISTS SINCE THE YEAR 2000

The rise of Antisemitism that was observed in the early years of the millennium has persisted. **Hatred against Jews has motivated the murder of 12 people.**

In 2020 we can say that a new generation has grown and shaped itself in a country where for part of the population, Jewish hatred is expressed daily in the public sphere, whether virtual or actual.

Since the year 2000:

- ✦ **About 600 Antisemitic acts are recorded annually in France**, about seven or eight times more than during the previous decade (Interior Ministry – SPCJ).
- ✦ **Over one third of Jewish young people** (aged 18-24) have been a victim of at least one violent Antisemitic attack (IFOP-Fondapol-AJC 2020 study).
- ✦ **4/5 of Jewish young people** (aged 18-24) have faced at least one Antisemitic insult (IFOP-Fondapol-AJC 2020 study).

## 1.2 RECAP CHART OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED IN 2020

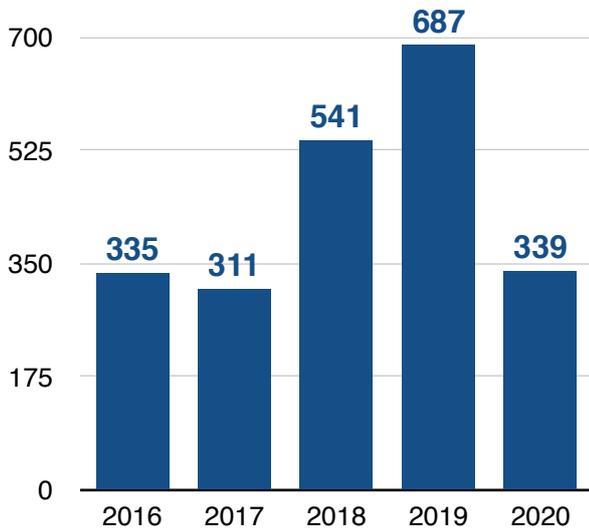
Antisemitic acts recorded on French soil from January 1 to December 31, 2020

| TYPE                                    | JANUARY   | FEBRUARY  | MARCH     | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      | JULY      | AUGUST    | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER   | NOVEMBER  | DECEMBER  | TOTAL<br>BY TYPE | 2019<br>STATS | 2019/<br>2020<br>COMP.<br>% |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ACTIONS</b>                          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |               |                             |
| TERROR ATTACK<br>OR ATTEMPT             | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                | 0             | 0                           |
| HOMICIDE<br>OR ATTEMPT                  | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0                | 0             | 0                           |
| PHYSICAL<br>VIOLENCE                    | 4         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 2         | 3         | 10        | 5         | 6         | 6         | 2         | 44               | 45            |                             |
| ARSON<br>OR ATTEMPT                     | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 2                | 5             |                             |
| DEFACING<br>& VANDALIZING               | 8         | 1         | 1         | 7         | 1         | 2         | 7         | 6         | 7         | 5         | 4         | 5         | 54               | 101           |                             |
| <b>TOTAL ACTIONS</b>                    | <b>12</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>7</b>  | <b>100</b>       | <b>151</b>    | <b>-34 %</b>                |
| <b>2019 STATS</b>                       | 11        | 27        | 17        | 22        | 20        | 13        | 9         | 2         | 2         | 14        | 3         | 11        | 151              |               |                             |
| <b>THREATS</b>                          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |                  |               |                             |
| THREATENING WORD<br>AND GESTURE, INSULT | 14        | 9         | 8         | 6         | 7         | 14        | 8         | 8         | 12        | 8         | 19        | 10        | 123              | 196           |                             |
| FLYER /<br>HATE MAIL                    | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 3         | 1         | 3         | 5         | 5         | 5         | 26               | 64            |                             |
| GRAFFITI                                | 5         | 8         | 5         | 3         | 8         | 5         | 2         | 8         | 15        | 8         | 11        | 12        | 90               | 276           |                             |
| <b>TOTAL THREATS</b>                    | <b>21</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>239</b>       | <b>536</b>    | <b>-55 %</b>                |
| <b>2019 STATS</b>                       | 49        | 133       | 89        | 49        | 43        | 28        | 24        | 23        | 17        | 25        | 28        | 28        | 536              |               |                             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>33</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>339</b>       | <b>687</b>    | <b>-51 %</b>                |
| <b>2019 STATS</b>                       | 60        | 160       | 106       | 71        | 63        | 41        | 33        | 25        | 19        | 39        | 31        | 39        | 687              |               |                             |

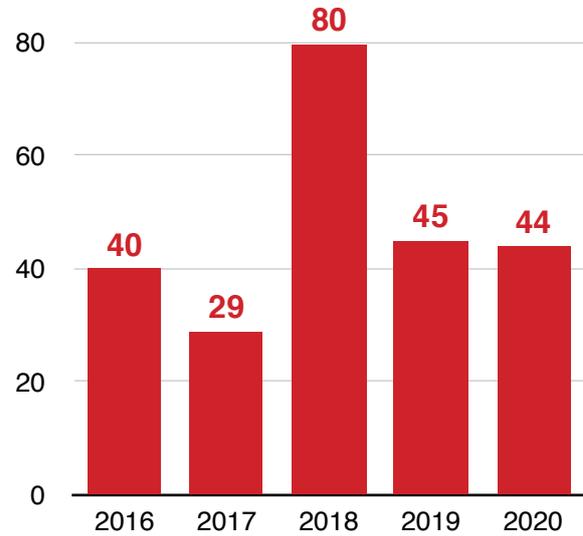
source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

### 1.3 ANTISEMITISM IN FRANCE IN 2020

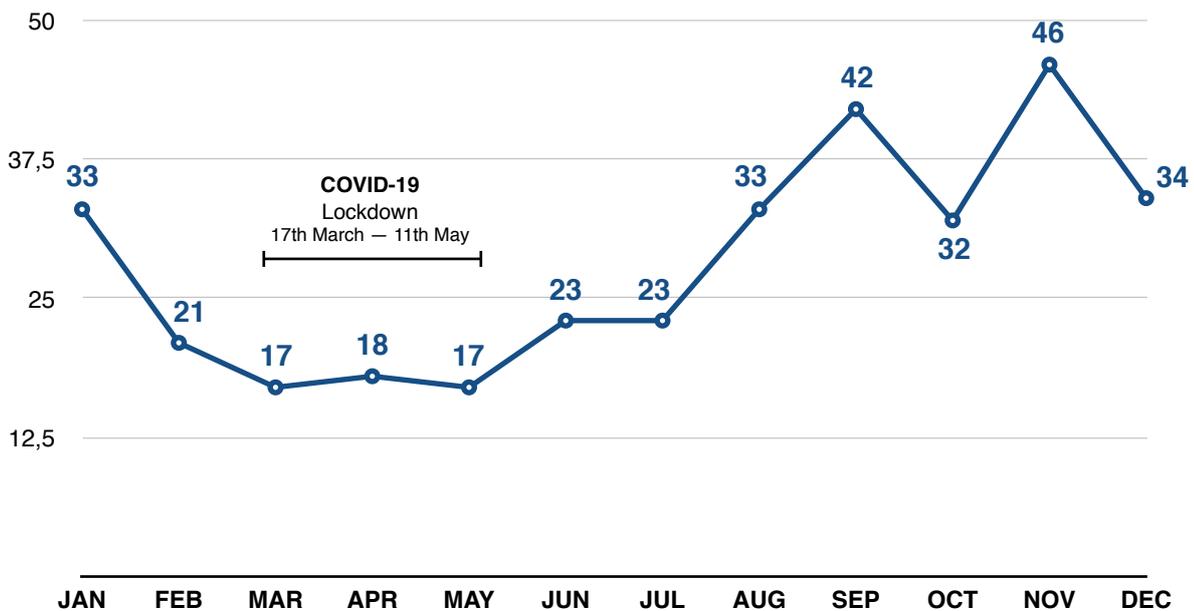
Antisemitic acts that led to a police complaint in France from 2016 to 2020



Antisemitic violence that led to a police complaint in France from 2016 to 2020



Monthly breakdown of Antisemitic acts that led to a police complaint in France in 2020

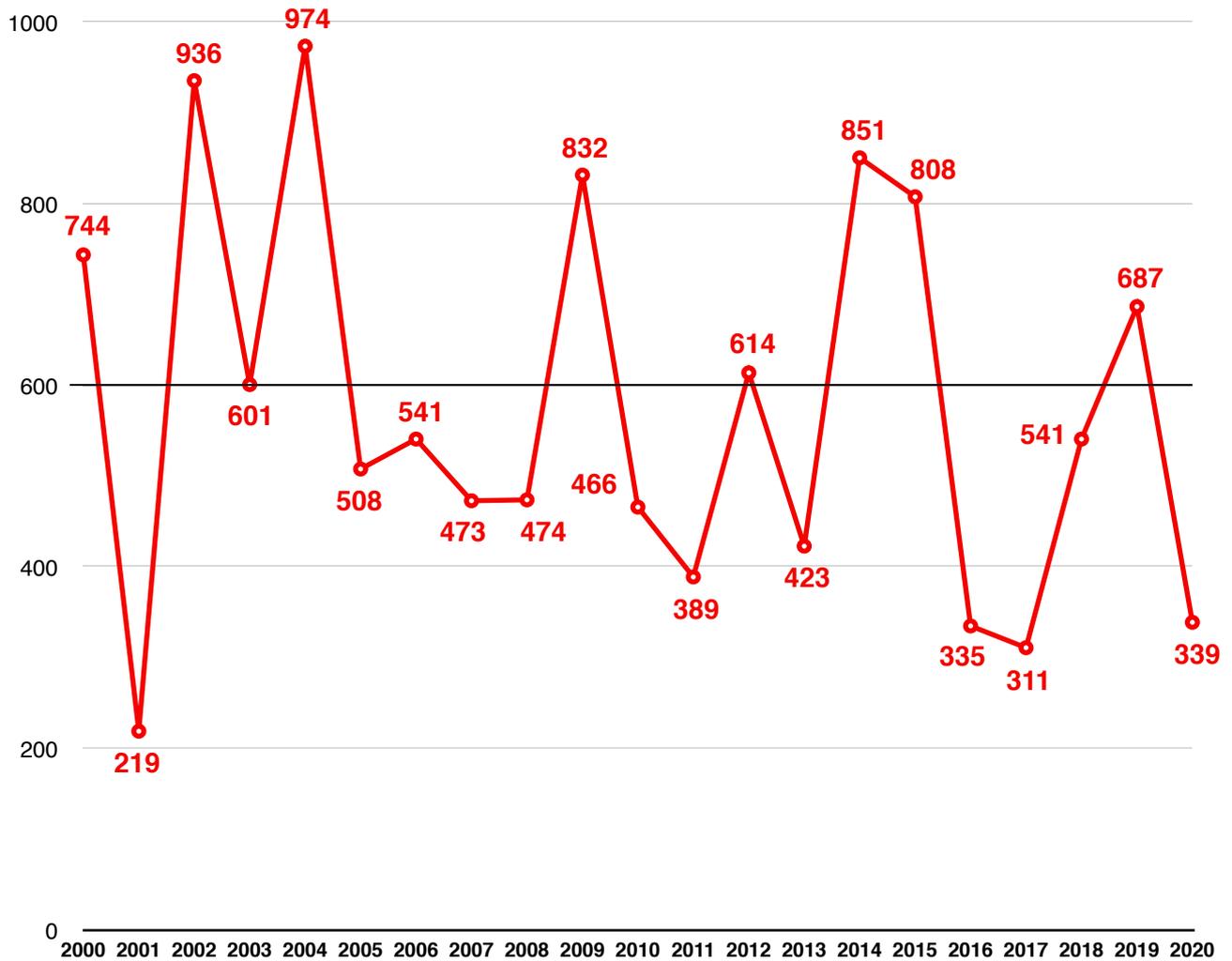


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### 1.4 ANTISEMITIC ACTS RECORDED IN FRANCE FROM 2000 TO 2020

▶ Since 2000, France has recorded an average of 600 Antisemitic acts every year, or seven or eight times more than during the previous decade (Interior Ministry – SPCJ).

Antisemitic acts recorded in France from 1998 to 2020

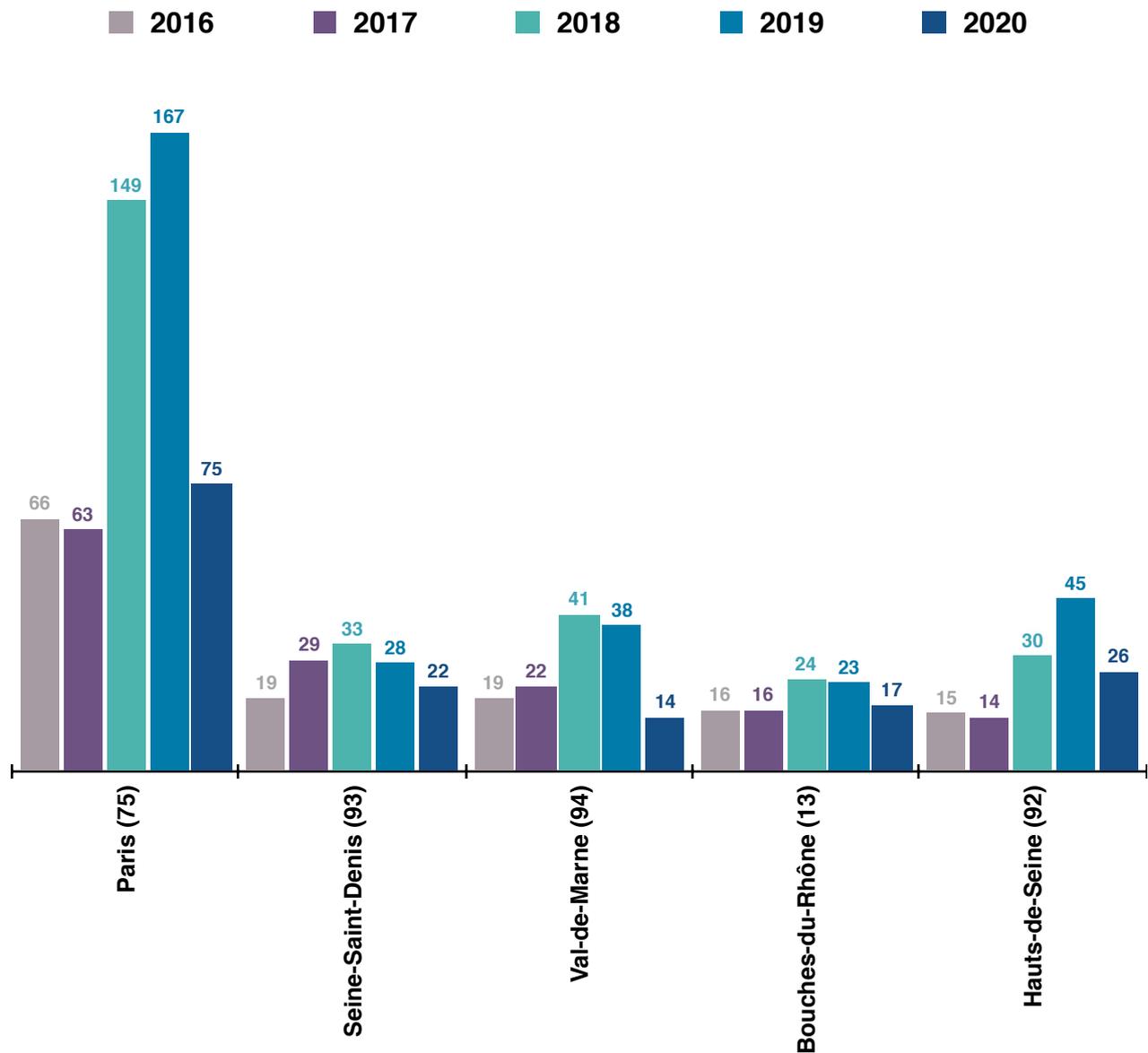


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### 1.5 GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS IN 2020

▶ In some French departments (states), a chronic Antisemitism thrives.

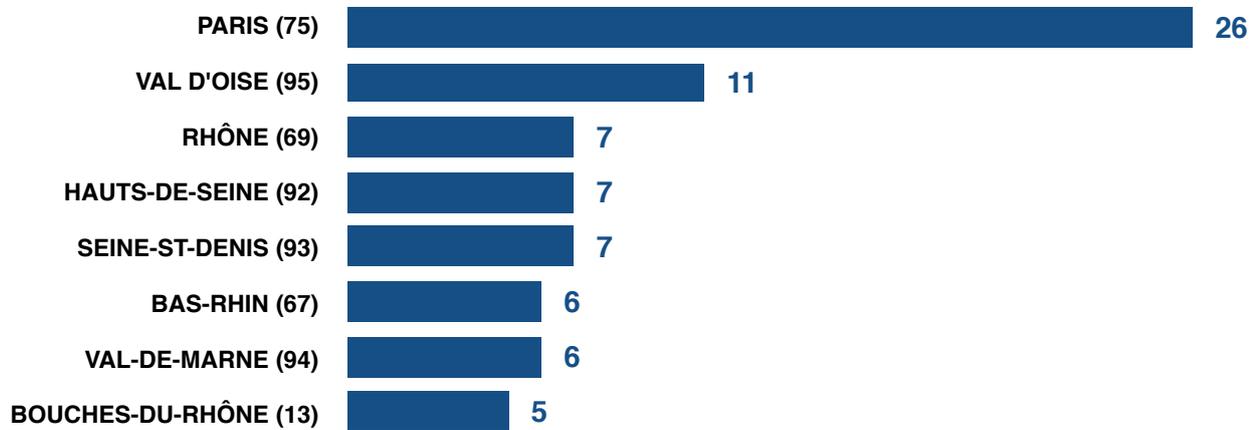
**Breakdown by department\* of Antisemitic acts that led to a police complaint from 2016 to 2020**



\*Only the five most affected departments over the period 2016 - 2020 are represented.

source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ

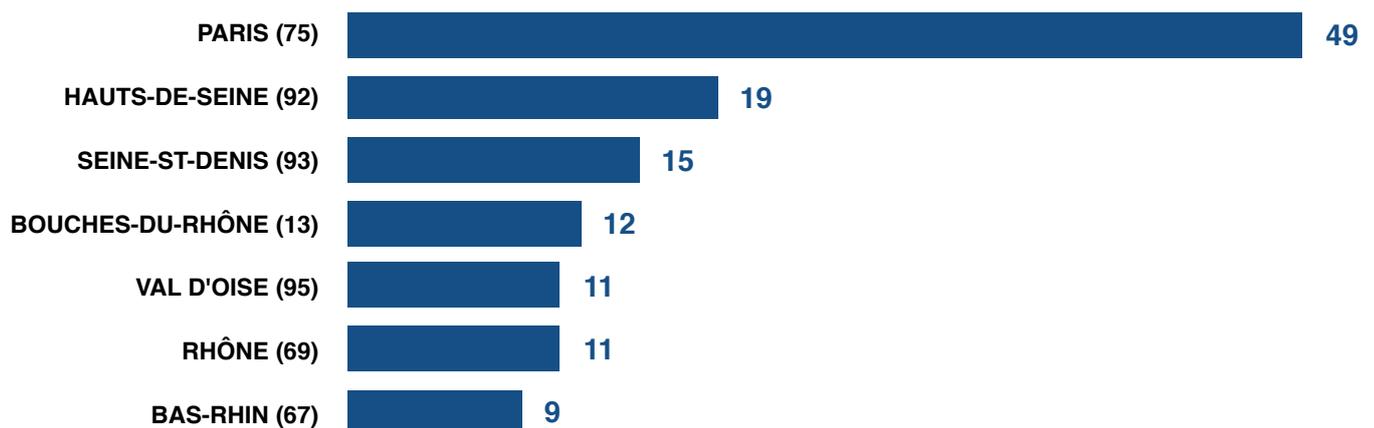
### The eight departments\* with the highest number of ACTIONS in 2020



\* Only departments that recorded at least 5 Antisemitic ACTIONS in 2020 are represented in this chart.

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### The seven departments\* with the highest number of THREATS in 2020

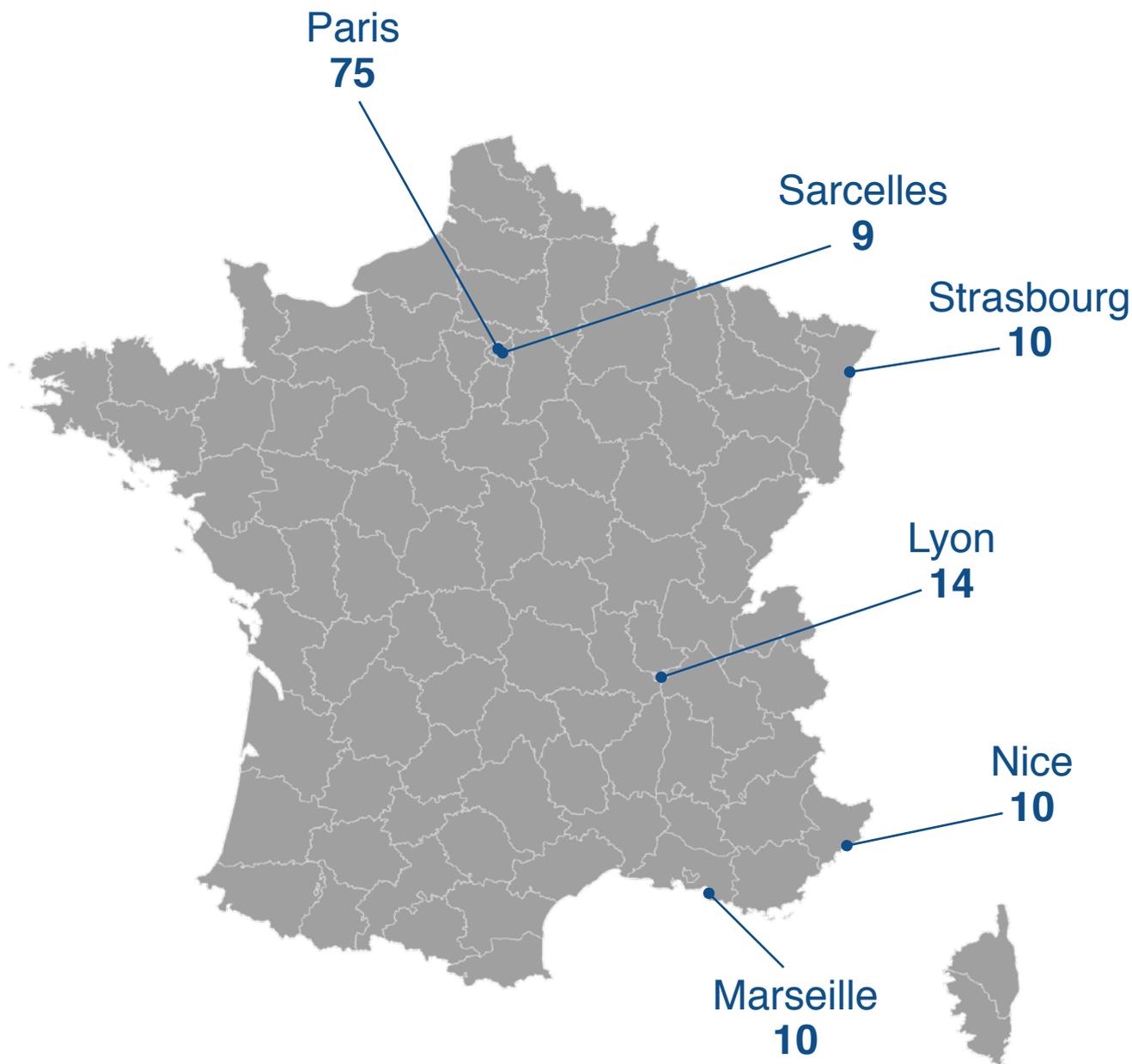


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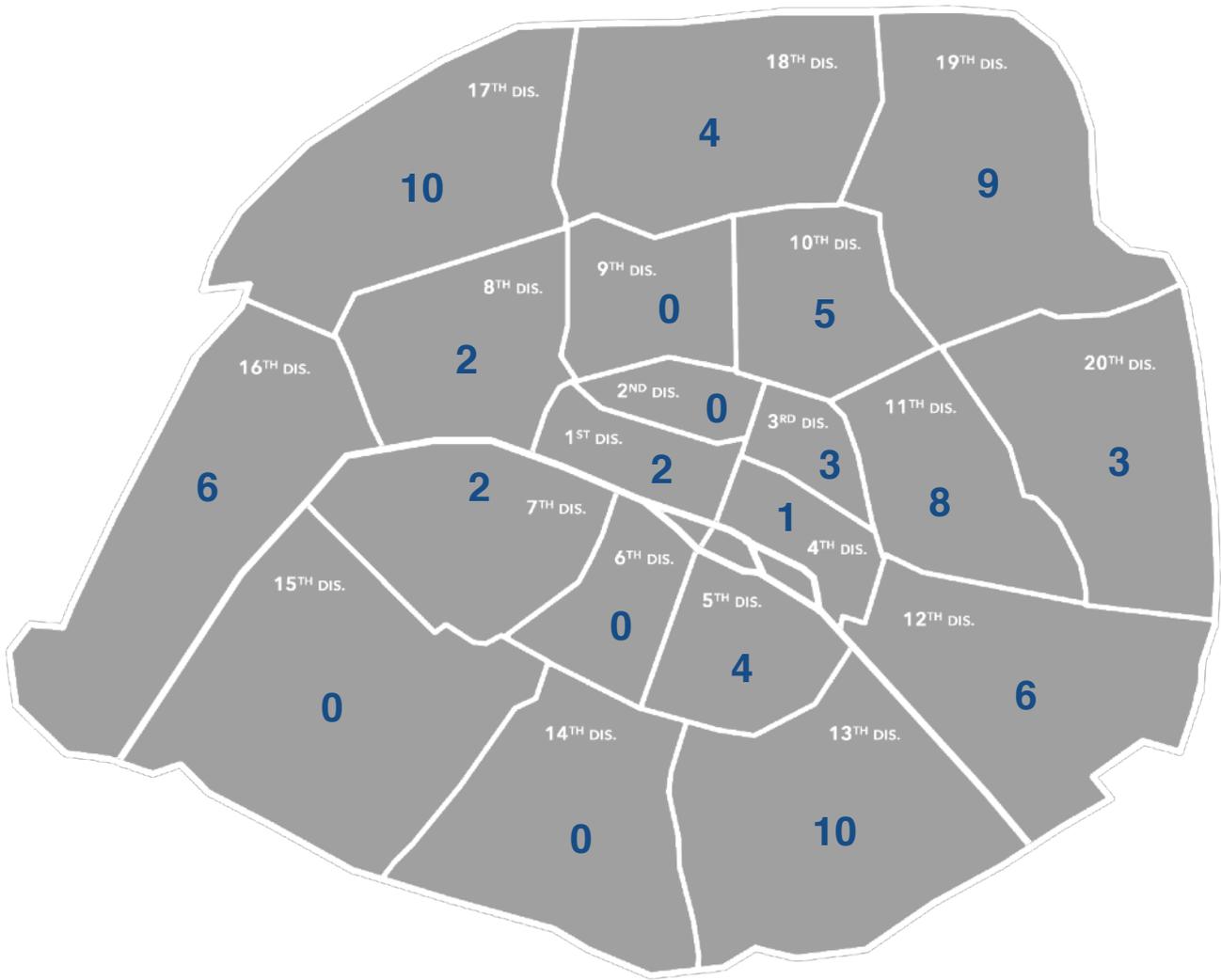
► The cities with the highest number of Antisemitic acts in 2020 are Paris, Lyon, Marseille, Nice, Strasbourg, and Sarcelles.

The six cities in which the highest number of actions and threats that led to a police complaint were recorded in 2020



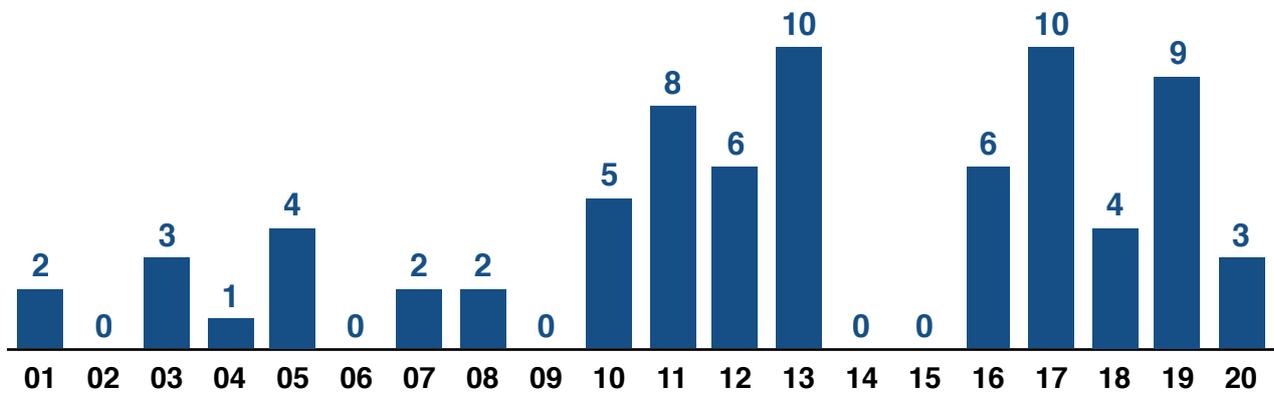
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**Breakdown by arrondissement (district) in Paris of Antisemitic acts that led to a police complaint in 2020**



Districts of Paris

source: Interior Ministry and SPCJ



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## **2. SELECTION FROM THE COMPLETE LIST OF ANTISEMITIC ACTS PERPETRATED IN 2020**

## ACTIONS

### PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

#### **Friday, January 17, 2020 - PARIS (75012)**

Four young people rang the doorbell of the president of an organization. When he opened, the man, who is Jewish, was sprayed with tear gas, and shut the door on his attackers who tried to get inside his apartment.

#### **Friday, January 24, 2020 - SAINT-JEAN-DE-VEDAS (34430)**

A Jewish man was insulted and assaulted by the owner of the home he has been living in for 15 years. The perpetrator wrongly accused him of having caused damage in the bathroom. She grabbed him by the neck and called him "*dirty Jew!*"

#### **Saturday, February 1, 2020 - MARSEILLE (13008)**

A handicapped Jewish man was hit with a baseball bat and sequestered for two days by his caregiver. He was also called "*dirty kike,*" "*dirty Jew,*" "*Hitler didn't finish his job*". The victim was incapacitated for 10 days.

#### **Sunday, February 2, 2020 - PARIS (75019)**

A Jewish man wearing a kippah was attacked by three men in the passageway of the subway. The first attacker asked him for cigarettes and grabbed his right hand, while the second tried to rob his cell phone, and the third served as lookout. The victim managed to free himself and walk to the platform, whereupon a fourth individual asked him for cigarettes. The victim didn't have any, but overheard the man say, "*You Jews have money, so you can buy me some or give me some.*" The attacker grabbed his kippah and called him "*dirty Jew*" while continuing his Antisemitic rambles. Two people came to the victim's aid and pushed him inside a subway car to distance him from the attacker.

#### **Sunday, March 1, 2020 - SAINT-GRATIEN (95210)**

Using Antisemitic terms, the neighbor of a Jewish prayer hall went to complain about the noise. An argument broke out with the worshipers, and the man made threats. He left, returned a few minutes later with a jack, and tried to break the glass window of the hall.

#### **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 - PARIS (75019)**

A Jewish man was punched and stabbed by five people who asked him to return an allegedly stolen object. The frightened victim offered some money. One of the individuals answered, "*of course since you're Jewish.*" His cell phone and neck chain were stolen.

#### **Tuesday, April 28, 2020 - MARSEILLE (13002)**

Two Jewish brothers were the target of an acid attack by a neighbor whom they complained made noise at night. One of the brothers was hit on the head, the eyes and lower part of the body, while the other was hit in the face. During the attack, the neighbor also called them "*Dirty Jews, dirty race, motherf\*\*\*\*rs.*"

#### **Monday, June 22, 2020 - SAINT-BRICE-SOUS-FORÊT (95350)**

A man threatened two men, one of whom was wearing a kippah, at gunpoint and forced them inside his car, whereupon he extorted valuables from them and called them "*dirty race.*"

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020 - PARIS (75011)**

As he was walking on the street with his phone in hand, a Jewish man wearing a kippah was shoved and grabbed on the arm by someone coming from the opposite direction. The victim was also called "*Dirty Jew.*"

**Friday, July 10, 2020 - MONTROUGE (92120)**

On her way home from running errands, a Jewish woman was hit on her mouth and breastbone by a group of people, including some of her neighbors in her building's entrance hall. The attack also involved Antisemitic threats: "*Dirty Jew, we'll take you out of here.*"

**Sunday, August 2, 2020 - SARCELLES (95200)**

Projectiles were thrown onto the paved square of the Great Synagogue without causing any casualties. Pieces of blockworks were thrown into the terrace of a kosher restaurant and on a worshiper who was exiting the evening service.

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 - PARIS (75019)**

On his way to pick up his daughter at his parents' place, a Jewish man wearing a kippah was attacked by two men who followed him inside the elevator. When he arrived at his floor, the victim was grabbed in the neck and strangled by one man, while the other one punched him in the face. Both attackers also insulted him: "*dirty Jew, dirty son of a b\*\*\*\* you're a dead man, dirty race.*" They then pushed him in the stairway where they continued to strangle him and stole a valuable watch, before escaping while the victim lay unconscious. He was incapacitated for 10 days.

**Sunday, August 30, 2020 - PARIS (75003)**

A man was punched for no apparent reason by a passer-by who called him *dirty Jew*. The perpetrator later left the scene while screaming "*Allah Akbar.*"

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 - BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT (92100)**

A Jewish man was punched in the face. A worshiper who walked with him was hit on the left temple, while a third person who tried to intervene was punched on the left shoulder. The attacker got angry after being questioned, since he stood near to a backpack left behind the synagogue's container. During the assault, the man said the following: "*wallah I will f\*\*\* you, I will f\*\*\* your race, by Allah.*" He then got closer to the two men and pushed them around while insulting them: "*I'm going to f\*\*\* you over, I'm going to f\*\*\*.*" The victims were incapacitated for two days and one day, respectively.

**Monday, October 5, 2020 - MONTREUIL-SOUS-BOIS (93100)**

A Jewish high schooler was punched in the face and attacked with tear gas by a group of ten people who were also armed with baseball bats, sprays, and knives. The assault took place as he was leaving school. The attackers threatened him with a knife and stole his cell phone, debit card and bus pass. During the attack, someone said, "*They are Jews, we can hit them.*"

**Thursday, October 8, 2020 - PARIS (75019)**

On his way home, a rabbi was attacked by four people who hit him with a bat and tried to steal his belongings, including a watch. One attacker said the following: "*forget it, the Jew's watch is rotten.*" Hearing the noise, some youths from the neighborhood began chasing the attackers. The victim, taken to the hospital, suffered numerous bruises, a nose fracture, a hemorrhage, and a mild head injury.

**Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

A Jewish man was spat on and insulted by a neighbor who called him "*dirty Jew.*" The attacker also vandalized the mezuzah and tore off the scroll that was inside.

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - PARIS (75012)**

A 14-year-old was threatened, and his cellphone stolen, by a group of boys and girls on his way out of the Jewish day school. One girl said, *"You're from the Jew school next door, so it's ok, you have money."* She insisted on getting the phone's code and threatened to cut his finger if he didn't comply. She then pulled him by the arm, pinched him and pushed him.

**Sunday, November 15, 2020 - MARSEILLE (13009)**

A Jewish man was slapped, scratched, and spat on the face by a neighbor. She harassed and insulted him by saying: *"Jews are dirty," "I'm going to scr\*\* your life."*

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020 - PARIS (75017)**

A Jewish man was harassed by a homeless man who threatened to "hammer him" while saying that he *"hated Jews, they were all the same, and they had money."*

**Friday, November 20, 2020 - LEVALLOIS-PERRET (92300)**

A woman in her 70s was grabbed by the neck by an individual who snatched and stole her necklace. As he pulled the victim's sweater, he said, *"you're Jewish, you must have something."* The victim was shocked, and scratches were found on her upper chest.

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - VILLEMOMBLE (93250)**

Two people, one of whom was Jewish, fought following an argument. As a result, the Jewish man suffered bruises on his face and a bite on his thigh. During the assault, he also heard the following Antisemitic insults: *"dirty Jew, return and burn in your chambers, you will all burn."*

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 - AUBERVILLIERS (93300)**

A Jewish family with five children was violently attacked in their car. The attackers shook the car very forcefully and threw glass bottles on the bodywork. During the attack, the perpetrators said the following: *"F\*\*\* the Jews,"* uttered insults in Arabic, and screamed *"Long live Algeria."* They were caught red-handed by the police who were patrolling the area.

**ARSON OR ATTEMPT****Wednesday, April 29, 2020 - ALLAUCH (13190)**

On the night of April 28, the vehicle of a Jewish family was burned, while swastikas and stars of David written with a black marker were found on their house walls. A few days earlier, their trash cans had been burned down and earlier that year, identical were found at the same location.

**Friday, November 20, 2020 – SARCELLES (95200)**

A fire damaged the main door and the heat pump of a prayer hall.

**DEFACING & VANDALIZING****Sunday, January 5, 2020 - BAYONNE (64100)**

Three tombs were desecrated: the gravestone of child who had been deported was broken, the base of a grave was opened, and a headstone broken, which in turn damaged the grave next to it.

**Saturday, January 25, 2020 - PARIS (75011)**

A woman heard an explosion in her building entrance. She went to the scene, saw glass shards from the door, and two individuals who told her, *"Dirty Jews, we'll get you,"* before they ran away.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - BELFORT (90000)**

A synagogue was damaged. The strike that had been sealed to the wall was pulled off and the gate was forcibly kicked open.

**Saturday, February 8, 2020 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

A swastika was written with blood on the façade of a pharmacy, whose manager is Jewish.

**Monday, April 13, 2020 - BRUNOY (91800)**

A Jewish family noticed that its mezuzah had been pulled off.

**Monday, April 27 2020, - MARMOUTIER (67440)**

A swastika was engraved on the upper part of a funerary monument across the entrance of the Jewish cemetery.

**Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - NICE (06000)**

After an argument between neighbors, a Jewish woman noticed that her mezuzah had disappeared.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - PARIS (75017)**

A Jewish family's mezuzah was pulled off. The case and the scroll were found on the ground of the floor above.

**Friday, July 10, 2020 - PARIS (75016)**

A delivery man brought a package to a synagogue and pulled the mezuzah off the main doorpost.

**Monday, July 13, 2020 - MAISONS-ALFORT (94700)**

A Jewish person noticed damage on his car parked in the residence's lot. Two swastikas and the graffiti "SS" were engraved on the car hood and a back door. One of the tires was deflated.

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - PARIS (75005)**

The fresco painted as a tribute to Simone Veil near the Pantheon was damaged once again.

**Monday, August 3, 2020 - PIANELLO (20272)**

The chestnut tree planted in Anne Frank's memory was damaged.

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

While painting his artwork, a young graffiti artist hired by the city to paint an electrical box was challenged by two people because he wore a t-shirt with the word "Israel." They pushed him and forced him to leave the premises and change his t-shirt: *"You are Jewish, you don't belong here."* The artist returned to complete his work and was challenged again by the same person who requested that he give him his paint spray, with which they wrote on the concrete ground: *"forbidden to Jews" and "bi\*\*\*\*\*."*

**Monday, September 28, 2020 - AMIENS (80000)**

Graffiti written with a felt pen and two drawings representing a middle finger were found on the walls of a synagogue.

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 - COLMAR (68000)**

Twenty-eight headstones were found toppled in the Colmar Jewish cemetery, but no graffiti was found.

## THREATS

### THREATENING WORD AND GESTURE, INSULT

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - VILLEJUIF (94800)**

A Jewish bank employee received death threats and was insulted with the words *"dirty Jewish banker I'm going to bump you off"* by an individual who was swindling the bank, and had his credit payments blocked as a result. The man returned, this time armed with a knife, looking to *"whack this dirty Jew"* (the victim who was not in the office). He broke his knife by damaging the victim's motorcycle, went to get another one in a nearby butcher shop, and was determined to follow through. The attacker was arrested and held in custody.

#### **Saturday, January 4, 2020 - INTERNET**

Someone posted several hateful messages on the VK social network (similar to Facebook), including threats and Antisemitic content about the dinners held by CRIF, the umbrella organization of French Jewish institutions. The individual threatened the institution and the Jewish community of France with violence and death. He also posted the Google page of CRIF, with its address and contact information, inviting "Yellow Vests" to come to the premises and "take back power." He openly incited: *"If you blow up the CRIF dinner do you win the war or not? lol,"* with many emojis of bombs and explosions.

#### **Monday, January 6, 2020 - PARIS (75011)**

A Jewish man received many phone calls from a man who said threatening and insulting things, such *"f\*\*\*ing Jew, we're gonna bump you, tell me where you are," "here, Jews don't rule, Arabs rule."*

#### **Wednesday, January 15, 2020 - CRÉTEIL (94000)**

The manager of a kosher restaurant received a call from a man who introduced himself in Arabic, then ordered two pizzas in French, and ended the call with a series of insults: *"f\*\*\* your mother, I know it's a Jew restaurant, I'm going to smoke you all, I'm gonna come to the restaurant to burn it down."* The same individual called again half-an-hour later and threatened the manager again: *"why do you hang up on me, I am going to smoke you all, I'm going to burn this restaurant down."*

#### **Monday, January 20, 2020 - BÉZIERS (34500)**

An argument among three individuals over a romantic breakup occurred in a restaurant. One individual insulted a Jewish man, saying, *"dirty Jew, I'm going to blow you up, you and your synagogue."*

#### **Thursday, January 30, 2020 - LA COURNEUVE (93120)**

A 15-year-old cursed his classmate in Antisemitic terms: *"go burn in hell, bunch of Jews."* When his father was summoned by the school principal, he also made Antisemitic comments, which he repeated a dozen times, *"to burn Jews is no big deal, who are you to take the law into your own hands?"*

#### **Monday, February 1, 2020 - CRÉTEIL (94000)**

Two people entered a store and asked to have the words "hitler" and "45" printed on their football jerseys of the German national team. The store manager, who is Jewish, asked the security guards to escort the two individuals out, who screamed insults, such as *"we are customers, we buy and do whatever we want," "shut up, you sl\*\*, bi\*\*\*, your grandmother the wh\*\*\*\*", "hitler, heil hitler, you're Jewish that's why you are angry."*

**Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - NÎMES (30000)**

Three Jewish students were the target of Antisemitic, racist and sexist comments by one of their classmates: *"Camps should be put back in operation, they should be put in the showers,"* and *"you, I'm going to excise you with my teeth."*

**Friday, March 27, 2020 - INTERNET**

The Simon Wiesenthal Center condemned an Antisemitic attack against Agnès Buzyn on Twitter, where she was accused *"poisoning a water well and knowingly fooled the French population regarding the coronavirus."* In a Tweet, Agnès Buzyn is pictured next to a yellow star inscribed with *"Jude."*

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - BOBIGNY (93000)**

A woman said the following to her Jewish neighbor: *"I'm going to kill you dirty Jew, in any case I'm on the side of Palestine, I will end up killing you."*

**Wednesday, April 15, 2020 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE (13100)**

Two Antisemitic cartoons were posted on a Facebook account with the following comment: *"we know who is responsible, the Jewish-pharmaceutical lobbies!"* and *"a lone barfly during lockdown... I have so much to say about chloroquine and about Jews that created the coronavirus."*

**Thursday, April 16, 2020 - VILLENEUVE-LES-SABLONS (60175)**

The manager of a temp agency, and one of his staff members, were the victims of Antisemitic threats and insults via text message sent by another co-worker: *"dirty Jew", "dirty Jew, dog", "you'll see Allah's power, thief, dirty dog," "every soul will taste death."*

**Saturday, April 18, 2020 - PARIS (75018)**

After a Jewish man asked a neighbor, who was screaming in the common areas of the building, to make less noise, he was insulted and called, *"son of a b\*\*\*\*, dirty kike"* and *"Hitler didn't finish his work."*

**Sunday, April 26, 2020 - RENNES (35000)**

An individual held Antisemitic and Holocaust-denying speeches in front of a synagogue's security camera: *"give us the money back," "stop rewriting our history books."* He also made obscene gestures.

**Tuesday, May 26, 2020 - PARIS (75005)**

As he was walking by a synagogue, a man yelled *"they should be all put in the gas chambers, we have already killed millions and we should do it again."* He then confronted two children and their mother who were there: *"you too should be put in a gas chamber," "you too should be killed."*

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - PARIS (75013)**

A Jewish teenager alerted her high school teacher about Antisemitic messages circulating on a private Snapchat group between a number of school students: *"I'm homophobic, son of a Jew!", "they're not gonna last long, those mother\*\*\*\*\* Jews", "Hitler to power!"* et *"F\*\*\* your mother, you and the Jews."*

**Friday, June 5, 2020 - SIMIANE-COLLONGUE (13109)**

A Jewish woman has been suffering for years from Antisemitic issues, threats, and harassment from a neighbor, such as: *"you're ok you Jews have money."* When asked why she was calling the victim *"dirty Jew"*, the neighbor replied, *"I like Jews, but well done."*

**Thursday, June 11, 2020 - PARIS (75016)**

A Jewish minor suffered insults and death threats from an individual: *"Why are you staring at me little f\*\*\*\*\*? Dirty Jew! I'm gonna come back and shower you with a machine gun!"*

**Saturday, June 13, 2020 - PARIS (75010)**

Antisemitic insults were shouted at a rally in Republic Square.

**Monday, June 15, 2020 - VILLIERS-LE-BEL (95400)**

A Jewish woman received about 50 threatening phone calls in two days: *"dirty Jewess, we're gonna come one night and get you, burn you, catch you, we're gonna come as a gang," "sl\*\*", "bi\*\*", "dirty Jewess."* The caller also specified he knew where she lived.

**Sunday, June 28, 2020 - INTERNET**

For a year, a Jewish teenager was harassed and threatened on Snapchat by a group of people he met at a party: *"I'm gonna break you to death, dirty Jew, go burn", "I'm gonna whack you, dirty shi\*\*\*\* fa\*\*\*\*, dirty Jew."*

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020 - PARIS (75012)**

An individual was obstructing the path of a Jewish man riding a scooter. When the scooter rider asked him to move out of the way, the former responded with Antisemitic insults, including, *"Dirty Jew, you're gonna end up burning in Auschwitz."*

**Wednesday, July 1, 2020 - LEVALLOIS-PERRET (92300)**

A Jewish man was the target of Antisemitic insults from his neighbor: *"dirty Jew, I'm going to cut your throat, women and children grow like mushrooms, I'm fed up."* After the victim's wife called the police, she joined her husband by the window. The attacker threatened her: *"come downstairs with your husband, I'm going to cut your throats, I know where you live, dirty Jewess, I'll come with a knife."*

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - GAGNY (93220)**

A Jewish couple, who had an argument with a noisy neighbor, endured harassment and Antisemitic insults from him.

**Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - PRE-SAINT-GERVAIS (93310)**

A Jewish minor wearing a kippah was threatened with a knife and insulted on the street by an unknown man: *"Hey, dirty Jew, I'm going to f\*\*\* your mother. Now you're gonna see what death is like."*

**Friday, July 10, 2020 - LEZIGNAN (65100)**

A group of people insulted a group of teenagers holding a religious service in a summer camp: *"sons of b\*\*\*\*\*, dirty Jews! "*

**Saturday, July 25, 2020 - NEUILLY-SUR-SEINE (92200)**

During a rally of "Yellow Vests", two Jewish men wearing a kippah and standing on their balcony were challenged by a demonstrator who made the Nazi salute in their direction.

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020 - METZ (57000)**

A group of worshippers standing in front of a synagogue were insulted by a minivan driver, who shouted, *"bunch of children killers."*

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 - PARIS (75013)**

A Jewish man was smoking a cigarette in front of his building when a neighbor challenged him: *"Beat it, dirty Jews, or I'll whack you". He then threw a vase in his direction.*

**Thursday, August 6, 2020 - INTERNET**

A teacher was targeted by Antisemitic threats and insults on social media: *"dirty Jewess, you will soon croak, you and your race. You are cursed. Jurassic Park is coming soon."*

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020 - LYON (69009)**

While standing in the synagogue courtyard, the rabbi and two worshippers were the targets of projectiles and insults: *"dirty Jews, death to the Jews!"* As they walked out a bit later, they encountered a group of people standing next to the synagogue, who gave them the finger and mimicked cutting their throats.

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - CHANTILLY (60500)**

Three high school students made a video they posted on the Internet, in which they dressed up as Jihadists and mimic the execution of a Jew as they shout, *"Allah Akbar."*

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - ANTONY (92160)**

A Jewish teenager who was a member of his class Snapchat group was the target of Antisemitic insults: *"I support the Nazis, death to the Jews, my family always liked the Nazis, [name of the victim] he lives in a ghetto."*

**Thursday, September 17, 2020 - LEVALLOIS-PERRET (92300)**

The owner of a kosher butcher shop received more than 15 calls a day for ten days. He was insulted by the caller, who also made death threats: *"Dirty Jews, I'm going to come and kill you, I'm going to blow you up."* He also threatened to place a bomb inside the butcher shop.

**Sunday, October 4, 2020 - SAINTE-GENEVIÈVE (60730)**

A Jewish woman was insulted by her ex-husband's new girlfriend: *"beat it, b\*\*\*\*, with my cousins we're gonna get you, break your bones, then we'll burn your apartment down and finish off Hitler's job."*

**Thursday, October 8, 2020 - PARIS (75019)**

A Jewish man received the following messages about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on this cell phone: *"The occupation is over soon and you'll have to return the land that you have taken."* The victim received a total of 42 messages, including a YouTube video, the soundtrack of a bomb, Hamas' Facebook page and Hamas' logo, the flags of Palestine and Saudi Arabia and the picture of an Israeli soldier.

**Thursday, October 15, 2020 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

A Jewish teenager was called *"Dirty Jews"* by four individuals as she was coming out of school.

**Sunday, October 18, 2020 - TOULOUSE (31000)**

A Jewish woman received a call from a man who said, *"you're just a dirty Jewess, why weren't you gassed with Zyklon B, I'm going to whack you."* He called a second time, and said, *"why did you hang up, dirty Jewess, I'm going to whack you."*

**Monday, October 19, 2020 - PARIS (75016)**

A synagogue received two threatening anonymous calls, followed by telephone harassment: *"you'll all roast in hell."*

**Monday, November 2, 2020 - LYON (69008)**

A high school student suffered repeated Antisemitic insults from a classmate, who also threatened to attack him with tear gas. .

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - EPINAY-SUR-SEINE (93800)**

A Jewish teacher of French was challenged by one of his students: *"I know you're Jewish, Jews have killed people."*

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020 - SAINT-QUENTIN (02100)**

During a discussion about secularism and the assassination of Samuel Paty, a middle school student declared that *"he didn't like Jews,"* before retracting himself.

**Thursday, November 5, 2020 - SAINT-OMER (62500)**

Racist and Antisemitic statements were published on a senior class's Snapchat at Lycée Ribot.

**Sunday, November 8, 2020 - PARIS (75017)**

A Jewish man wearing a kippah was challenged on the street by a woman who asked him if he was Jewish. He answered in the affirmative, and she made Antisemitic and Holocaust-denying statements: *"You are dirty Jews", "we can't stand you anymore", "you're eating our bread", "the Shoah was a big comedy", "Since I've known it, I hate you."*

**Friday, November 13, 2020 - JUVISY-SUR-ORGE (91260)**

A Jewish man was the target of Antisemitic death threats from a man who tried to extort money from him.

**Sunday, November 15, 2020 - MARSEILLE (13009)**

For three years, a Jewish couple has been harassed, threatened, and repeatedly insulted by a neighbor: *"Didn't your grandmother wear sneakers in concentration camps?"* The neighbor watched the victims' comings and goings. Their vehicle was damaged, salt was poured in front of their door, and vinegar and feces thrown at their door and doormat.

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 - PARIS (75012)**

After answering a call to help open a door, a Jewish locksmith was insulted by the caller: *"dirty Jews!"* He also threatened the locksmith to *"burn him and his wife."*

**Friday, November 27, 2020 - PARIS (75013)**

A nine-year-old girl was playing with other children in a public playground. Upon the other children learning that she attended a Jewish day school, the girl was called *"dirty Jewess"*. Their paths crossed again later, and the perpetrators spat at her.

**Thursday, December 3, 2020 - GOUSSAINVILLE (95190)**

During history class, a student interrupted a course on the Holocaust by laughing at the fate of Jewish deportees. He left the classroom of his own volition and pushed the teacher on the way out. The scene was filmed by another student who posted it on social media.

**Sunday, December 6, 2020 - PARIS (75016)**

On his Snapchat account, a Jewish high school student received two pictures of graffiti that read, *"F.. Jew"* and *"N.. [nickname of the victim]"*, sent by a classmate, who sent him a second message with three emojis, a knife, a chain, and a bomb.

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - AIX-EN-PROVENCE (13080)**

During a course held via videoconference, a law professor made the following statement: *"to be born to a Muslim father is like a sexually transmitted disease, like Judaism, it's the same (through the mother. A kind of STD, an STR, sexually transmitted religion."*

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - ALLONNE (60000)**

Following an argument with her neighbor about a parking spot, a Jewish woman was insulted: *"f\*\*\*whit, dirty Jewess, you're going to die soon."*

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 - LES LILAS (93260)**

During an argument between two female riders on the T3 tramway going to Porte des Lilas, one of the women said the following to the other, who is Jewish: *"Jews are rich, just take a taxi."*

**Friday, December 18, 2020 - AULNAY-SOUS-BOIS (93600)**

A Jewish woman who worked at the Jules Verne Library was insulted by two notorious offenders: *"where is the Jewish b\*\*\*\*?"*. The attackers are known to challenge and threaten the library staff on a regular basis. The statement was reported back to the victim who wasn't there when this incident occurred.

**Saturday, December 19, 2020 - INTERNET**

During the election of Miss France 2021, a contender who mentioned her father's Israeli roots was the target of Antisemitic comments on social media: *"Uncle Hitler forgot to exterminate Miss Provence", "Israel is not a country", "F\*\*\* Israel sh\*\*\*\* Miss France," "Miss Provence has lost just by saying that her father is from Israel."*

**Wednesday, December 23, 2020 - PARIS (75013)**

In a hospital, a patient complained about the care he received from the dental emergency staff. He called the doctors *"dirty Jews."*

**FLYER AND HATE MAIL****Thursday, May 7, 2020 - TIGERY (91250)**

A Jewish man received an email confirmation for four orders he didn't place. Instead of his name, the email read, *"To the oven dirty kike."* The victim had already filed a complaint in 2018 for similar matters, in which his name was replaced by *"David the Jew."*

**Thursday, September 10, 2020 - REUX (14130)**

A Jewish couple received a letter containing Antisemitic insults and threats: *"We're soon gonna whack you like a rat – you're living your last hours... we'll bleed you to death like a swine, you juden of your race – nature's error, France's cancer [crossed H] – THE END soon – RIP."*

**Monday, October 19, 2020 - PAPEETE (987)**

The following Antisemitic statement was posted on social media: *"the true ones will recognize themselves, blessed be the shoa."*

**Thursday, October 29, 2020 - MONTMORENCY (95160)**

A Jewish woman was harassed by her neighbors. She found a piece of paper with a message in her mailbox that read, *"Beat it, dirty Jewess."*

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - CHERBOURG (50100)**

A Jewish high school teacher received the following email from one of his students: *"I f\*\* the Jews."*

**Friday, November 6, 2020 - LA-CROIX-SAINT-OUEN (60610)**

The following flyer was posted on a city wall: a representation of a Star of David, the words "Stop COVID", and a syringe, as well as the picture of a concentration camp, skull and crossbones, and the EU flag.

**Thursday, November 12, 2020 - LYON (69006)**

A school principal received an email containing Antisemitic insults and abuse directed at the French President with reference to Samuel Paty.

**GRAFFITI****Tuesday, January 21, 2020 - VANVES (92170)**

During the election campaign, some political posters were partially torn, and a swastika was found on the poster representing secretary of state Gabriel Attal.

**Thursday, January 30, 2020 - PUTEAUX (92800)**

Damage and Antisemitic inscriptions written with a pen in large letters (40cm x 50cm) were found in the entrance of a building: *"Hurray for decapitated Jews, Hai Hitler, 75 years... and it's not over"* along with a swastika.

**Monday, February 3, 2020 - PARIS (75016)**

The word *"Jew"* was written twice along with a swastika on a storefront.

**Thursday, February 6, 2020 - BLERE (37150)**

For his achievement test in art class, a middle school student drew a self-portrait with the captions *"Long live Nazism!!! Against the Jews!!!"*, along with the Anarchy symbol.

**Thursday, February 13, 2020 - PARIS (75018)**

The words *"jew"* and other variations in French were tagged 58 times on the cars of a subway train. The word *"locko"*, which seems to be a signature, was written ten times.

**Saturday, February 15, 2020 - SOISY-SOUS-MONTMORENCY (95230)**

A swastika was written on the mailbox of a Jewish man.

**Saturday, February 22, 2020 - PARIS (75011)**

A Jewish man found the following inscriptions written on the wall next to his mezuzah: *"Death to the Jew" and "Shabbat my a\*\*."*

**Monday, March 9, 2020 - LE PRÉ-SAINT-GERVAIS (93310)**

An election campaign of a Jewish candidate for the LREM party was defaced with several swastikas engraved on the candidate's face. The victim indicated that only his posters had been damaged.

**Friday, March 13, 2020 - PRÉMERY (58700)**

A swastika was found on an election campaign poster. It targeted Julien Cohen, an antiques dealer and television host who supported the party in question.

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - CHEVILLY-LARUE (94550)**

Inscriptions were written in a building's common areas *"France is ours, 1962", "death to the Jews, hi Hitler, Palestine will vanquish."*

**Monday, May 25, 2020 - ANGOULÊME (16000)**

Anti-government caricatures and insults against Simone Veil were written on the walls and electric boxes of the Vauban parking lot.

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020 - LYON (69008)**

Before the second round of the election, campaign posters of candidate David Kimelfeld were targeted and defaced. One could see a kippah drawn on the head, and Star of David on the face of the candidate.

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020 - MONTMORENCY (95160)**

A few hours after the city election results, a poster was found on the door of the cultural center where the voting took place. It read, "*Maxime THORA and Christian JACOB, The Republicans, thank their numerous Jewish friends for this election.*"

**Friday, July 3, 2020 - EVRY-COURCOURONNES (91080)**

The inscription "*Jews = criminals*" was written on an apartment door.

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020 - MONTFERMEIL (93370)**

A swastika was found on the back wall of a house whose owner is Jewish.

**Monday, August 17, 2020 - LYON (69005)**

An Antisemitic graffiti, "*Heil Hitler, Juden,*" was sprayed in orange on the fences of a house owned by a Jewish family.

**Thursday, August 20, 2020 - ROUEN (76360)**

Racist and Antisemitic inscriptions were found on the pedestal of a statue, whose plaque was broken.

**Thursday, September 3, 2020 - MALAKOFF (92240)**

The word "*Jew,*" written in red pen, was found on the metal sign of a medical practice.

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 - ROMAINVILLE (93230)**

A 40-centimeter-high swastika was drawn in blue marker on the wall of a house belonging to a Jewish family.

**Saturday, September 26, 2020 - ROSCOFF (29680)**

The words "*Jewish virus*" were written on the façade of a house.

**Saturday, October 3, 2020 - NICE (06000)**

A Jewish person – the only such resident of the building – noticed that the common areas were repeatedly covered with Antisemitic graffiti, such as swastikas, the letters "*SS*", and drawings of gas chambers.

**Friday, October 9, 2020 - VAUCRESSON (92420)**

The following Antisemitic inscriptions, in addition to swastikas, were found on the walls and blackboard of an elementary school library: "*dirty Jew*", "*Jews guilty*", "*Free Palestine.*"

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020 - LES LILAS (93260)**

A Jewish man noticed that his mezuzah had been covered with red lipstick, and the words "*dirty Jew*" written next to it.

**Sunday, November 8, 2020 - GRIMBRETT (67370)**

A Jewish man found a swastika drawn on his mailbox.

**Monday, November 9, 2020 - SAINT-PASTOUS (65400)**

The words "*TO DEATH*" and a Star of David were found on the shutter of a house.

**Friday, November 13, 2020 - MASSY (91300)**

The Antisemitic inscription "*Jews destroy nations*" was found on a street sign overlooking the A10 highway on the route from Paris to Province.

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020 - MULHOUSE (68100)**

The words "*Jew sh\*\**" were sprayed in yellow on a commemorative slab erected in honor of Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan.

**Tuesday, November 24, 2020 - VITROLLES (13844)**

Two Antisemitic inscriptions were found on a city wall: "*Sh\*\*\*\* Jude* " and "*Kill a Jew, brother.*"

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020 - BORDEAUX (33000)**

A music instructor teaching an online course noticed swastikas on eight pages along with the following inscriptions: "*mister Arian, the Nazi and [name of victim] is Jewish.*" A student confessed to having given the link containing the course material to an unknown person on the Internet.

**Monday, December 14, 2020 - ROANNE (42300)**

The word "JUD" was written on the outside wall of a house belonging to a Jewish family.

**Friday, December 18, 2020 - NEUILLY-SUR-SEINE (92200)**

The inscription "*Motherf\*\*\*\*\* dirty Jews*" was written on the window of the building manager's office.

### **3. SELECTION FROM THE LIST OF VERDICTS ISSUED IN 2020**

**Hearing of July 20, 2020****Case R. / Summary of facts****July 2, 2018 - PARIS (75018)**

A Jewish man learned through a neighbor, who heard the conversation, that another neighbor said this about him: *"These people have a lot of money and believe they can do whatever they want."* He added, *"like all Jews, he has a lot of money and won't let him buy the whole building and turn it into a clinic."* He eventually said, *"Mr. X doesn't belong here. He should go back to Israel. There he can do whatever he wants, but he is not in charge here."*

***The defendant was acquitted, and his counterclaim for abuse of process was dismissed.***

**Hearing of October 12, 2020****Case RJ / Summary of facts****January 13, 2016 - PARIS (75018)**

A Jewish radio channel received a threatening Antisemitic letter: *"[...] Death to the Jews... opening of gas chambers in the Maghreb for the dirty kikes... Palestine occupied since 1947... attack against the kosher grocery store, it's all for show... 11<sup>th</sup> rear base of French Zionism."*

***The defendant was tried for six separate death threats, some with the aggravating circumstance of Antisemitism. He was sentenced to:***

- 18 months suspended prison sentence,***
- probation for 3 years with an obligation to receive medical treatment,***
- a ban on contact with the victims,***
- payment of damages and interests to the civil parties.***

**Hearing of October 16, 2020****Case Z. / Summary of facts****February 18, 2020 - MONTREUIL-SOUS-BOIS (93100)**

A young Jewish man wearing a kippah was hit and insulted by a car driver, who exited his vehicle to get into a fight after forcing his way through a pedestrian crosswalk.

***The defendant was sentenced to:***

- 90 days of a fine of €10 a day,***
- a €200 fine,***
- €700 of damages and interests for psychological harm,***
- €485 of damages and interests for material damage.***

**Hearing of November 30, 2020****Case S. / Summary of facts****August 26, 2020 - STRASBOURG (67000)**

While painting his artwork, a young graffiti artist hired by the city to paint an electrical box was challenged by two people because he wore a t-shirt with the word "Israel." They pushed him and forced him to leave the premises and change his t-shirt: *"You are Jewish, you don't belong here."* The artist returned to complete his work and was challenged again by the same person who requested that he surrender his spray can, with which they wrote *"forbidden to Jews" and "bi\*\*\*\*" on the concrete ground.*

***The defendant appeared in custody after being sentenced to eight months in prison for spraying a nurse with his blood. As a result of the inscription he wrote, the perpetrator was sentenced to six months in prison for public provocation to racial hatred and degradation.***

**Hearing of December 1, 2020****Case P. / Summary of facts****July 1, 2020 - LEVALLOIS-PERRET (92300)**

A Jewish man was the target of Antisemitic insults from his neighbor: *"dirty Jew, I'm going to cut your throat, women and children grow like mushrooms, I'm fed up."* After the victim's wife called the police, she joined her husband by the window. The attacker threatened her: *"come downstairs with your husband, I'm going to cut your throats, I know where you live, dirty Jewess, I'll come with a knife."*

***The perpetrator was sentenced to three-month suspended prison sentence and ordered to pay 800 euros in damages and interests to the victim.***

**Hearings from Tuesday, September 2, 2020 to Wednesday, December 16, 2020****Case: January 2015 attacks / Summary of facts****January 7, at 11 am - PARIS (75011)**

Brothers Chérif and Saïd Kouachi were wearing ski masks and carried assault rifles as they burst into the office of Charlie Hebdo and savagely murdered eleven people: Jean Maurice Jules Cabut aka "Cabu," Elsa Cayat, Michel Renaud, Georges Wolinski, Bernard Verlhac aka "Tignous," Franck Bolsonaro, Bernard Maris, Philippe Honoré, Frédéric Boisseau, Mustapha Ourrad and Stéphane Charbonnier, aka "Charb." They shouted *"we avenged Prophet Muhammad! We killed Charlie Hebdo."*

As they escaped, the two terrorists wound Ahmet Merabet, a police officer who came to the scene of the shooting, and then killed him in cold blood on boulevard Richard Lenoir.

**January 8, 2015, at 8:10 am - MONTROUGE (92120)**

A city police officer, Clarissa Jean-Philippe, was shot in the back by Amédy Coulibaly after the officer was called to the scene of a traffic accident.

**January 9, 2015, at 1:05 pm - HYPERCACHER À PARIS (75020)**

Amédy Coulibaly was heavily armed when he burst into a Hypercasher supermarket, at the Porte de Vincennes, an hour before closing for the Sabbath. He said, *"you are the two things I hate the most, Jewish and French."* He declared his allegiance to the Islamic State and killed four Jewish men in cold blood with his Kalashnikov rifle: Yohan Cohen (z'l), Philippe Braham (z'l), François-Michel Saada (z'l), Yoav Hattab (z'l). He also took 24 customers hostage.

At 5 pm, the RAID and BRI forces raided the place: the terrorist was killed, and the hostages freed. Some suffered light wounds and most incurred severe psychological trauma.

**January 9, 2015, at 9 am - DAMMARTIN-EN-GOËLE (77230)**

Two days after the attack in the Charlie Hebdo office, the Kouachi brothers, heavily armed, carjacked a motorist and then went to a print shop where they holed up for nearly eight hours, taking the manager hostage.

The Kouachi brothers were shot by the GIGN at around 5:00 pm, in an assault that occurred concurrently with the one on the Hypercasher at the Porte de Vincennes.

***54-day trial: 200 civil parties, 100 lawyers, 14 defendants (11 present, three in absentia: two brothers presumed dead and a female defendant, Hayat B. Amédy Coulibaly's widow, on the run) judged for alleged complicity and participation in these attacks.***

***Mohamed B. (presumed dead in Syria) – guilty of complicity in terrorist crimes, sentenced to life imprisonment,***

***Ali Reza P. – guilty of complicity in terrorist crimes, sentenced to 30 years imprisonment,***

***Hayat B. (on the run) – guilty of criminal terrorist conspiracy and terrorist financing, sentenced to 30 years imprisonment,***

***Amar R. – guilty of criminal terrorist association, sentenced to 20 years of criminal imprisonment,***

***Nezar Mickaël P. A. – guilty of criminal terrorist conspiracy, sentenced to 18 years of criminal imprisonment,***

***Willy P. – guilty of association with terrorist criminals, sentenced to 13 years imprisonment,***

***Abdelaziz A. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist) sentenced to 10 years of criminal imprisonment,***

***Saïd M. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 8 years in prison,***

***Metin K. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 8 years in prison,***

***Mohamed-Amine F. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 8 years in prison,***

***Miguel M. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 7 years in prison,***

***Michel C. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 5 years in prison,***

***Christophe R. – guilty of criminal association (non-terrorist), sentenced to 4 years in prison,***

***Mehdi B. (presumed dead in Syria) – the court notes the facts but considers that they have already been judged by the Criminal Court on January 17, 2020.***





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