Harassment against Christians, July to September 2026

	Date	Location	Type of harassment and incident description	Documentation	Involvement of the Authorities
1	01/07/2026	Holon, Kiryat Sharet campus.	**Other** | A New Testament quotation was spray-painted over on the exterior wall of a high school displaying quotations from various religions.	Photograph.	
2	08/07/2026	Ben Gurion Airport, departures hall.	**Other** | A monk was held for prolonged and intrusive questioning about his church and monastic life, and prevented from boarding his flight because he was not permitted to take his laptop on board.	Oral testimony from the monk.	A complaint was submitted to the public inquiries and complaints authority. No response received.
3	08/07/2026	Jerusalem, Clal Building.	**Vandalism** | Air-conditioning units belonging to a Christian community in the building were severely damaged.	Publicized in the media by the affected community.	
4	09/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Ma'alot Rabbi Yehuda HaLevi.	**Defacement of Signage** | The names of streets and Christian sites were spray-painted over in black.	Photographs.	Several reports were submitted to the municipal 106 hotline.
5	14/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Jewish Quarter, Chabad Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy spat toward a monk; his friend urged him to flee for fear of the police arriving.	Oral testimony from the victim.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 318146/2026.
6	15/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Jewish Quarter, Chabad Street 62–66.	**Spitting / Physical Assault** | A man wrapped in a tallit (Jewish prayer shawl) spat repeatedly toward a monk and then pushed him.	Oral testimony from the victim.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 318183/2026.
7	16/07/2026	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, entrance to Dormition Abbey.	**Verbal Abuse** | A group of approx. 30 girls shouted accusations of idol worship at the church and spat towards it.	Oral testimony from the victim.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 320947/2026.
8	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Verbal Abuse** | A man who appeared to be drunk, shouted and swore, and then shouted at an Armenian seminarian: "Gentiles, get out of Jerusalem."	Oral testimony.	

9	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, Franciscan monastery.	**Spitting |** Teenage boys.	Oral testimony from a volunteer.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 329259/2026; the case was closed.
10	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting |** A person riding an electric bicycle spat opposite the Patriarchate gate.	Oral testimony from a RFDC volunteer.	
11	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting |** A teenage boy justified his conduct by saying that there was a monastery there.	Oral testimony from a RFDC volunteer.	
12	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Shivtei Israel Street, opposite the New Gate.	**Physical Assault / Verbal Abuse |** Young people shouted and swore at nuns, followed them, and threw stones; two nuns were struck in the chest and leg.	Oral testimony from the victims.	The Russian Ambassador raised the incident with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
13	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa.	**Physical Assault |** A nun was pushed by a large group of people.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
14	22/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.	**Spitting / Verbal Abuse |** A group shouted at a nun and spat toward her.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
15	23/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Physical Assault / Verbal Abuse |** A man pushed an Armenian ceramic artist and shouted that he had no business being in Jerusalem.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
16	23/07/2026	Jerusalem, Old City; precise location not specified.	**Spitting |** A nun was spat directly in the face.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
17	27/07/2026	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, on the way to Dormition Abbey.	**Spitting |** A person spat toward a couple walking toward Dormition Abbey.	Oral testimony from the victims.	
18	28/07/2026	Jerusalem, Mount Zion, the Cenacle (Room of the Last Supper).	**Vandalism |** The olive-tree sculpture was damaged again: branches were bent, torn off and broken.	Photographs.	Complaints were submitted to the Ministry of Interior and the police, but no response was received. Reference No. 70595298.

19	29/07/2026	Jerusalem, 8 HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Polish monastery.	**Vandalism** | An glass bottle was thrown into the guesthouse courtyard and shattered.	Photographs.	A police complaint was filed. Reference No. 70595802.
20	02/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Physical Assault / Verbal Abuse / Spitting** | Six young men spat at the Patriarchate entrance, threw stones toward the windows, and swore.	Video footage.	The suspects were arrested. A police complaint was filed by the Armenians. Case No. 340093/2026.
21	02/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting** | A young man.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed.
22	04/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young woman spat behind a nun.	Video footage recorded by RFDC volunteer.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 345829/2026.
23	05/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting** | A woman spat on the ground, once before and once after a clergyman passed.	Video footage.	
24	07/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, near Zion Gate.	**Spitting** | A person riding a motorized scooter spat near nuns.	Oral testimony from a RFDC volunteer and the nun..	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 352140/2026.
25	12/08/2026	Sea of Galilee area, Tabgha, entrance to the Pilgerhaus.	**Spitting** | A young man spat toward nuns walking to the guesthouse.	Video footage and testimony from the victim.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 360553/2026.
26	12/08/2026	Sea of Galilee area, Tabgha, Pilgerhaus beach.	**Vandalism** | A cross was knocked down on a beach belonging to the church.	Photographs of the cross after it was knocked down.	
27	14/08/2026	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Romanian Church.	**Spitting** | A girl approximately five years old spat toward the church door.	Video footage.	
28	15/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | Two men spat repeatedly toward the monastery entrance.	Video footage.	Two suspects were arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 362873/2026.

29	19/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Jaffa Gate.	**Spitting** | A man spat toward a Franciscan clergyman.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
30	20/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, near the Christian Information Center.	**Spitting** | A man spat toward a Franciscan clergyman.	Oral testimony from the victim.	
31	21/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, near Zion Gate.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy spat near nuns while riding a bicycle.	Oral testimony from RFDC volunteer.	
32	22/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat at the Patriarchate entrance.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 374408/2026.
33	22/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested but released because of his age. Case No. 374408/2026.
34	22/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested but released at the scene for an unknown reason.
35	22/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man approached the monastery entrance and spat.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 374473/2026.
36	23/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage girl spat, then swore at and threatened a RFDC volunteer who filmed her.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 375629/2026.
37	23/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat toward the monastery.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 375444/2026.
38	23/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat toward the monastery.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested; no complaint was filed.
39	25/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat toward the monastery.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 380988/2026.

40	27/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, adjacent to the Church of the Redeemer.	**Defacement of Signage** | The label identifying the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on a map of the Old City was blacked out.		A report was submitted to the municipal 106 hotline.
41	27/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Muristan area.	**Defacement of Signage** | The words "Church of the Holy Sepulchre" on a sign were painted over in black.		The incident was referred to the municipality for action.
42	27/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man spat after the Armenian procession passed.	Video footage.	A police officer escorted a religious young man to the rear of the procession, but the man spat as soon as the officer left him.
43	27/08/2026	Jerusalem, opposite the Dung Gate.	**Spitting** | A woman spat toward an Armenian procession after it passed.	Oral testimony.	
44	28/08/2026	Jerusalem, HaHoma HaShlishit Street, Romanian Monastery.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy reprimanded a person photographing the church and spat ostentatiously at its door.	Oral testimony.	
45	29/08/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat on the ground toward Armenian clergy.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 385866/2026.
46	02/09/2026	Paris, Charles de Gaulle Airport, Terminal 3, security screening for an Arkia flight to Tel Aviv.	**Other** | After stating that he was a Catholic clergyman, a resident of Israel for more than ten years, holding an A3 visa, was detained and subjected to exceptionally prolonged questioning, including questions about the Church and monastic life. Of all the passengers, only two Christians—the clergyman and a nun wearing a habit—experienced religious discrimination under the pretext of security procedures.	Written testimony from the clergyman.	A letter of complaint was sent to the French Consul General in Jerusalem and to the French authorities (the human rights commissioner and ADP, the airport operator). No response has yet been received.
47	03/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, between the seminary and the Patriarchate.	**Spitting** | A young man spat at the monastery wall.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 369284/2026.

48	03/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting |** Two young men spat ostentatiously at a car with a cross inside.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397892/2026.
49	03/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting |** A young man.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397929/2026.
50	04/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting |** A young man spat opposite the Patriarchate entrance.	Video footage.	
51	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, near the Austrian Hospice.	**Spitting |** A tourist reported that people spat alongside the procession of the cross in which she participated.	Oral testimony from the tour guide.	
52	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, near the Austrian Hospice.	**Verbal Abuse |** A woman swore at Christians and instructed her children not to look at the cross in a Christian procession.	Oral testimony from an RFDC volunteer.	Police intervened immediately and removed the woman. No complaint was filed.
53	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting |** A teenage girl spat ostentatiously.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested.
54	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting |** A teenage boy.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397300/2026.
55	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting |** Another teenage boy.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397300/2026.
56	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting |** A young Hasidic man.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397300/2026.

57	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | The person deliberately moved out of the volunteers' sight before spitting.	Video footage.	
58	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A RFDC volunteer came to file a complaint but left the police station because the parents of the person who spat confronted her in the station's waiting room.
59	05/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man.	Video footage.	The suspect was arrested. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 397300/2026.
60	06/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Christian Quarter Road.	**Offensive Gesture** | A person ostentatiously held his nose throughout the Armenian procession, explaining that it was a "stench."	Video footage.	
61	06/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street, monastery entrance.	**Spitting** | Several children; the group's accompanying adult rebuffed the monk who asked to speak to him.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 399552/2026.
62	08/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A boy approx.. 12 years old.	Oral testimony.	Police assistance was requested via the 100-emergency hotline; policemen detained and released the boy.
63	10/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A minor.	Oral testimony.	A policeman detained the minor; no complaint was filed.
64	10/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Jewish Quarter, steps leading to the Western Wall.	**Spitting** | Toward a group of clergy.	Oral testimony from one of the monks.	
65	11/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy said that he "had phlegm" and fled.	Oral testimony.	

66	13/09/2026	Haifa, HaParsim Street, Orthodox Church of St. John the Baptist.	**Vandalism** | A man walked around the church and, after being asked to leave, threw a stone at a church window.	Video footage was published on social media and in the press.	The man was indicted and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. According to media, the indictment "rules out an anti-religious or racist motive." We dispute this conclusion.
67	15/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | In front of a clergyman.	Oral testimony.	
68	17/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man.	Oral testimony.	Policemen arrived, but action was discontinued in the absence of clear documentation.
69	17/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat after passing the RFDC volunteers and policemen.	Oral testimony.	
70	19/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A man spat near the Patriarchate wall and spat again when asked why.	Video footage.	Police assistance was requested via the 100-emergency hotline, and the suspect was arrested at the scene.
71	19/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting / Verbal Abuse** | A man.	Video footage and an audio recording of the man shouting at the person filming him, stating that "this is a monastery."	The suspect was arrested and released. A police complaint was filed. Case No. 419374/2026.
72	19/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy in a group.	Oral testimony.	Policemen approached the teenage boy.
73	19/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy.	Oral testimony.	Police officers detained the teenage boy.
74	19/09/2026	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2	**Spitting** | A man in a group.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 424658/2026.

75	21/09/2026	Jerusalem, Mamilla street, outside Jaffa Gate.	**Physical Assault** | A man wearing a tallit (Jewish prayer shawl) pepper-sprayed a 9 years old boy who was subsequently evacuated by ambulance.	A video showing the boy in the ambulance was circulated. The police have video footage of the assault.	The family filed a police complaint. Case No. 421298/2026. The case was closed and reopened following a media outcry. The perpetrator was arrested.
76	21/09/2026	Migdal, near the Sea of Galilee.	**Spitting** | An adult spat toward a woman wearing a cross pendant.	Oral testimony.	
77	**27/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting** | A young man spat toward a nun with a cross.	Oral testimony.	
78	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A teenage boy.	Video footage.	Police detained the minor.
79	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | An adult.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 434187/2026.
80	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | Another adult.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 434187/2026.
81	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | Another adult.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed.
82	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Armenian Patriarchate Street.	**Spitting** | A young man.	Video footage.	
83	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 3.	**Spitting** | An adult.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Reference No. 70644740.
84	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 3.	**Spitting** | An adult.	Video footage.	

85	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 3.	**Spitting |** A child in a group.	Photograph of the person's face.	Police report No. 2737.
86	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting |** A young man.	Video footage.	
87	**28/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 3.	**Spitting |** A young man.	Video footage.	The police were contacted; Border Police detained the people who spat in the street.
88	**29/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting |** A young man.	Oral testimony.	
89	**29/09/2026**	Yefet Street, Jaffa.	**Incident |** A Christian clergyman was arrested and subjected to brutal and humiliating treatment during questioning after approaching law-enforcement officers regarding their conduct.	The incident received extensive media coverage and was reported by dozens of news outlets and websites.	
90	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 4.	**Spitting |** A young man.	Photograph of the person's face.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 435060/2026.
91	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 4.	**Spitting |** A young man spat in front of pilgrims.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Case No. 435140/2026.
92	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 3.	**Spitting |** Children accompanied by a parent.	Video footage recorded after the spitting.	Police assistance was requested via the 100-emergency hotline (Call reference No. 3562).
93	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting |** Adults.	Video footage.	A police complaint was filed. Reference No. 70645191.

94	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting |** Two young men.	Oral testimony.	
95	**30/09/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, Station 2.	**Spitting |** Toward pilgrims in the procession of the cross.	Video footage.	Police assistance was requested via the 100-emergency hotline (Call reference No. 4568).
96	**30/9/2026**	Jerusalem, Old City, Via Dolorosa, at the corner with Ma'alot Sha'ar HaPrahim (Herod's Gate Street).	**Spitting |** Two young men, approx. 18 years old, spat near a female tourist in a wheelchair.	Oral testimony of the tourist.	

* Spitting on Armenian Patriarchate Road: These incidents involve spitting on or near the compound's wall, unless otherwise specified (e.g., towards a clergyman or at the Patriarchate entrance).

* Spitting on the Via Dolorosa: As at the Armenian Patriarchate entrance, when volunteers were present at the entrance to the Second Station on Via Dolorosa, the perpetrators walked on and spat nearby.

* Police complaints recorded in this report: Most were filed by RFDC volunteers, unless otherwise specified