

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)

Item 9: General Debate

Islamophobia in Western Countries



Mr. President,

Over 200 million Muslims live in the European Union and the United States who are reported to be discriminated against and subjected to oppression and violence in different ways, not enjoying equal rights as others.

New studies show that American Muslims are 5 times more likely to experience persecution by the police than followers of other religions.¹

A new survey has shown that 7 out of 10 working Muslims in the UK face Islamophobia and black Muslims are exposed to higher levels of xenophobia compared to other Muslims in the UK.²

Some recent police reports have also found that in Canada, hate crimes have increased by 71% and hate attacks have increased from 84 attacks in 2020 to 144 attacks in 2021.³

Mr. President,

ODVV expresses concern about the spread of hatred and xenophobia in Western countries and strongly urges the States to take steps to eliminate Islamophobia, deal with widespread hatred and address discrimination against Muslims.

¹<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/us-muslims-five-times-more-likely-face-police-harassment-due-to-religion-study-shows>

²<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/7-out-of-10-muslims-in-uk-experience-islamophobia-at-work-survey/2607871#>

³<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/hate-crimes-against-muslims-canada-71-percent>