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## Antisemitism at a high level - RIAS documents 2,480 incidents.

Berlin (06/27/2022) - In 2022, the Federal Association of Research and Information Centers on Antisemitism (Bundesverband RIAS) e. V. recorded 2,480 antisemitic incidents nationwide. That is nearly seven incidents per day. Antisemitism in Germany remains at a high level.

### Alarming peak in cases of extreme violence

Although the Bundesverband RIAS records a slight decrease in antisemitic incidents in 2022 compared to 2021, in 2022 RIAS offices documented nine incidents of extreme violence - potentially fatal or serious acts of violence. This is the highest number of such cases since nationwide recording began in 2017. For example, in November 2022, several shots were fired at the entrance to the historical rabbi's house of the Old Synagogue in Essen. The Federal Prosecutor General's Office is investigating suspicions that this and two other cases of extreme violence in North Rhine-Westphalia were carried out in cooperation with the Iranian Revolutionary Guards. Antisemitic acts of violence have an unsettling effect on Jewish communities throughout Germany.

### Antisemitism's impact on everyday life

At the same time, people encountered antisemitism in everyday situations. Antisemitic incidents occurred in stores, on public transport, in front of Jewish institutions or in private homes. Those affected cannot avoid possible incidents without withdrawing from social life. In Hamburg, for example, a café clerk made an antisemitic comment about a patron's kippah as he was paying: „Yes, you can tell he has money by his hat. They always have enough money.“

### Conspiracy ideologies gain traction

One in five antisemitic incidents has a conspiracy ideological background. RIAS reporting centers mainly documented meetings and mass e-mailings with a conspiracy ideological context. Especially at the beginning of the year, protests against Coronavirus measures played a significant role, according to the Bundesverband RIAS. For the first time, right-wing extremism was not the most common background, being ascribed to only 13% of incidents. In all, 53 % of reported incidents could not be clearly categorized as having a political background.

The report can be viewed at [report-antisemitism.de/documents/Antisemitic\\_incidents\\_in\\_Germany\\_Annual-Report\\_Federal\\_Association\\_RIAS\\_2022.pdf](https://report-antisemitism.de/documents/Antisemitic_incidents_in_Germany_Annual-Report_Federal_Association_RIAS_2022.pdf)

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*The Bundesverband RIAS e. V. is the umbrella organization of the RIAS offices and pursues the goal of a uniform documentation of antisemitic incidents based on the IHRA working definition of antisemitism. The RIAS reporting offices record antisemitic incidents nationwide and provide support to those affected. Incidents from all over Germany and from offices in 11 federal states were included in the report.*