Hate crimes motivated by victim’s gender identity or sexual orientation committed in Russian Federation in 2014
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1. **Date:** 24 of January 2014  
**Location:** victim’s apartment and yard, city Ulianovsk  
**Source of information:** the victim\(^1\)  
**Type of crime:** damage of property, arson, threatening  
**Perpetrator:** unknown  
**Brief description of the incident with Bias Indicators:** Unknown people wrote on victim’s door “Death to faggots”, tires on victim’s car were punctured. One week later the door to victim’s apartment was set on fire.  
**Response of local authorities:** the victim addressed the police after the car’s tires had been punctured; the victim’s report was rejected.

2. **Date:** 26 of January 2014  
**Location:** Voronezh region, near to the victim’s house  
**Source of information:** the victim\(^2\)  
**Type of crime:** physical violence, robbery  
**Perpetrators:** unknown  
**Brief description of the incident:** Walking out of how house the victim – young homosexual man – heard an insult that was followed by the hit to the back of his head. After that the victim lost consciousness. The victim was robbed; his skull was triply broken with an effusion of blood. When the victim was delivered to the hospital he had the word “Faggot) written on his forehead and the penis drawn on his cheek. His clothes were teared apart, probably he had been raped. The victim cannot say for sure as he was unconscious for three days after the incident.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

3. **Date:** 7th of February, 2014  
**Location:** Moscow, Red Square and police office of Kitai-Gorod (China-Town - Moscow’s district)  
\(^1\) The case was documented within the program “Legal support” of Russian LGBT-Network  
\(^2\) Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network
Source of information: the victim, media

Type of crime: threatening, physical violence

Perpetrators: police officers

Brief description of the incident: On 7th of February E. K., A. A., G. R., R. L., O. M., N, N., T, P., D, S, and also two citizens of Sweden not speaking Russian were arrested on the Red Square after their attempt to unfold rainbow flag and sing the hymn of Russian Federation. The arrested people were delivered to the police office of Kitai-Gorod, where two activists were beaten and tightened to the cell by handcuffs. They were beaten by legs and armlocked while being put in the cell. At some point officers took E. and R. upstairs where two men in civilian clothes were insulting them and offering sexual actions to the victims. The victims were not able to find out the names of perpetrators, as well as to write the statement to the police. Later all the victims were released from the police office. According to the support group officers had beaten hard G. R. before everybody was released and one of people in civilian’s clothes spitted into the face of E. K.. Officers also wrote protocols accusing some of arrested people in administrative violation.

Response of local authorities: no response

4. Date: 19th of January, 2014

Location: Saint-Petersburg, subway station “Mezhdunarodnaya”

Source of information: the victim

Type of crime: physical violence and threatening

Perpetrators: members of nationalists’ group “Restrukt”

Brief description of the incident: Perpetrators ran from behind the victim – homosexual man, 23 years old. They were beating the victim and shooting

http://www.hro.org/node/18658
https://www.facebook.com/elena.kostyuchenko.7/posts/710370089008358

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the video of it. The perpetrators said that they are working in collusion with the police and if the victim tries to file the report he would be put in jail himself.

**Response of local authorities:** no response

5. **Date:** 21 of January, 2014, daytime  
**Location:** Moscow, the school No. 1562  
**Source of information:** the victim’s friend5  
**Type of crime:** physical violence  
**Perpetrators:** P. M., graduate year student of the school No. 1562, and two other students  
**Brief description of the incident:** The student of pre-graduate year, V. K. – homosexual, was beaten hard inside the school’s building. According to the informant the beating was motivated by homophobia of perpetrators. The victim was beaten to the groin and to his head, the traumas were documented in the local clinic.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

6. **Date:** January-February of 2014  
**Location:** Moscow  
**Source of information:** the victim6  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrator:** the victim’s father  
**Brief description of the incident:** The victim - bisexual woman, 19 years old – was being exposed to the domestic violence from the side of her father because of her sexual orientation.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

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7. **Date:** 28 of February, 2014  
**Location:** Moscow  
**Source of information:** the victim  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and robbery  
**Perpetrators:** two men  
**Brief description of the incident:** The victim – 26 years old homosexual man – was beaten and robbed. According to the victim, perpetrators knew about his sexual orientation and that was the cause of this incident. As a result the victim had head’s trauma, his passport, money and mobile phone were stolen.  
**Response of local authorities:** The report was filed to the police, one perpetrator had been arrested but soon he was released.

8. **Date:** 1 of March, 2014  
**Location:** Moscow  
**Source of information:** the victim’s partner, transgender FtM  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** the victim’s parents  
**Brief description of the incident:** 19 years old woman is exposed to domestic violence and threatening because of her relationships with the informant – 19 years old transgender FtM  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

9. **Date:** 26 of March, 2014  
**Location:** Vilyuchinsk, the apartment of the victim and perpetrator’s common friend  
**Source of information:** media  

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7 The case was documented within the program “Legal support” of Russian LGBT-Network Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network  
8 Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network  
**Type of crime:** physical violence, murder

**Perpetrator:** 36 years old man

**Brief description of the incident:** Six men were celebrating the birthday of one of them, all were drunk. According to the perpetrator the victim was expressing sexual interest towards the murderer. The perpetrator laid on the victims ten hits to the head, the victim died immediately.

**Response of local authorities:** The perpetrator is sentenced to 1 year of correctional tasks and 1,5 millions of rubles of compensation, according to the court’s conclusion the murderer was acting under the influence of extreme emotional disturbance. Motivation by bias was not found.

10. **Date:** 1 April, 2014, afternoon

**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, subway car and the platform

**Source of information:** the victims and media

**Type of crime:** physical violence

**Perpetrator:** middle aged man

**Brief description of the incident:** Two girls were in the subway car in the afternoon. One man approached them, firstly he pushed one girl from her seat, spilled the water on her, started beating both girls. He accompanied the beating with the comments: “If you want being treated like a woman you must look like a woman” and “Where are your skirts?!”. 

**Response of local authorities:** Police received the statement from the victims, perpetrator has not been prosecuted.

11. **Date:** 23 April, 2014

**Location:** Moscow, club “Artplay”

**Source of information:** media

**Type of crime:** threatening

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Perpetrators: orthodox activists from the group of Dmitry Anteo, well-known because of his attacks against LGBT

Brief description of the incident: During the first run of documentary about LGBT-teenagers many people with posters “Sodom, get out from Russia” appeared in front of the door to the cinema-room. The administration of the club were holding them back for some time, however finally they broke through to the cinema-room shouting and trying to sabotage the show.

Response of local authorities: the police came to the place, took perpetrators out of the room, nobody has been prosecuted.

12. Date: 25 of April, 2014 –…
Location: Rostov-on-Don, the apartment of the victim
Source of information: the victim
Type of crime: robbery and threatening
Perpetrator: landlord of the apartment, rented by the victim
Brief description of the incident: 25 of April the landlord changed the locks to the apartment and was not letting the victim in, where all his belongings stayed. It happened after the victim visited LGBT sport event and the landlord found out that his householder is homosexual. After this incident the victim was almost hit by the car. Unknown man leaned out of the window and shouted “Faggot, I’ll hit you!” The victim is afraid of further bullying.
Response of local authorities: 28 of April the victim filed the report on the robbery to the police. Police officers did not listen to the victim’s fears about the threats and answered: “Come to us after being beaten”.
Influence on the victim and community: The victim was frightened and was planning to move to Moscow or St.-Petersburg.
13. **Date:** 1 of May, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg  
**Source of information:** the victim\(^{13}\)  
**Type of crime:** physical violence  
**Perpetrator:** middle aged woman acting against LGBT-activists  
**Brief description of the incident:** “Rainbow column” was participating in the traditional May-day parade. Middle aged woman was walking near LGBTIQ-column, she was expressing her discontent with the subject of the event in a disrespectful form. In one moment after noticing the writing on one of the posters that participants of the rainbow column were holding the woman threw herself towards the poster and tried to take it forcefully from the girl who was holding it. LGBTIQ-activist D. G., who was walking in the frontline of the column, helping to the organizers to regulate the distance between rainbow column and the previous one, tried to block the woman. Then she laid several hits with plastic bottle full of water to D.’s face.  
**Response of local authorities:** The attack attached the attention of police officers and they took the aggressive woman away from the rainbow column.

14. **Date:** 17th of May, 2014, around 11 am  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, city center, near to the Field of Mars  
**Source of information:** the victim\(^{14}\)  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
Perpetrators: the group of homophobic activists, including well-known neo-nazi Mikhail Kuzmin  
**Brief description of the incident:** On the 17th of May there was organized the annual meeting on the Field of Mars – “Rainbow flashmob” coincided to the International day of fight against Homophobia and transphobia.

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Not long time before the beginning of the meeting, around 11:40, the group of people among whom there were LGBT-activists I. and N., were walking from the subway station “Nevskiy prospect” towards the Field of Mars to join the event. Near to Konyushennaya place several men ran out from behind of the buses, among those men was well-known neo-nazi Mikhail Kuzmin. The men were behaving aggressively, shouting threats, throwing chicken eggs to the participants of the event, aiming to the activists’ faces. Two eggs reached I.: one – his face, another one – the stomach. After the attack the perpetrators disappeared.

**Response of local authorities:** The report about the attack was filed to the police.

15. **Date:** 17th of May, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, city center, near to the Field of Mars and subway station  
**Source of information:** the victims\(^{15}\)  
**Type of violence:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** the group of homophobic activists including Dmitriy Daineko widely known for multiple attacks against LGBT.  
**Brief description of the incident:** On the 17th of May there was organized the annual meeting on the Field of Mars – “Rainbow flashmob” coincided to the International day of fight against Homophobia and transphobia. After the event the major part of participants left from the Field of Mars on the buses. Some of participants who were leaving the Field of Mars later and walking on foot were exposed to the violence. The group of 20-30 people including K. K., the staff-member of LGBT-organization “Coming-out”, was heading to the subway station “Nevskiy prospect” accompanied with around 20 law enforcement officials. The group of several young men was following them,

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http://echo.msk.ru/news/1331480-echo/comments.html
including Dmitriy Daineko, homophobic activist, widely known for multiple attacks against LGBT. The followers were dressed in sport costumes, one of them was wearing cossack’s hat another was holding Russian flag. When the participants of the Rainbow flashmob walked into the subway, the major part of police officers left. Participants of the meeting, group of pursuers and few officers were left together in the subway’s entrance hall. When participants of the meeting were walking towards the escalator Dmitriy Daineko and his companions stated that “they have balls (eggs)\(^\text{16}\) and fists”. Then the participants of the meeting, young men with Dmitriy Daineko and few police officers took the escalator down. When they were walking through the subway crosswalk, the followers walked ahead and started throwing eggs into the participants of the meeting. After that one of the homophobic activists and young man enforcing LGBT activists’ safety started fighting and were both detained.

**Response of local authorities:** The report on the actions of homophobic activists was filed to the police. However the police did not take any actions besides imposition of administrative sanctions for disorderly conduct on both detained young men.

16. **Date:** 17th of May, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, city center, Palace Embankment and Suvorov’ square crossing  
**Source of information:** the victims\(^\text{17}\)  
**Type of violence:** physical violence, damage of property  
**Perpetrators:** the group of homophobic activists  
**Brief description of the incident:** On the 17th of May there was organized the annual meeting on the Field of Mars – “Rainbow flashmob” coincided

\(^{16}\) In Russian language the words “balls” and “eggs” are homonyms (the same sounding word is used for both meanings)  
\(^{17}\) The case was documented within the monitoring program of “Coming-out” LGBT group [http://echo.msk.ru/news/1331480-echo/comments.html](http://echo.msk.ru/news/1331480-echo/comments.html)
to the International day of fight against Homophobia and transphobia. After the meeting the major part of participants were leaving the Field of Mars on the buses provided by the organizers. The group of participants including R. S., the organizer of the meeting, took their seats in the bus to safely leave the place of the meeting. On the Palace Embankment and Suvorov' square crossing the bus stopped on the traffic lights. At this moment the group of young men ran up to the bus from the left side and threw few rocks into the bus. At least three rocks reached the bus, two of them got into the window but did not break it.

**Response of local authorities:** The report on the actions of homophobic activists was filed to the police. However the police refused to institute the criminal case as there was no damage.

17. Date: 31 of May, 2014  
Location: Moscow, Hyde-park near to Gorkiy park  
Source of information: media  
Type of crime: physical violence and threatening  
Perpetrators: members of the orthodox fundamentalists’ organization “Will of God”  
**Brief description of the incident:** Attacks happened during and after LGBT-event. LGBT-activists were attacked near to the subway station, the perpetrators were throwing eggs and bottles with color to meeting’s participants. One of orthodox activists released pepper-spray into the face of N. K..  
**Response of local authorities:** no response. There were law enforcement officials on the meeting, none of perpetrators was detained. Instead police officers took the organizer of the meeting – I. Y. – into the police department.

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18. **Date:** unknown, 2014  
**Location:** Chelyabinsk, city center, near to the victim’s house  
**Source of information:** the victim  
**Type of crime:** physical violence  
**Perpetrators:** the group of men, on the victim’s suspicion the group was organized by the victim’s neighbor  
**Brief description of the incident:** In the city center, not far from the victim’s house the group of men approached the victim, started beating him and shouting homophobic insults. The victim suspects his neighbor, who previously told to the victim to stop taking different men to his apartment, otherwise the neighbor would think that the victim is “faggot”. Also the victim feels the pressure on his work because of his boss and colleagues’ suspicions in his homosexuality.  
**Response of local authorities:** the police closed the case, according to the victim’s words “they just laughed at me”.

19. **Date:** July-September, 2014  
**Location:** Cherepovets, the victim’s apartment  
**Source of information:** the victim  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** the victim’s mother and brother  
**Brief description of the incident:** Mother and brother are threatening homosexual man after his coming-out. The victim is exposed to physical violence from his brother and to the threats, he is subjected to pressure to give up on his part of the land. In the beginning of September the victim’s brother cut the victim’s hand with the knife.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

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19. *The case was documented within the program “Legal support” of Russian LGBT-Network*  
20. *Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network*
20. **Date:** during 2014  
**Location:** Ekaterinburg, the victim’s apartment  
**Source of information:** the victim’s partner\(^{21}\)  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** the victim’s parents  
**Brief description of the incident:** The victim is 17 years old lesbian, she is exposed to physical violence and threatening from her parents’ side. The parents know about the victim’s sexual orientation and about her relationships with the informant and according to the informant they have homophobic attitude.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response  
**Influence on the victim and community:** The victim informed that under such circumstances she had no opportunity to finish the school and she had to move from her parents. Later she changed her decision, now she is finishing school and she is going to move from her parents in June.

21. **Date:** during 2014  
**Location:** Moscow and the village in 120 km from Moscow  
**Source of information:** the victim\(^{22}\)  
**Type of crime:** threatening, damage of property  
**Perpetrator:** the man is ex-partner of the victim – homosexual woman  
**Brief description of the incident:** numerous messages with threats and homophobic insults. The man cut the tires on the victim’s car.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

22. **Date:** during 2014  
**Location:** the republic Bashkortostan  
**Source of information:** the victim  
**Type of crime:** threatening  
\(^{21}\) The case was documented within the program “Legal support” of Russian LGBT-Network  
\(^{22}\) Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network
Perpetrators: unknown

Brief description of the incident: Unknown people are calling to the victim, 17 years old homosexual man, and are threatening with physical violence and bullying. They are also calling to his partner and threatening that they will make him go to the jail for pedophilia, the partner is 18 years old.

Response of local authorities: no response

23. Date: 18th of July, 2014
Location: Moscow, near to the gay-bar “Oyster”
Source of information: the victim
Type of crime: physical and sexual violence
Perpetrators: unknown

Brief description of the incident: The victim was attacked near to the gay bar “Oyster”. Perpetrators beaten and kidnapped the victim, took to the apartment, where the victim was raped.

Response of local authorities: no response

24. Date: 6th of August, 2014, around 11 pm
Location: Moscow, Veresaeva street
Source of information: the victims, media
Type of crime: physical violence and robbery
Perpetrators: two man, one is arrested

Brief description of the incident: The victims, two homosexual men, were attacked from behind with the shouting: “You must be killed and burnt!” The victims were pushed to the ground and beaten; the perpetrators stole the jacket with the documents and the bag. As a result of this attack the victims documented fractures, widespread hematomas, brain concussion.

23 Notifications about violations, Russian LGBT-Network
http://upogau.org/ru/inform/uanews/uanews_1328.html
**Response of local authorities:** One of the perpetrators was arrested as the police was called immediately and there were cameras around that filmed the attack. The perpetrator himself said that the motivation was “hate”.

**25. Date:** 18th of September, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg  
**Source of information:** the victims

**Type of crime:** physical violence, threatening, damage of property  
**Perpetrators:** the group of homophobic activists, including the deputy of Legislative Assembly of Saint-Petersburg Vitaliy Milonov and radical orthodox activists Anatoliy Artyuh, Dmitriy Anteo, Mikhail Kuzmin and Timur Isaev (Bulatov)

**Brief description of the incident:** On 18-28 of September, 2014 the annual International festival of LGBT-culture “QueerFest” was held in Saint-Petersburg. On 18th of September in few hours before the beginning of the event the owners of the venue (art-space Freedom in the business center “Kazanskiy”) cancelled an agreement about the rent with the organizers of the festival. After the organizers had left to another venue the group of 10 people tried to break into the art-space Freedom, the group included the deputy of Legislative Assembly of Saint-Petersburg Vitaliy Milonov who was making insulting statements, and radical orthodox activists Anatoliy Artyuh and Dmitriy Anteo. Approximately at 19:30, during the opening ceremony of “QueerFest”, the group of more than 10 people was trying to get into the new venue, among those people there were the same Vitaliy Milonov, Anatoliy Artyuh, Dmitriy Anteo, Mikhail Kuzmin and Timur Isaev (Bulatov). The security staff did not let these people inside, the perpetrators shouted few insults in response, than the doors were locked. After that homophobic activists started poured the green disinfectant from the syringes through the

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gaps in the doors over the securities and visitors of the festival, the green disinfectant fell onto the faces and clothes. Then they locked the doors of the venue from outside with a padlock. Approximately half an hour later the same people tried to break in through another entrance; the security stopped them and they started pouring green disinfectant over people again. Besides they released inside through the gaps in the door the gas with acrid smell. As a result a lot of visitors of QueerFest felt sick but could not leave the venue because one of the doors was locked from outside and another one was blocked by the group of aggressive homophobic activists. Several people who were trying to leave the venue of the café were exposed to physical violence from the side of homophobic activists; the assistant of the deputy Milonov punched one of participants of QueerFest, A.P., into the face.

**Response of local authorities:** The police was informed about the incident however they took no actions to prove safety of the festival’s visitors until the Commissioner for Human Rights in Saint-Petersburg arrived to the venue. None of perpetrators was detained. Six visitors of the event filed the reports to the police immediately, others addressed the police later; totally there were 26 filed reports about the incident. As a result only one person was charged with administrative sanctions for “disorderly conduct”.

**Influence on the victims and community:** During the following day several people addressed medical services because of complains on feeling sick.

26. **Date:** 10th of October, 2014  
**Location:** Moscow, st. Zemlyanoy val, 57/6 “Saharovskiy center”  
**Source of information:** media

**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** Cossacks and orthodox activists leaded by Dmitriy Tsorionov

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**Brief description of the incident:** On 10th of October the meeting “Be out – the world will be wider” was held in “Saharovskiy center”, there the representatives of LGBT-community were sharing their stories of coming-out. Several dozens of orthodox activists unfolded the posters shouted homophobic slogans, took out the icons. They tried to break the door to the center and to break the windows, threw eggs to the guests and staff of the museum “Saharovskiy center”.

**Response of local authorities:** In two hours after the intervention of the Moscow prosecutor’s office the police arrived and detained some of the perpetrators.

**27. Date:** 12th of October, 2014  
**Location:** Moscow, near to “Sokolniki” subway station  
**Source of information:** media

**Type of violence:** physical violence

**Perpetrators:** police officers realizing the detention of picket’s participants

Brief description of the incident: After the beginning of the picket coincided with the day of coming-out the flying squad arrived and after documents’ checking announced that the goal of the picket does not correlate with the goal stated during the adjustment of the event. After the long negotiation the participants agreed to end the picket and folded the posters. But the new flying squad arrived and started detentions. During the detentions’ process police officers used violence. Dmitriy Svetliy was beaten and dragged to the police car through the ground, one of the officers caught hold of Reida Linn’s throat.

**Response of local authorities:** no response

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27 https://ovdinfo.org/express-news/2014/10/12/v-sokolnikah-zaderzhali-7-chelovek-na-lgbt-pikete  
28 http://vk.com/wall-12248747_11450
28. **Date:** 20th of October, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, subway’s entrance hall, outside of subway station.  
**Source of information:** the victims, media  
**Type of crime:** physical violence and threatening  
**Perpetrators:** two unknown men  

Brief description of the incident: At night from 19th to 20th of October on the street in Moskovskiy district of the city two unknown men attacked two girls (lesbian couple). Girls were heading back home on the last subway car and men noticed them on the escalator, followed them outside the subway and committed an assault. One of the men attacked from behind and started beating both girls into their faces, heads and bodies. Another man was filming the incident on camera of his mobile phone. The assault was accompanied by homophobic shouts and insults (“shitty lesbians”, “no to LGBT!”). Leaving the place of the incident one of men threatened the girls that he will kill them if he meets them again.  
**Response of local authorities:** multiple refusals to initiate a criminal case. Actions of the investigator were unsuccessfully appealed in the district court.  
**Influence on the victim and community:** The girls received bodily injuries and were deeply stressed.  

29. **Date:** 25th of November, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, near to Lomonosovskiy district court  
**Source of information:** the victim, media  
**Type of crime:** threatening and physical violence  
**Perpetrators:** orthodox activists and the assisstant of deputy Milonov Anatoliy Artyuh  

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29 The case was documented within the monitoring program of “Coming-out” LGBT group  
**Brief description of the incident:** During the court hearing on the case of LGBT-activist there were insults towards the lawyer of the activist – V. C., the offenders were moved out of the session hall. When V. C. was walking out of the court’s building, officers of the court had to build a “human-chain” between him and aggressive orthodox activists. Perpetrators took out the syringes with unknown liquid and tried to pour it over the face of the victim.

**Response of local authorities:** The expertise of the liquid is declined; initiation of the case is declined.

30. **Date:** 13–14th of December, 2014  
**Location:** Saint-Petersburg, gay-bar “Central station”  
**Source of information:** media  
**Type of crime:** threatening and physical violence  
**Perpetrators:** deputy of Legislative Assembly Vitaliy Milonov and anti-riot squad officers  
**Brief description of the incident:** At night from 13th to 14th of December Vitaliy Milonov with anti-riot squad officers broke into the gay-bar “Central Station”, they started checking documents of the party attendants. Small and bigger fights between the companions of Vitaliy Milonov and party participants started on the street.  
**Response of local authorities:** no response

31. **Date:** 21th of December, 2014  
**Location:** Murmansk, LGBT-organization “Maximum”  
**Source of information:** the victim and media  
**Type of crime:** threatening  
**Perpetrators:** seven men, the leader is 40–45 years old, all are members of the group called “Restrukt”

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33. The case was documented within the program “Legal support” of Russian LGBT-Network
Brief description of the incident: For one week members of the group “Restrukt” were agitating for the attack on the office of LGBT-organization, there were obvious hate speeches. “Tolerance and Pluralism – ideas of the devil, these ideas are approaching us towards Sodom and Gomorra! There should be only one place to hang out for the sodomites – bottom of the Dead Sea! Murmansk is not Sodom!”. On 21 of December seven men came to the office of the organization “Maximum”, threatened to the visitors, insulting and threatening with beatings.

Response of local authorities: During the open preparation of the attack police took no actions to prevent it. The day before the attack the police was informed about the planned assault but again took no actions. The police also declined the report on the attack. According to the representatives of the organization “Maximum” ultra-right organization “Restrukt” responsible for the attack is supported by the administration of the region, its representatives are being invited to the regional TV-channels.

ACTIONS OF THE ORGANIZED HOMOPHOBIC GRUPS

“Occupy-Pedophilia”. 15 cases of direct requests to the legal and monitoring services of Russian LGBT-network for 2014.

The group is presenting themselves as fighters against pedophiles, in reality using the criminal scheme for robbery, physical violence, insulting and intimidations. Besides the group is using minors and making them perform sexual actions to compromise the victim.

The description of the typical criminal scheme: The search of the victim is performed through the popular dating web-sites. The group uploads the profile of a young man, with the age 18–20 years. Through this profile they start texting with the victim, including messages with sexual content, the
victim is being invited to the personal meeting. When the personal meeting happens, there could be variations in this scheme: sometimes the victim is attacked on the street, beaten, insulted and robbed. The offenders are telling that the young man, who the victim came to meet, is under 16 years, therefore if the victim addresses to the police, he would be put in jail. Sometimes the victim is leaded to the apartment, where the perpetrators are waiting in another room till the victim perform any sexual actions, then the offenders are going out with cameras, starting beatings, intimidations and insults. Sometimes the offenders are uploading videos with the victims and sending these videos to all the contacts.

**Date:** 8th of January, 2014  
**Location:** Cherepovets, crowded street and the yard  
**Source of information:** the victim  
**Type of crime:** physical violence, threatening, robbery  
**Perpetrators:** several young men, called themselves nationalists  
**Brief description of the incident:** Young man, who the victim was texting in the Internet, called and offered to meet. When the two of them were walking on the street, the group of men approached them and the victim’s companion joined them. Young men surrounded the victim and started asking: “Are you faggot? Are you gay? Are you f…ing in the ass?” They said that the guy who the victim came to meet is minor. The victim had messages in the mobile phone where the young man was assuring that he is major. The perpetrators took the phone away from the victim and said that they would call to all his contacts and tell that he is “faggot”. The victim started to shout for help, there were people on the street but the offenders seized him and were telling to the passers-by that they caught a “Faggot” and everybody were just walking away. Then they dragged the victim to the yard, dropped on the ground and robbed.
Response of local authorities: The victim broke free and ran to the police station. The inspector came out, he said to release the victim but he did not detain anyone and left in the car. The victim does not want to file the report to the police as he is afraid of coming-out.

Date: 8th of January, 2014  
Location: Irkutsk, private apartment  
Source of information: the victim  
Type of crime: physical violence and robbery  
Perpetrators: The group of young men including teenagers  
Brief description of the incident: The victim met online a young man, according to his profile the young man was 18 years old. The victim arrived to the apartment for the meeting, the perpetrators came out from the next room, and said that young man is minor. The perpetrators started filming the victim, made him drink urine, made photos of his documents, uploaded the video to social media, were sending it to the victim’s contacts.  
Response of local authorities: no response  
Influence on the victim: the victim was deeply shocked for three days and was afraid to go out from his apartment.

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