



NEWS REPORT

Date:	19 October 2010
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Title:	Incident of racist violence against migrants in the city of Athens
Country:	Greece
Context	
Issue at stake:	Violent attack against foreign migrants and Muslims reveals racial/ ethnic and religious discrimination
Ground of discrimination:	religion/belief, race/ethnic origin
Source:	political development
Field:	Ethnic -racist violence
Legislative provisions:	Article 187 of Penal Code (formation of criminal group of constant structure and action), Article 308 of Penal Code (physical injury), Law 927/79 (interdiction of racial discrimination) as amended by Law 1419/84 (sanctions against racial & religious discrimination) and by Law 2910/01 (ex officio prosecution), Article 79 of Penal Code (judicial designation of penalty) as amended by Law 3719/2008 (aggravation of penalty due to racist motive)

Content :

Political development: Unknown individuals were the perpetrators of an incident of racist violence that took place on 16 October 2010 in Athens. In particular, a group of angry Greek nationals attacked a mini market owned by a foreigner from Bangladesh and caused physical injuries to the Imam of a non licenced Mosque of the area of Attiki Square in Athens, and to one more migrant. The conflict was soon spread around, and several Greek citizens and migrants appeared to be wounded. As migrants tried to escape from the anger of the attacking group they entered in an apartment under the basement of a residence building, which is being used as a non licenced Mosque. The members of the racist group blocked the entrance of the building and they started throwing woods and stones through the windows

and, as a result, five migrants were wounded. Outside the entrance many residents were harassing the migrants, who tried to fight back by throwing pieces of garbages to them. After a while, it seemed that around 80 persons were beating up foreigners in the surrounding neighbourhoods of Attiki Square. Although police forces arrived at the place of the conflict, it finally took more than 8 hours for the riots to stop.

Internet link source and additional information:

<http://www.alfavita.gr/artro.php?id=12113>

<http://www.syn.gr/gr/keimeno.php?id=20649>

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=36018&Cr=asylum&Cr1=>