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Hate Crimes against Muslim Women: North America

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- ❖ Since the Paris attacks on November 13, 2015 and the San Bernardino shootings on December 2, 2015, crimes against Muslims and mosques have hit an all-time high in North America and have tripled in the United States.¹
- ❖ Based on a 2013 report on police-reported hate crime in Canada, Muslim populations had the highest percentage of hate crime victims who were female from 2010 to 2013.²
- ❖ In 2014, the National Council of Canadian Muslims reported that there was a greater percentage of hate crimes against Muslim women who were wearing hijabs (Islamic head-coverings)³
- ❖ The 2014 FBI Hate Crime Statistics Report revealed that although the total number of hate crimes in the U.S. decreased from 2013 to 2014, there was an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes from 2013 to 2014.⁴
- ❖ On December 7, 2015, following the San Bernardino shootings, U.S. Republican presidential candidate, Donald Trump, proposed a ban on all Muslims from entering the U.S.⁵
- ❖ According to a study by the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), there have been at least 63 cases in which American mosques and Islamic centers have been the target of vandalism, harassment, and anti-Muslim bigotry in 2015.¹
- ❖ On November 13, 2015, the same day as the Paris attacks, a pregnant Muslim woman was attacked in San Diego, California. According to CAIR, in 2015, there were 170 reports of threats toward Muslims in the area.⁶
- ❖ On November 28, 2015, the Woman's Initiative for Self- Empowerment (WISE) hosted a public speaking workshop and forum on being a Muslim woman in America. The event specifically focused on the rise of hate crimes and violence towards Muslim women⁷
- ❖ On January 18, 2016, the Islamic Center of San Diego, Interfaith Center for Worker Justice and the League of Women Voters of San Diego coordinated a rally at Balboa Park in San Diego in solidarity with Muslim women.⁸

¹ <https://www.rt.com/usa/325922-hate-crimes-muslims-mosques/>

² <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2015001/article/14191-eng.pdf>

³ National Council of Canadian Muslims. 2014. 2013 ODIHR Hate Crime Report. Ottawa.

⁴ <https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/hate-crime/2014>

⁵ <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/press-releases/donald-j.-trump-statement-on-preventing-muslim-immigration>

⁶ <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Pregnant-Muslim-Woman-Assaulted-in-Mission-Valley--351641931.html>

⁷ <http://www.wise-woman.org/2015-new/2015/12/29/finding-our-voices-a-reflection-on-the-wise-public-speaking-and-leadership-workshop>

⁸ <http://www.kpbs.org/news/2016/jan/18/san-diego-rally-shows-support-muslim-women/>

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