

## **Attacks against Roma in Hungary January 2008-September 2009**

The following is a (non-exhaustive) list of 44 attacks against Roma and/or their property in Hungary between January 2008 and September 2009.

The attacks

- took a combined total of nine lives
- left dozens people with injuries, ten of which were life-threatening

### **Four suspects arrested**

21.08.2009

Friday morning four suspects were arrested in a disco following a police search for offenders who used a shotgun to shoot at Romani people in a car.

The suspected persons are non-romani and aged between 28 and 42 years old. They are implicated in a total of nine crimes including murder, attempted murder, mayhem, arson, etc.

On Sunday they were remanded in custody until 23 of September and transferred to Budapest under heavy police protection.

The Chief of Police, József Bence mentioned that the investigation has not finished yet, however the attacks where obviously racially motivated.

<b>45-year-old woman murdered, daughter injured</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Kisléta (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	03 August 2009
<p>On the night of 03 August, 45-year-old Mária B. and her daughter were attacked by strangers in their home.</p> <p>The mother died after being shot while in her bed and her daughter survived but was badly injured.</p> <p>The investigation has not excluded racial motivation.</p> <p><b>Investigation Status:</b> No suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>



## Man attacks Roma family with razor blade

**Location** Abádszalók (Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county)

**Date, Time** 27 May 2009, 3 AM

A man broke into a house at night and attacked the family inside with a razor blade. He entered the house through a window and injured the father by cutting into his neck and chest and harmed the mother by cutting into her legs. The family managed to overtake the perpetrator, who was also armed with a gun. He was then arrested by the police.

Four people were injured in the attack. The two adults, whose child was sleeping in the same bed at the time of the attack but was not injured, were later taken to hospital.

(Announcement by Rostas László, the vice-president of OCÖ)

The aggressor was known for making harassing statements towards Roma and for connections to the Magyar Garda, whose press-office denounced this attack.

**Investigation status:** the perpetrator was detained

**Investigative police-organisation:** Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county police-headquarters



Photo (MTI): one of the victims

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

## Shootings reached Romani house

**Location** Táská (Somogy county)

**Date, Time** 5 May 2009

On 5 May unknown perpetrators shot at a house inhabited by a Roma family. There were no personal injuries.

**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Investigative police-organisation:** Somogy county police-headquarters



Photo (index.hu): bullet-holes

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

## Police shot at a Romani man who failed to stop for a document check

**Location** Érd (Pest county)

**Date, Time** 25 April 2009

Police shot at a Romani driver when he failed to stop for a check. According to the police, road police wanted to stop the man for a documents check. Instead, the man allegedly swept the policemen away with his vehicle. After a warning shot the police officer shot at the vehicle. The bullet hit the man in his back.

**Sources**

<b>Romani man shot to death in front of his house</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Tiszalök (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	22 April 2009
<p>Late in the evening, as he was leaving to work the night shift, 54-year-old father Kóka Jenő was shot to death in front of his house. At the crime scene, a witness saw a black Land Rover belonging to the unknown perpetrator(s), and a tall man stepping out of it.</p> <p>According to the official police website, murder investigations against unknown suspect(s) have begun. They also reported that, after an exhaustive investigation overnight, similarities between this case and earlier attacks towards Roma in Hungary cannot be overlooked.</p> <p>Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of 10 million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this case and another two cases (Tatarszentgyörgy, Nagycsécs), and a reward of one million HUF in four other cases, because clear similarities among these cases were detected.  <a href="http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html">http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html</a></p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigating police-body:</b> National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>



**Photo (index.hu): crime scene**

**Roma beaten up in front of Keleti**

<b>Location</b>	Budapest (capital)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 April 2009
<p>Three Roma minors and an 18-year-old Roma man were waiting for the 86 trolley in front of the Keleti Train Station when they were attacked by a group of people in hoods. They were beaten so severely that they slipped into comas by the time the ambulance arrived. The police are investigating the crime as an assault on members of an ethnic community.</p>	
<p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Shots fired at Romani house</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Old (Baranya county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 April 2009, 7 PM
<p>On 15 April at about 7 pm, a shot was fired at a house inhabited by Roma located in the Telep area of Old. The bullet went through the window and hit a painting. None of the 5 family members-were in the house at the time.</p>	
<p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<p><b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Baranya county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Romani-houses burned down to prevent Romani family from moving in</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Fadd (Tolna county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	13 April 2008
<p>Molotov cocktails were thrown at a house of a Roma family (Balogh) who were about to move in. The fire destroyed all their belongings. The family had to look for a new house. The new vendor allegedly was verbally threatened by a member of the local self-government and forced to withdraw the purchase transaction. However, she ignored the threat and sold her house to the family. On 18 April, this house was also set on fire with Molotov bombs. The local self-government, the Hungarian Guard and the Nationalist Motor Bikers organized a demonstration on 21st June in the village against the "gypsy –criminality".</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigating police-body:</b> Tolna county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>House of Roma politician set on fire</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Tatarszentgyörgy (Pest county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	7 April 2009
<p>On 7 April the house of Lidia Horvath, the vice-president of the local Roma minority self-government, was set on fire. There was no one at home at the time as Horvath was on duty in a local Roma community guard set up following a February murder. Horvath told the state news agency MTI that the Roma community in her village was living in a state of constant fear. The investigation has not excluded the possibility of self-interest in the incident, along with possible revenge or racial motivation.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Pest county police-headquarters</p>	 <p>Photo (origo): crime scene</p>
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Romani families have fled their hometown</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Jánoshalma (Bács-Kiskun county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	April, 2009
<p>Several Romani families, approximately 38 people, fleeing the harassment of the Magyar Garda, spent several weeks in nearby forests. Then the mayor of Jánoshalma asked them to leave the village and the country. The families have fled to Strasbourg and are currently considering seeking asylum in France.</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	



<b>Neighbour physically abused a Romani woman</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Budapest (capital)
<b>Date, Time</b>	19 March 2009
<p>A non-Romani neighbour both verbally and physically abused a Romani woman and her children in Budapest. The neighbour, who became upset because allegedly the Romani woman did not greet him, said: „I will teach you how to behave, stinky Gypsies“. Then he physically abused the woman, broke into their home and terrorised the family until the police arrived.</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Molotov firebomb placed under the window of a Romani family</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Kecskemét (Bács-Kiskun county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	13 March 2009
<p>Three unidentified men placed a Molotov firebomb in the early morning hours under the window of a home that belonged to a Romani family. It was only later in the morning that the family discovered the bottle containing petrol. The bomb did not explode.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

### Bus belonging to Romani entrepreneur blown up

**Location** Szabadszállás (Bács-Kiskun county)

**Date, Time** 7 March 2009

A bus that belonged to a Romani entrepreneur was blown up in Szabadszállás, Bács-Kiskun county.  
Technical problem as a possible cause was excluded by the authorities.  
The explosion occurred in a garage, and altogether 7 buses were damaged.  
The damage was estimated to be around 100 million HUF.

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

### Molotov cocktail thrown into Romani house

**Location** Bocfölde (Zala county)

**Date, Time** 6 March 2009

Early in the morning of 6 March a Molotov cocktail was thrown into the house of a Romani family in Bocfölde, in Zala-county.

The explosive was thrown through the glass-window of a door and landed on the floor. One man staying in the room threw the bomb back out of the window before a fire started. No one was injured.



**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Investigative police-organisation:** Zala county police-headquarters

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

<b>Another arson attack</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Gic (Veszprém county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	5 March, 2009
<p>A Molotov firebomb was thrown at an uninhabited building in the village of Gic, Veszprém county. The bomb caused a fire in the house, but luckily nobody was injured, and the damage was not significant either. The police stated that the attack was not associated with other attacks targeting Roma.</p>	
<b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Stone attack on Romani house</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Zalaegerszeg (Zala county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	4 March 2009
<p>On the night of 4 March, around 2 am, the house of a 7-member Romani family was attacked. The family woke up to stones being thrown through the window. Some stones landed right next to sleeping children. No one was injured. This was the last inhabited house of a predominantly Roma settlement.</p>	
<b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified	
<b>Sources</b>	

## House set on fire, fleeing family members shot

**Location** Tatarszentgyörgy (Pest county)

**Date, Time** 23 February 2009, 1 AM

The house of a Roma family in Tatarszentgyörgy was set on fire by Molotov cocktails. Then the perpetrator(s) shot and killed two family members, a father (27) and son (5), as they fled the burning home. Two other children were wounded, and the mother escaped without injury.

The on-duty police officer and a forensic expert at the crime scene both failed to recognise the victims' gunshot wounds. The police also classified the attack and murders as result of a domestic fire. Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsány instructed the affected ministries to conduct an internal inquiry. Police have already closed their own inquiry and launched disciplinary proceedings against two sub-commanders. Pest county police chief Sándor Ármós said that if the on-site inspection had been carried out in accordance with standard procedure, the murders of the 27-year-old Roma man and his five-year-old son would have emerged, despite the mistaken medical opinion.

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Petőfi Attila, manager of the National Bureau of Investigation (NNI), noted clear similarities between this attack and several cases since summer 2008, which also involved Molotov cocktails, shotguns, and targeted houses on the outskirts of the settlement. He discussed serial murders but did not confirm a racist motive, and kept open the possibility of personal revenge. A reward of ten million Forints has been offered for information leading to an arrest.

For a detailed report on this case please follow:

<http://www.errc.org/db/03/DA/m000003DA.pdf>

Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of 10 million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this case and another two cases (Tiszalök, Nagycsécs), and a reward of one million HUF in four other cases, because clear similarities among these cases were detected.

<http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html>

**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Investigative police-organisation:** National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)



**Photo (PESTER LLOYD):** burned house

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

<b>Romani boy abused by a civil guard</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Ófehértó (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 January 2009
<p>An 11-year-old Romani boy was abused by a civil guard. The guard was called by the classmate of the Romani boy who had a childish argument with the Romani boy. As a result of the physical assault made by the civil guard, the boy sustained light bodily injuries.</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Shooting injured Romani man</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Alsózsolca (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 December 2008
<p>On 15 December a 19-year old Romani man went to chop wood in his yard when he was shot two times. His injuries were life-threatening. His partner suffered minor injuries.</p> <p>Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of one million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this and three other cases and a reward of 10 million HUF in three additional cases.  <a href="http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html">http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html</a></p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b>  Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

## Tensions and violence in Kiskulacháza

**Location** Kiskunlacháza (Pest county)

**Date, Time** 28 November 2008

On 28 November, over 3,000 people joined a candlelight march in Kiskunlacháza to protest against violence after the murder of a 14-year-old local girl a week before. The town's mayor József Répás addressed the gathering, lamenting the decline in public safety in the settlement. Although the murderer or murderers have not been identified, Répás allegedly said: "Kiskunlacháza has had enough of Roma violence!" He also said that police were often branded "racist" if they tried to act. Participants in the march were not all locals. Some came from nearby Ráckeve, others came from more distant towns. A 200-300-person contingent from the Hungarian Guard attended, as did some members of a motorcycle group known as the Goy Motorcyclists. There was a heavy police presence and searches of some of the marchers yielded knives and daggers.

Nepszabadsag reported increased tension in Kiskunlachaza between the local Roma and non-Roma population (Nepszabadsag, 15 May). Following a recent incident involving the attack of a 12-year-old girl by 8 Roma youngsters, 5 adults attacked two Roma children. The children stated that they were riding bicycles in the street when a jeep passed by. The people jumped out of the car and pushed them off their bikes. One of the attackers also threatened them.

Update: The Pest county police headquarters arrested P. József, a 25-year old, non-Roma man from Kiskunlacháza, on 25 June 2009 who confessed the crime. He lived within 250 metres from the crime-scene and was discovered through matching DNS-samples.

Investigation status: no suspects identified



Photo (index.hu): funeral of the 14-year old victim

**Sources** [index.hu](http://index.hu)

<b>Roma threatened in the Borsod-Abajúj-Zemplén county</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Sajóhidvég (Borsod-Abajúj-Zemplén county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	25 November 2008
<p>Unidentified individuals intended to attack the Roma settlement in Sajóhidvég, Borsod-Abajúj-Zemplén county, but the Roma patrol service informed the police in time and the unwanted visitors fled. Somebody wrote on a lamp post „You will die”, the head of the local Gypsy Self-Government informed the press that the Roma were scared.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Threatening of Romani family</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Pusztadobos (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	20 November 2008
<p>In the morning of 20 November, unknown perpetrators threw a Molotov cocktail at a Romani house. There were four adults and eight children in the house, but because the bomb exploded outside, no one was injured. The tenants found a printed cartoon attached to the fence that stated, “You are going to die!” The family had moved to Pusztadobos one year earlier from Nyírmada, where they were also attacked (the windows of their house were broken). Based on recent media information the investigation is closed because police could not confirm the Roma family's story.</p>	
<p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg police-headquarters</p>	



Photo (index.hu): crime scene

<b>Sources</b>	
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## Handgrenade killed Romani parents

**Location** Pécs (Baranya county)

**Date, Time** 18 November 2008

On the night of 18 November a hand grenade was thrown at the house of a Romani family in Pécs. Two adults were killed instantly. Two children (aged 3 and 5) were taken to hospital in a state of shock and with minor injuries.

The police eliminated a racist motive after investigating the crime scene. They assume a revenge motive or possible mafia conflict.

Kovács István from the local Roma self-government of Mohácsi noted many similarities between this murder and recent incidents in Hungary. He speculated that this was a racist attack.

**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Investigative police-organisation:**

Baranya county police-headquarters

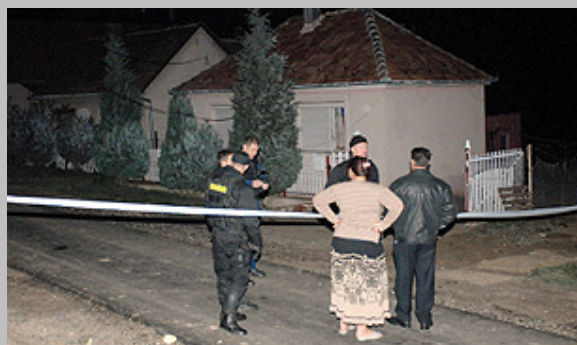


Photo (kleinezeitung.at): crime scene

**Sources** [Népszabadság](#)

## Non-Roma attack a Romani woman and her daughter

<b>Location</b>	Szigetvár (Baranya county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	18 November 2008
<p>In the town of Szigetvár, Baranya county, 5 young non-Roma from Barch abused 2 Romani women.</p> <p>The perpetrators aged between 18 and 23 years of age attacked the mother and her daughter who were on their way home from a cinema on the main square of the town.</p> <p>The suspects were taken into custody and proceedings were initiated.</p> <p>At the court hearing the men denied any racial motivation.</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

## Molotov cocktail attack

<b>Location</b>	Debrecen (Hajdú Bihar county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	4 November 2008
<p>On 4 November 2008, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at a Romani house in Debrecen. No one was injured.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Hajdú-Bihar county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

## Two persons killed in firebomb- and shooting-attack

**Location** Nagycsécs (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplé county)

**Date, Time** 3 November 2008

Two Roma people (a man of 43 and a woman of 40) were shot dead following a firebomb attack on two houses in the village of Nagycsécs. The perpetrators shot the members of the Roma family after they were awakened by the sound of the firebomb and tried to escape from the house. The bomb thrown at the other Romani house did not explode.

Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of 10 million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this case and another two cases (Tatarszentgyörgy, Tiszalök), and a reward of one million HUF in four other cases, because clear similarities were detected among these cases.

<http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html>

**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Investigative police-organisation:** National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)



Photo(index.hu): crime scene

**Sources**

[Népszabadság](#)

## Vandalism

**Location** Kaposvár (Somogyi county)

**Date, Time** 30 October 2008

On 30 October 2008 in Kaposvár the office of the Napkerék Egyesület – an association dealing with Roma education – was vandalized. The police found a bullet casing inside of the building.

**Investigation status:** no suspects identified

**Sources**

<b>Molotov cocktail attack</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Kőszárhegy (Fejér county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 October 2008
<p>On 15 October 2008, unknown perpetrators threw a Molotov-cocktail onto a Roma family house.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p> <p><b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Fejér county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Shootings and Molotov cocktails at Romani houses</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Tarnabod (Heves county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	29 September 2008
<p>On 29 September, Molotov cocktails were thrown and shots were fired at four Romani homes in Tarnabod. No one was injured. Three local people were interrogated as suspects.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> According to Bencze József in an interview with Népszabadság, three suspects have been held in pre-trial detention for several months.</p> <p><b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Heves county police-headquarters</p> <p><a href="http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_interju_az_orzagos_fokapitannyal">http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_interju_az_orzagos_fokapitannyal</a> -</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_interju_az_orzagos_fokapitannyal">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Hand grenade attack</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Siófok(Somogyi county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	17 September 2008
<p>At dawn on 17 September a hand grenade was thrown into the yard of a Romani house. The house was damaged, but no one was injured.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Somogyi county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>A 12-year-old Romani girl seriously injured in an attack</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Székesfehérvár (Fejér county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	September 8, 2008
<p>On September 8, 2008 in Székesfehérvár a group of youngsters threw several stones at a house of Roma and fatally injured a 12-year-old Romani girl. The perpetrators, who declared themselves "skinheads", were captured.</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Shootings reached Romani house</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Nyíradony-Tamásipuszta (Hajdú-Bihar county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	5 September 2008
<p>On the night of 5 September 2008 unknown perpetrators shot at a Roma home. No one was injured.</p> <p>Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of one million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this and another three cases and a reward of 10 million HUF in three other cases. (link below)</p> <p><a href="http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html">http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html</a></p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Attack on Romani house</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Székesfehérvár (Fejér county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	19 August 2008
<p>On 19 August in Székesfehérvár, a group of teens threw several stones at a Roma home, seriously injuring a 12-year-old Roma girl. The perpetrators, self-declared "skinheads", were captured by police.</p> <p>Investigation status: According to Bencze József in an interview with Népszabadság, the perpetrators have been identified.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_interju_az_orszagos_fokapitannyal">http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_interju_az_orszagos_fokapitannyal</a></p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Molotov cocktail and shooting attack</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Piricse (Szabolc-Szatmár county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	8 August 2008
<p>Molotov cocktails were thrown at two Roma houses. One woman was shot in the leg when she stepped out of the house.</p> <p>Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of one million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this and another three cases and a reward of 10 million HUF in three other cases.</p> <p><a href="http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html">http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html</a></p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Shooting reached Roma houses</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Galgagyörk (Pest county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	21 July 2008
<p>Shortly after midnight ten to 15 shots were fired at three Roma houses in Galgagyörk, a village near Budapest. No one was injured.</p> <p>Update: The National Bureau of Investigation offered a reward of one million HUF for information leading to an arrest in this and another three cases and a reward of 10 million HUF in three other cases.</p> <p><a href="http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html">http://www.police.hu/nyitoldal/cikkek/dijkituzes50.html</a></p> <p><b>investigation status:</b> no suspects identified  <b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

## 40-year-old drunk stabbed 14-year old Roma to death

<b>Location</b>	Fényeslitke (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 June 2008
<p>A 14-year-old Romani boy was stabbed to death by a local 40-year-old person following a verbal argument in front of a pub. The boy's brother was seriously injured. The perpetrator shouted that he would kill all the Roma in the village.</p> <p>Investigation status: The indictment against the perpetrator contains multiple counts of attempted murder. Szilágyi László, the county police-headquarters spokesperson said: "No evidence that the man's action was based on ethnic reasons turned up."</p> <p><b>Investigative police-organisation:</b> Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county police –headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

## Romani activist attacked

<b>Location</b>	Nyíregyháza (Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	8 June 2008
<p>On 8 June 2008, commemorations and a demonstration were held in Nyíregyháza on the occasion of the 88th anniversary of the Trianon Peace Pact concluding the First World War. Racist, anti-Roma, xenophobic speeches were made by the speakers. A Romani activist who wanted to record the event was attacked by the members of the Hungarian Guard and his video camera was destroyed. Roma were told to go back to India, as they are unwelcome in the country.</p> <p>Investigation status: no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	



<b>Fire bombing of Romani houses</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Pátka (Fejér county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	3 June 2008
<p>Three members of the volunteer police guard threw six Molotov bombs on three houses of Romani families in the village of Pátka. The police closed the investigation and recommended an indictment for attempted murder.</p> <p>On 13 June the Hungarian Guard marched in the village to protect the non-Roma residents. The special police forces were in the village to control the tension between Roma and non-Roma. The mayor and the majority of the village signed a petition in support of "innocent special constables". The mayor prepared a "code on the norms of peaceful co-existence for the Roma of the village".</p> <p>Update: The indictment is against the three perpetrators, members of a local volunteer police guard organisation, who are charged with multiple counts of attempted murder with extraordinary brutality.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_-_interju_az_orszagos_fokapitannyal">http://www.nol.hu/kritika/20090630-ciganyvadaszat_-_interju_az_orszagos_fokapitannyal</a></p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspect identified  <b>Investigating police-body:</b> Fejér county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Vandalism</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Szihalom (Heves county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	27 March 2008
<p>On 27 March 2008, unknown perpetrators vandalized an uninhabited house owned by a Roma family.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	

<b>Romani man beaten up</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Tapolca (Veszprém county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	15 March 2008
<p>Two 17-year-olds severely beat and kicked a Roma man on the street, although there hadn't been any previous argument. The 32-year-old Roma man slipped into a coma and was taken to the hospital in critical condition.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>House of Roma-official set on fire</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Tiszaroff (Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok)
<b>Date, Time</b>	1 March 2008
<p>The house of the Roma minority self-government representative of Kunmadaras was set on fire. Racial epithets had been painted on the walls prior to the arson.</p> <p>Investigation status: no suspects identified  Investigating police-body: Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county police-headquarters</p> <p><b>Investigating police-body:</b> Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok county police-headquarters</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Romani house vandalised</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Putnok (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	22 February 2008
<p>The house of a Roma family in Putnok was vandalised and threatening statements were painted on the walls. The family was not at home during the incident.</p> <p><b>Investigation status:</b> no suspects identified</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

<b>Roma women beaten up by racists</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Szigetvár (Branya county)
<b>Date, Time</b>	22 January 2008
<p>On 22 January 2008 five young people (aged 19-24) under the influence of alcohol boarded a train from Barcs to Pécs. Because they did not have tickets, the conductor ordered them to leave the train in Szigetvár. They got off, covered their faces and attacked a Romani woman and her daughter who were crossing a park on their way home. The assailants beat and kicked the mother while her daughter managed to get away and call for help.</p> <p>When the attackers were captured by the police, they admitted that they assaulted the woman and child specifically because of their ethnicity but later withdrew their statements, instead claiming that alcohol caused them to act aggressively. On 27 November 2008 the Pécs City Court jailed four of the young men for an "attempt to assault" a Roma woman and her daughter (garazdasag). Although the youths had been charged with assault on an ethnic minority, the judge ruled that there was reasonable doubt on whether the assault was racially motivated.</p> <p>Investigation status: In April 2009, the second-instance court – lead by Judge Bela Wirth - ruled that a racial motivation was proven because the attackers wore masks and had racist symbols on their clothes and as tattoos. The perpetrators received prison sentences ranging from 1 year to 2 years 6 months (two of them being suspended).</p>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="#">Népszabadság</a>

## Stones and bottles thrown at Romani homes

**Location** Dombóvár (Tolna county)

**Date, Time** -

Stones and bottles were thrown at the windows of a house where Roma lived.

The **police reportedly did not investigate** the incident, but intensified the patrol service in the neighbourhood.

**Sources**