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## Press Release

**The chronology “Racism in Switzerland” recorded a total of 108 incidents in 2010, down from 113 in 2009. These incidents predominantly involved public racist statements frequently directed at Muslim and dark-skinned people. Lucerne-based journalist Hans Stutz has been maintaining the chronology since 1995.**

Zurich, September 6, 2011 – The “Racism in Switzerland” chronology confirms observations made in earlier years that violent attacks have luckily become less frequent, while public verbal statements against minorities, however, tend to occur relatively often. The right-wing extremist scene continues to be active; the chronology documents 18 such events under its cover.

In the printed version of the chronology, which is being published in the next few days, Hans Stutz analyses the developments of racism and right-wing extremism. He confirms that the preparedness to discriminate has remained constant and that national-conservative organizations and individuals in particular would support exclusion legislation. He also writes that antidemocratic, authoritarian and violent views are relatively common but that the right-wing-extremist scene is unable to draw much benefit from this. In a dossier, he summarizes the activities of right-wing-extremist groups and their supporters in the previous year.

Once again this year, the chronology will be published in German and French. The chronology is released by GRA Foundation against Racism and Antisemitism and GMS Society for Minorities in Switzerland. The 60-page book will once again be sent to some 15,000 institutions and individuals in Switzerland.

All incidents recorded since 1992 can be viewed on the regularly updated website [www.gra.ch](http://www.gra.ch). Thanks to its good search functionality, many queries are made to the site by teachers, media professionals, politicians and individuals interested in social developments.

Last year, it was claimed one entry violated the personal rights of a youth party and legal action was taken against GRA before the District Court of Kreuzlingen. After the court ruled in GRA's favour, the plaintiff has taken its appeal to the Supreme Court.

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