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Arson on Jesuit property in Malta, connected to support for migrants.

For the second time in two months time, cars belonging to the Jesuits were burnt in Malta. During the night between the 12th and 13th of March seven cars parked inside the college grounds at St St Aloysius' College , B'Kara were burnt.

A similar incident took place on November 16th last year when two cars belonging to the Jesuits were burnt at Msida.

Both incidents happened immediately after a press conference held by the Jesuit Centre of Faith and Justice, closely connected to the Jesuit Refugee Service. In November the press conference announced the publication of the proceedings of the National Conference on Racism and Xenophobia in Malta, held by the Jesuit Center for Faith and Justice, and the actions undertaken by the Maltese Jesuits to promote racial tolerance.

The incident of yesterday followed a press conference three days ago announcing the publication of a report on the level of Racism and Xenophobia in Malta. This report was commissioned by the European Union and drawn up by the Jesuit Centre of Faith and Justice, in collaboration with the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The Jesuit Refugee Service is an international Catholic organisation, at work in over 40 countries, with a mission to accompany, serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. The mission given to JRS embraces all who are driven from their homes by conflict, humanitarian disaster or violation of human rights.

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For additional information on the Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice (mainly in Maltese) see:
<http://www.jesuit.org.mt/justice/index.html>

For additional information on the Jesuit Refugee Service in Malta see: www.jrsmalta.org

A Maltese campaign against migrants , and a s a consequence targeting the Jesuits and the JRS
<http://www.vivamalta.org/> .

See also in Times of Malta <http://www.timesofmalta.com/core/article.php?id=217729> especially the last horrifying lines.