

Mobile app helps remove racist graffiti

PARIS, FRANCE: A French anti-racism association is launching a mobile application it hopes will help eradicate racist graffiti by enabling users to take photos of offensive tags, geo-locate them and get them removed.



Licra, the International League against Racism and Anti-semitism, said the app was a "digital response" to "a big increase in racist and anti-semitic acts" in France, and would be available for download from 11 June.

Users who have the app will be able to take a snapshot of racist tags using their smartphones, attach the location and send the information to Licra, which will work with local authorities to have the offensive remarks removed.

Several buildings have been defaced by racist tags in recent months in various parts of France, most of them mosques but also in one case a building housing local headquarters of the Socialist party.

One mosque in Limoges in central France has been repeatedly defaced since July last year, first by racist graffiti, then by excrement, and more recently this month by red liquid that appeared to be blood.

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