

12 NEWSPAPER VOCABULARY

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1. Vandalize

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To intentionally destroy properties of others

- **Sentence:**

- [Christian graves vandalised in Jerusalem](#)

2. Dismay

Noun, Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make someone feel unhappy and disappointed

- **Sentence:**

A Jerusalem bishop said on Wednesday he was “dismayed”

3. Desecration

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The action of showing no respect towards something holy

- **Sentence:**

A Jerusalem bishop said on Wednesday he was “dismayed” by the desecration of dozens of Christian graves on the edge of the Old City,

4. Topple

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To cause to lose balance and fall down

- **Sentence:**

Stone graves lay in pieces with crosses toppled

5. Cemetery

Noun

- **Meaning:**

An area of ground where dead bodies are buried

- **Sentence:**

Stone graves lay in pieces with crosses toppled at the Protestant cemetery on Mount Zion, where Christians believe Jesus's Last Supper took place.

6. Tombstone

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A large stone placed on a grave with name carved on it

- **Sentence:**

We discovered that more than 30 tombstones and crosses were smashed to pieces,”

7. Bigotry

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A strong and unreasonable dislike for those who have different belief system or way of life

- **Sentence:**

“These criminal acts were motivated by religious bigotry and hatred against Christians,”

8. Defacement

Noun

- **Meaning:**

The action of spoiling the surface or appearance of something

- **Sentence:**

Israeli police said on Tuesday they had launched an investigation into “the defacement of a large number of tombstones in the Protestant cemetery”.

9. Perpetrator

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person who carries out an illegal, harmful act

- **Sentence:**

Israel's foreign ministry called for the perpetrators to be prosecuted,

10. Affront

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A remark or action that intended to insult or defame someone

- **Sentence:**

writing on Twitter that “this immoral act is an affront to religion”.

11. Pilgrim

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person who travels to a sacred place for religious reasons

- **Sentence:**

Mount Zion lies outside the Old City walls and has drawn pilgrims for centuries.

12. Revere

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To regard as worthy of respect and honor

- **Sentence:**

- It is also revered by Jews, as the burial place of biblical King David.

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