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1. Storm

Noun, verb

- **Meaning:**

To attack a place or building by entering suddenly

- **Sentence:**

- A gunman stormed Azerbaijan's embassy in Tehran on Friday,

2. Break through

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To make a way through a barrier by force

- **Sentence:**

- “The attacker broke through the guard post, killing the head of security with a Kalashnikov assault rifle,”

3. Evacuate

verb

- **Meaning:**

To remove people from a dangerous place

- **Sentence:**

- Hacizada later told Turkey's state broadcaster *TRT Haber* that embassy staff were "being evacuated from Iran".

4. Rear

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Back part of something, especially a building or vehicle

- **Sentence:**

- two men parking a car and entering the building in eastern Tehran, before a speeding car approaches and crashes into the rear of their vehicle.

5. Swift

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Happening quickly

- **Sentence:**

- President Ilham Aliyev called the assault on his country's embassy a "terrorist act" and demanded a swift investigation.

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6. Commotion

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A confuse and noisy disturbance

- **Sentence:**

- Another unverified video apparently filmed inside the embassy shows two men entering and one of them opening the door in response to the commotion outside,

7. Barge

verb

- **Meaning:**

To hurry somewhere in a rough and rude way

- **Sentence:**

- allowing a gunman to barge into the building and open fire.

8. Assailant

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A person who attacks someone violently

- **Sentence:**

- One man appears to be struck in the torso by a bullet and collapses behind an internal door while the assailant is tackled by another guard.

9. Bolster

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To strengthen

- **Sentence:**

- the Azerbaijani ministry said a recent “anti-Azerbaijan campaign” in Iran had encouraged the gunman. It also accused authorities in Tehran of long ignoring Baku’s calls to bolster security at its embassy.

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10. Preliminary

Adjective

- **Meaning:**

Coming before a more important event or action

- **Sentence:**

- Iran's foreign and interior ministries also insisted that "based on the evidence and preliminary observations the attacker fired with a very personal motive".

11. Vital signs

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Measurements of the body's most basic functions

- **Sentence:**

- A paramedic is heard saying in Azeri that the person “has no vital signs”.

12. Foment

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To instigate

- **Sentence:**

- Iran is home to millions of Turkic-speaking, ethnic Azerbaijanis and it has long accused Baku of fomenting separatist sentiments inside its territory.

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