

13 ADVANCED ENGLISH VOCABULARY FROM NEWSPAPER

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1. Flashpoint

Noun

- **Meaning:**

A place or stage at which violence, conflict, or a crisis might be expected to begin or escalate.

- **Sentence:**

- Israeli police arrested more than 350 people during the early hours of Wednesday after clashes at Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque, a police spokesperson said.

2. Barricade

verb, Noun

- **Meaning:**

To place a barrier across the door or entrance so that other people cannot get in.

- **Sentence:**

- In a statement, police said they had “arrested and removed over 350 individuals that violently barricaded” themselves inside the mosque

3. Annex

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To take possession of an area of land or country

- **Sentence:**

- In a statement, police said they had “arrested and removed over 350 individuals that violently barricaded” themselves inside the mosque in the Old City of annexed east Jerusalem.

4. Desecrate

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To disrespect a sacred place

- **Sentence:**

- Those arrested included “masked individuals, stone and firework hurlers/throwers, and individuals suspected of desecrating the mosque,” it said.

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5. Wee hours

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Early hours of the morning

- **Sentence:**

- Israeli police attacked dozens of worshippers in the mosque's compound before dawn in the wee hours of the day in what Israeli police said was a response to rioting.

6. Blare

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To make harsh loud sound

- **Sentence:**

- Israeli military claimed nine rockets were fired from Gaza toward Israel after sirens blared in southern towns.

7. Surge

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To increase suddenly and powerfully

- **Sentence:**

- Violence in the occupied West Bank and Jerusalem has surged over the past year

8. Coincide

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To occur at the same time

- **Sentence:**

- the holy month of Ramazan coincides with Judaism's Passover and Christian Easter.

9. Set off

Phrasal verb

- **Meaning:**

To cause an activity or event to begin

- **Sentence:**

- Friction at the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, has set off violence in recent years.

10. Intercept

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To stop or catch something in motion, before it reaching somewhere

- **Sentence:**

- The Israeli military said nine rockets were fired from Gaza toward Israel, of which at least four were intercepted and four landed in open areas.

11. Sanctity

Noun

- **Meaning:**

State of being holy

- **Sentence:**

- In a tweet, the premier stated that the attack violated the sanctity of the holy month of Ramazan.

12. Impunity

Noun

- **Meaning:**

Exemption from punishment

- **Sentence:**

- “Impunity granted to Israel has emboldened Tel Aviv to violate basic human rights with abandon,” he added.

13. Embolden

Verb

- **Meaning:**

To encourage someone to do something

- **Sentence:**

- “Impunity granted to Israel has emboldened Tel Aviv to violate basic human rights with abandon,” he added.

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