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VANDALISM OF HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN ARMENIA WAS 'UTTER DISGRACE'

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Recently, it was reported that the To Live and Not Forget Holocaust Memorial in Yerevan, Armenia was vandalized by local anti-Semites, who sprayed over the Hebrew inscriptions on the monument. The World Jewish Congress condemned the anti-Semitic vandalism: It is horrible to see that the Holocaust memorial in Yerevan, Armenia was vandalized with vile anti-Semitic graffiti. The vandalism was condemned by the citys mayor.

Rabbi Zamir Isayev also tweeted: What a disgrace! A monument to the victims of the Holocaust was once again desecrated in Yerevan. How can the Armenians justify the desecration of a Holocaust memorial by the fact that Israel sold weapons to Azerbaijan? Does this give someone the right to desecrate the memorial?

Following these developments, Arye Gut, who heads the Azerbaijan House in Israel, noted that fascism and neo-Nazism have long been the state ideology of Armenia, adding that this was not the first time that the Holocaust Memorial in Yerevan was vandalized: The popularization of fascism, antisemitism and neo-Nazis has become an integral part of Armenias state policy. What is even more outrageous is that the fascist ideology called Nzhdehism is included in Armenias educational institutions curriculum and generations are brought up on these values.

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