

Anti-Christian attack on Dormition Abbey in Jerusalem

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Extremists in Jerusalem have dropped a sack filled with stones on a Christian Benedictine abbey. The perpetrators are on the run.

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the essentials in brief

- A Benedictine abbey in Jerusalem was once again the target of an extremist attack.
- A sack filled with cement stones was thrown into the kitchen courtyard of an abbey.
- Nobody was injured in the incident.

According to a priest, the German-speaking Benedictine abbey Dormition in Jerusalem has again become the target of an obviously anti-Christian attack.

German Father Nikodemus Schnabel said on Sunday that the previous evening suspected Jewish extremists had thrown a large sack containing stones from a great height into the abbey's kitchen courtyard. Fortunately, nobody was injured, said the Benedictine monk of the German Press Agency.

The Israeli police said they consider any violation of religious institutions to be serious and condemn them.

Suspects escaped

The suspects escaped and an investigation was launched to find them and bring them to justice.

An official statement from the abbey said that a bag of rubble from the Greek Garden fell with a loud bang into the kitchen courtyard two floors below.

A tin roof, a rain gutter and plastic furniture in the inner courtyard were damaged. "Apparently the sack was deliberately thrown into our courtyard by suspected Jewish extremists." A larger group was still standing in the garden, where someone had stored this rubble, when the police came.

Schnabel said he was able to identify five alleged perpetrators after the attack in the garden. They spoke to each other loudly in Hebrew. After the police arrived, the alleged perpetrators verbally attacked them.

The Dormition Abbey on the outskirts of Jerusalem's Old City has often been the target of attacks. According to Schnabel, it was graffiti, slashed car tires, desecration of cemeteries and smashed windows. In 2014 there was also an arson attack on the facility, which belongs to the German Association of the Holy Land.

Christians are a very small minority in Israel, making up only around two percent of the 9.4 million citizens.