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## Settlers vandalise West Bank Muslim cemetery: witness

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KAFR QADDUM, Palestinian Territories — Several Muslim graves at a cemetery in the West Bank were vandalised by Jewish settlers early on Friday, a witness said as Israel opened a probe into the case.

"They painted anti-Palestinian slogans and Stars of David," Ayman Joma, whose house adjoins the cemetery in Kafr Qaddum near Nablus in the northern West Bank, told AFP.

The walls of his house were also daubed with slogans in Hebrew including "Vengeance from the young men of the hills," a reference to radical Jewish settlers, and "Sell your house, go, and don't ask any questions."

Joma said those responsible came from the nearby settlement of Qaddumim.

A spokesman for the Israeli military told AFP: "The army considers this to be a very serious case of vandalism, as it does similar incidents in the same area over the last two weeks."

The spokesman and witnesses said soldiers had begun to clean the slogans off the vandalised graves.

Israeli police are investigating the incident.

Witnesses said brawls erupted later between villagers from Kafr Qaddum and Jewish settlers, and that Israeli soldiers intervened to restore calm. A military spokesman said he was unaware of the reported incident.

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