

Anti-Israel protesters vandalize WWI memorial, burn American flag after cops block group from reaching star-studded Met Gala in NYC

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Anti-Israel protesters vandalized a World War I memorial in Central Park on Monday and burned an American flag after a mob of more than 1,000 marchers was blocked by cops from reaching the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where the star-studded Met Gala was in full swing.

At least one America-hating vandal torched Old Glory at the site of the 107th Infantry Memorial, the base of which was defaced with graffiti reading "Gaza" in large black letters.

Others plastered the statue's bronze soldiers with stickers of the Palestinian flag that read "Stop the Genocide. End the apartheid. Free Palestine."

Some of the protesters climbed atop the infantrymen and waved Palestinian flags or draped them over the figures.

The anarchy near the corner of Fifth Avenue and East 67th unfolded with no cops in sight as a large police presence had mobilized about 15 blocks north at the Met to ensure one of the biggest nights in fashion wasn't crashed by any anti-Israel protesters.



Another Central Park monument, the Civil War Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman bronze statue in Grand Army Plaza, was also vandalized Monday night. "Free Gaza" was graffitied in red letters on the base of the memorial and a Palestinian flag was affixed to its front.

Disclose, divest, we will not stop, we will not rest," the group chanted as they waved Palestinian flags and wore keffiyeh face coverings.