

Poland regrets Jewish tombstones vandalism

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WARSAW, Poland -- Polish President Lech Kaczynski has expressed his regret over recent vandalism of a Jewish cemetery in Czestochowa, some 190 miles southwest of Warsaw. In a letter to the Social-Cultural Society of Jews in Poland, Kaczynski expressed his shock and deepest sadness over the act of vandalism when about 200 tombstones were desecrated at the Czestochowa Jewish cemetery Sunday, Polish Radio reported Friday. Graves of the Jewish cemetery, built in the late 18th century, were painted with Nazi swastikas and Star of David in a noose. Kaczynski praised Czestochowa authorities and the town's young people who helped restore the damaged tombstones. He said the graveyard's desecration was aimed at harming good neighborly relations dating back to before World War II when the Polish and Jewish communities worked together to the benefit of the town.

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