havoc Apresyan (En-Ru)

1. ['hævək] *n*

опустошение, разорение, разрушение

to make /to create, to cause/ dreadful/fearful/ havoc - произвести ужасные разрушения

to spread havoc among the enemy - сеять панику в стане врага

to make havoc of, to play /to wreak/ havoc with /among/ - a) опустошать, разорять; б) сеять панику /смуту/

the wind played havoc with the papers on the desk - ветер расшвырял все бумаги на столе

to cry havoc - a) ycm. дать сигнал к грабежу; разрешить мародёрство; б) срывать что-л, сеять смуту; в) поднимать тревогу, предостерегать от опасности

- 2. ['hævək] v (havocked, havocking) редк.
 - 1) разорять, опустошать
 - 2) приводить в полный беспорядок

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

NAmE ['hævək] havoc [havoc havocs havocked havocking] BrE ['hævək]

noun uncountable

a situation in which there is a lot of damage, destruction or confusion

- The floods caused havoc throughout the area.
- Continuing strikes are beginning to **play havoc with** the national economy.
- · These insects can wreak havoc on crops.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French havok, alteration of Old French havot, of unknown origin. The word was originally used in the phrase cry havoc (Old French crier havot) 'to give an army the order havoc', which was the signal for plundering.

Example Bank:

- The disease can cause havoc in commercial orchards.
- The flood wrought havoc on the countryside.
- The fog played havoc with flight schedules.
- The new tax could wreak havoc among smaller companies.
- · The storm caused havoc to wildlife.
- · Continuing strikes are beginning to wreak havoc on the economy.
- This new virus has created havoc for computer users.

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hav oc /'hævək/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Anglo-French; Origin: Old French havot 'destruction, disorder']

a situation in which there is a lot of damage or a lack of order, especially so that it is difficult for something to continue in the normal way SYN chaos

cause/create havoc

- A strike will cause havoc for commuters.
- policies that would wreak havoc on the country's economy
- Rain has continued to play havoc with sporting events.

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