



Six killed, 20 wounded in J'lem shooting; bystanders kill gunmen

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Six people were killed and two were seriously wounded on Monday morning after two gunmen opened fire near a bus stop at Jerusalem's Ramot Junction, Israeli authorities said.

The shooting attack in the northern neighborhood of Ramot also left six people moderately wounded and 20 lightly wounded. A soldier and a civilian shot and killed two terrorists at the scene, police said.

Rabbi Yosef David, Sarah Mendelson, Levi Itzhak Pash, Ya'akov Pinto, Mordechai "Mark" Steintzag and Israel Metzner were named as victims of the attack.

Defense officials suspect that the terrorists are Palestinians from villages near Ramallah in the West Bank. A Carlo – the counterfeit of the European Carl Gustav M45 rifle – was found at the scene. Most Carlos are manufactured in the West Bank.

The police stated that, along with the rifle, several other weapons were found at the scene, including a knife. Police sappers said that no explosive device was placed at the site.

The IDF said it had encircled several areas on the outskirts of Ramallah following the attack. Checkpoints around Jerusalem were closed after the attack, a security source said. The Shin Bet security service has arrested at least one Palestinian from East Jerusalem, suspected of driving the terrorists to the scene, a security source said. Soldiers also entered nearby



The aftermath of the terror attack in Ramot Junction in Jerusalem, in which six people were killed on Monday.

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villages and towns, including Qatannah and al-Qubeiba, and made arrests there.

The IDF closed a tunnel leading to the village of Biddu, the main and only entrance to the villages northwest of Jerusalem, where about 70,000 people live.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived at the scene around an hour after the attack, along with National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir. "The war continues, in Jerusalem as well," the prime minister said at the scene.

The Prime Minister's Office said he had conducted a security assessment with defense officials. The office announced that he would not be able to testify in his criminal corruption case in the Tel Aviv District Court that day, and the hearing was later canceled.

Footage from the attack shows people fleeing their

cars while shots are heard. Avi Toledano told Haaretz that "the bus was just standing here like that even before the attack started ... [Passengers] told me that the driver had stopped, regardless, he had some minor problem."

"Shooting started and people were running away from the bus in all directions," Toledano added. "There was just chaos and chaos, complete loss of control."

Another eyewitness said he got off the bus before the shooting started. "I heard

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Four soldiers killed in Hamas strike on their tank in Jabalya

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The military announced on Monday that four Armored Corps soldiers were killed in the morning in northern Gaza.

Amit Arye Regev, 19, from Modi'in, Gadi Cotal, 20, from Kibbutz Afikim, and Uri Lamed, 20, from Tel Mond, were killed in the incident in Jabalya. The name of the fourth soldier who was killed was not approved for publication before press time. One soldier was wounded.

According to a preliminary IDF investigation, the soldiers were attacked in the area of Jabalya by Hamas operatives while returning from a nighttime operation. Their tank was parked outside a fortified position outside Sheikh Radwan neighborhood.

The findings indicate that militants threw an explosive device into the tank through one of its hatches and opened fire on its commander, though it is still unclear which occurred first. Troops from the battalion then spotted three militants, fired at them, and wounded one. The wounded soldier was hit during the shootout.

The incident took place in an area where the army has been operating for several weeks. The tank and its crew were on "dawn alert" protocol, meaning they were on high readiness. The attack bore similarities to the June assault in Khan Yunis, when Hamas operatives hurled an explosive into a Puma armored personnel carrier, killing an officer and six combat



Gadi Cotal IDF Spokesperson



Amit Arye Regev IDF



Uri Lamed IDF Spokesperson

engineers.

The army acknowledged that these are precisely the types of guerrilla tactics it anticipated Hamas would use, but has yet to fully thwart them.

Last month, Hamas fighters also managed to mount

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Netanyahu at the scene of the terror attack.

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Netanyahu uses scene of attack to incite against court

Analysis **Ravit Hecht**

There's a direct line that connects the bloody tragedy that occurred on Monday – the daily dose of what has become routine war and death – and the wickedness exhibited that day by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and National Security

Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir at the scene of the Jerusalem terror attack.

The link is neither accidental nor arbitrary. It represents the essence of how

this government operates – never taking responsibility for anything while adding to an ever-growing list of culprits to blame for its own horrendous failures and vilely inciting against them.

Just before the 2022 election, Netanyahu didn't dare allow himself to be

photographed with Ben-Gvir. In one of the election campaigns before that, he declared that the Kahanist would never be a minister in his government. There's no need to recall Likud's historically negative attitude towards Kahanism, until the ideological and personal fu-

sion of the two movements, which Netanyahu has promoted in recent years in the service of his political needs.

On Monday, Netanyahu accompanied Ben-Gvir to the scene of the attack and jointly engaged in incitement against the High Court

of Justice, which had ruled a day earlier against starving Palestinian security prisoners held in Israeli jails. To be precise, it was targeted incitement against what remains of the liberal wing of the court, which is fighting for its life against government supporters.

One is a prime minister

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Spain recalls envoy after Israel calls gov't 'overtly antisemitic'

Reuters and The Associated Press

Spain's Foreign Ministry summoned its ambassador in Tel Aviv on Monday for consultations, after Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar accused the Spanish government of being "antisemitic" following its announcement that it would ban Israel-bound ships and aircraft carrying arms.

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez announced earlier that Spain will increase pressure on Israel by banning Israel-bound ships and aircraft carrying weapons from calling at Spanish ports or entering Spanish airspace.

Spain will also increase aid to the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, and will impose an embargo on goods made in Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, according to the prime minister.

An Israeli official confirmed to Haaretz that Spain is recalling its ambassador following the remarks made by Israel's foreign minister.

Besides formalizing an arms embargo, which the Spanish government says has been de facto in effect

since October 2023, Spain will ban ships carrying fuel for Israel's armed forces from passing through Spanish ports, and increase its humanitarian aid toward Gaza in 2026 to reach 150 million euros (\$176 million), he said. The measures would need to be approved in parliament.



Prime Minister Sánchez

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"We know that all these measures will not be enough to stop the invasion or the war crimes, but we hope that they will serve to add pressure on Prime Minister Netanyahu and his government to alleviate some of the suffering that the Palestinian population is enduring," Sánchez said in a speech aired on local TV.

Spain will also ban anyone who has participated directly in what Sánchez qualified as "genocide" from entering the

country.

"This is not self-defense, it's not even an attack – it's the extermination of a defenseless people. It is a violation of all humanitarian laws, and despite that, the international community is failing to stop this tragedy," Sánchez said.

Israel responded by banning Labor Minister Yolanda Díaz and Youth Minister Sira Rego, both from far-left junior coalition partner Sumar, from entering Israel.

Sa'ar said in a statement on Monday that Sánchez was trying to divert public attention from his domestic corruption scandals and qualified his measures as "antisemitic."

"The Government of Spain is leading a hostile anti-Israeli line, with wild rhetoric dripping with hatred. The attempt by the corrupt Sánchez administration to divert attention from severe corruption scandals through a continuous anti-Israel and antisemitic attack is transparent," Sa'ar wrote.

Sa'ar said ministers Yolanda Díaz and Sira Rego would be prohibited from entering Israel because they had made statements calling Israel a "genocidal state" and supported efforts to sanction or boycott Israel, listing said statements dating back to October 2023.

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Not enough spots in higher level classes

The Arab kids in Haifa left without a place to study science and math

Noa Limone

Over the summer, Education Minister Yoav Kisch launched a program to bolster science studies in the country's schools. But it's not clear if this effort applies to Arab high school students in Haifa.

Students there graduating from the five elementary schools in the state education system for Arab Israelis go on to study at two high schools, al-Karama and al-Mutanabi. Only the first school teaches math and science – physics, chemistry and biology – at an advanced level, called the five-unit level in Israel.

So a lottery was held; 127 eighth-grade students had expressed interest. Only 70 were chosen, with the others losing the chance to study science. A few didn't start the school year last week – their parents said they wouldn't be sending them to class until something was done to fix the problem.

One of these students is Yarin Odeh, who unlike her twin sister, Dureen, lost the lottery. "They have very high grades. It's very frustrating that educational



Haifa's al-Karama high school, where math and science are taught at a high level.

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considerations aren't being employed," their mother says, adding that al-Mutanabi isn't considered a good school. "I'm worried that my daughter will slide into bad behavior."

She says the lottery that separated the twins caused them distress, and if the problem isn't resolved, she may have to take Dureen

out of the better school.

A similar situation is harrying Nidal Daroubi's daughter Nuraya. She has a 98 average, "the first in her class," her mother says. Nuraya also lost the lottery.

"She's taking it really hard. She asks me, 'How is it that students with lower grades will go to that school while I, who worked so hard,

can't?' I've tried to encourage her, but there's nothing I can say. It's a great disappointment and shame."

Mahmoud Abu al-Haja, whose daughter, also an excellent student, was rejected, doesn't voice despair but anger. "My daughter gets up at 4:30 in the morning to

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