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The incident in the West Bank overnight Wednesday that saw a Palestinian security
officers killed by Israeli forces is an alarming event, which haven't been seen in the area
in a long time; how troops arriving to demolish terrorist's house found themselves
ambushed on all fronts?
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With a new wave of violence shaking up the West Bank and Jerusalem in the last 24
hours, the most alarming security incident occurred in Jenin. A Palestinian city that has
over the past decade turned from a terror hub into a relatively calm economic stronghold
in the area.

In a rather bizarre decision, given the tension in the region following the unveiling of U.S.
Mideast peace plan, the security services opted for overnight Wednesday to conduct a
partial demolition of a house belonging to the family of a terrorist who killed Rabbi
Raziel Shevach in January 2018. Although the house had been demolished in the past, the
structure was rebuilt, prompting the IDF to raze parts of the building for the second time.

Troops from the IDF's Nahal Brigade, backed by snipers and soldiers from the Combat
Engineering Corps, arrived at the site on a night between Wednesday and Thursday.
Prior to arriving at the scene, the forces apparently received intelligence information that
a militant group was active in the area and might try to ambush the troops.

No one, however, anticipated to be trapped by heavy gunfire right from the first minutes of the operation.

According to initial reports from the soldiers at the scene, at least four masked groups, wearing all black, began firing at them with AK-47 and M-16 assault rifles as soon as the troops arrived in the area.

The gunfire was accompanied by a 200-strong mob hurling rocks, Molotov cocktails and explosives at the soldiers.

The IDF snipers, who took positions on the roofs of buildings in the neighborhood, began firing back at the militants leading to a violent exchange that lasted almost two hours.

In addition, explosives - somehow planted under the military's vehicles - began detonating during the battle. According to the initial inquiry, the fight ended at around 3:30 am, when Israeli forces were finally evacuated from the area.

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The inquiry says the two Palestinians killed during the incident were armed men. One of them was a member of the Palestinian security forces, but his level of involvement in the fight remains unclear.

According to the testimonies of some IDF troops who took part in the operation, the Palestinian exited the nearby police station on several occasions, brandishing his weapon and standing at a fair distance from the militants.

However, a video emerged showing the policeman being shot at the entrance to the station, surrounded by his fellow officers, all armed with AK-47s but none seen shooting back.

The incident is still under the investigation and Israeli security forces continue to hold talks with the Palestinian security officials in order to fully understand the circumstances in order to try and calm the situation.

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23 killed in alleged Israeli strike in Syria, says war monitoring group

Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reports that at least 3 of the victims from the pre-dawn raid were Iranian nationals; earlier reports placed the number of fatalities at only 12
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At least 23 people were killed in Syria in a Thursday pre-dawn raid, attributed to Israel, said a war monitoring group. Three of the victims are reported to be Iranian nationals.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said at least 15 of those killed belonged to pro-Iranian militias operating in the country and eight of the victims were part of the official Syrian army.

Earlier reports placed the number of fatalities at only 12.

A few hours before the attack, an Iranian cargo plane operated by Tehran-based Saha Airlines - owned by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard - was spotted making its way back from Damascus to the Iranian capital.

The aircraft flying along the route that in the past was used to transport arms from Iran to Syria.

The state news agency SANA said the Syrian air defenses shot down most of the missiles in the suburbs of the capital and the country's south before they reached their targets. It said the Israeli warplanes fired the missiles while flying over the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and neighboring Lebanon.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which tracks the Syrian war through a network of activists on the ground, said the airstrikes that occurred after midnight on Wednesday. They hit Syrian army positions and those of Iranian-backed militiamen west and south of the capital, as well as the Mazzeh military airbase in Damascus, the Observatory said.

A "large number of missiles" hit multiple positions in these areas, triggering a fire at the Scientific Research Center in the Damascus suburb of Jamraya. The Observatory said the strikes inflicted casualties but had no definitive figure.

There was no immediate comment f

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Iran to execute alleged spy who gave nuclear secrets to CIA

The state-run news agencies in the country report that Amir Rahimpour received money from the U.S. state agency to share the details; the Islamic Republic in the past has sentenced alleged American and Israeli spies to death

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Iran said Tuesday that its top court confirmed a death sentence for an Iranian man convicted of spying for the CIA, with state media alleging that he had shared details of the Islamic Republic's nuclear program with the American spy agency.

Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili identified the purported spy as Amir Rahimpour and said he would be executed soon. Esmaili did not elaborate on what

Rahimpour was accused of doing, nor on his age or background. State media did not immediately name Rahimpour's lawyer.

However, a report by the state-run IRNA news agency alleged that Rahimpour received **money from the CIA to share details of Iran's nuclear program.**

"While being in touch with the spy agency, he earned a lot of money as wages as he tried to deliver some information from Iran's nuclear program to the American agency," the IRNA report said. Rahimpour "had been identified and prosecuted and sentenced to death and recently, the country's **National Supreme Court confirmed the sentence** and, God willing, he will be punished soon."

The CIA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Esmaili said **two other alleged spies for the CIA each received 15-year prison** sentences - 10 years for spying and five years for acting against national security charges.

Esmaili did not name those arrested, only saying they worked in the "charitable field," without elaborating.

Iran in the past has sentenced alleged American and Israeli spies to death. The last such spy executed was Shahram Amiri, who defected to the U.S. at the height of Western efforts to thwart Iran's nuclear program. When he returned in 2010, he was welcomed with flowers by government leaders and even went on the Iranian talk-show circuit. Then he mysteriously disappeared.

He was hanged in August 2016, the same week that Tehran executed a group of militants and a year after Iran agreed to a landmark accord to limit uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

Tensions remain high between Iran and the U.S. since President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal. A U.S. drone strike in January killed Iranian Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani in Baghdad, a targeted killing that prompted Tehran to launch a retaliatory ballistic missile strike on Iraqi bases housing American troops.