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Three Druze IDF soldiers arrested for hurling explosive at Palestinian home  
IDF Spokesperson's Unit says preliminary investigation into the incident is underway and it is suspected the attack was a response to the snatching of Druze teen Tiran Fero by Palestinians last week

Yoav Zitun, Elisha Ben Kimon|05:12

Three IDF Druze soldiers were arrested on Monday on suspicion of throwing an explosive device at a Palestinian home in the Bethlehem area of the West Bank.

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit said the military is investigating the event, and there were no casualties in the incident.

The preliminary probe suggests the incident is connected with the kidnapping of Israeli Druze civilian Tiran Fero, 18, last week.

The snatching of the wounded teen by Palestinian militants sparked protest from the Israeli Druze communities, with some demonstrators threatening to enter Jenin and retrieve Fero - who died shortly after being kidnapped. Images of masked armed men were also circulating on social media.

Fero's body was eventually returned to his family, following 30 hours of intense negotiations between Israel's defense establishment and the Palestinian Authority.

Meanwhile, on Sunday a delegation on behalf of the Palestinian Authority arrived in the Druze town of Daliyat al-Karmel to console the grieving family of the teen.

Mahmoud al-Habbash, the religious affairs adviser to PA President Mahmoud Abbas, headed the delegation and said earlier on Friday the kidnapping was "shameful and diverged from the teachings of Islam, and those who don't agree can seek out a different religion."

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Religious Zionism, Likud coalition talks advance

Efforts to strike a deal will continue throughout the day, as Likud's leader Netanyahu hopes to secure Israel's next government after reaching agreements with Ben-Gvir and the extreme Noam faction

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Israel's prime minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu met for several hours with Bezael Smotrich's far-right Religious Zionism party on Sunday, with Netanyahu's Likud reporting "progress in all matters."

Efforts between the two parties to strike a coalition deal will continue on Monday, according to the Likud's statement.

Netanyahu spent the day meeting with the heads of the likely coalition parties, forming deals to create the country's next government. Before meeting with Smotrich, Netanyahu confirmed an agreement with the one-man Noam faction, which will see far-right lawmaker Avi Maoz becoming a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office.

On Friday, Netanyahu reached a preliminary agreement with the far-right Jewish Power party, led by Itamar Ben-Gvir. As part of the agreement, Ben-Gvir will assume the role of "national security minister" — an expanded version of the existing public security role.

Netanyahu received the mandate to form a government two weeks ago, yet political disagreements between the parties have delayed the likely incoming right-wing coalition from becoming a reality.

The recent agreements bring Israel one step closer to preventing another round of elections, after Israelis went to their fifth elections in four years on November 1.

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Ben-Gvir, in leaked audio, cautious on far-right agenda in government

In a recording some believe is part of far-right lawmaker's attempt to culture an image shift prior to his new position in the coalition, firebrand politician attempts to temper extreme expectations of him

Reuters|Yesterday | 07:23

A far-rightist on track to take a key post in Israel's incoming government has warned supporters not to try to move too quickly with his agenda, cautioning in a recording leaked on Sunday that some planned legislation could backfire against them.

Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu last week promised Jewish Power leader Itamar Ben-Gvir a post as security minister with expanded powers over police in Israel and the West Bank.

The ascent of Ben-Gvir, a West Bank settler whose record includes 2007 convictions for incitement against Arabs and support for a Jewish militant group on the Israeli and U.S. terrorist watchlists, has stirred concern at home and abroad.

But Ben-Gvir, now a lawyer, says his positions have become more moderate. They include expulsion for those he deems terrorists or traitors - rather than all Arabs - and looser open-fire regulations for troops facing Palestinian unrest.

His new posture has met Palestinian skepticism and scorn.

"Ben-Gvir wants to move from being a rowdy, law-breaking, racist and terrorist to a man who possesses official responsibilities so he can turn this racism and hatred into official government policy, through the positions he would assume," said Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki.

Ben-Gvir's likely appointment has resonated within the Israeli military. A soldier was suspended on Friday after being videotaped warning pro-Palestinian activists in the flashpoint West Bank city of Hebron: "Ben-Gvir will sort this place out."

Israeli Army Radio aired a recording from an internal Jewish Power meeting in which one lawmaker discusses a proposed bill for deporting those who voice solidarity with militants.

Ben-Gvir responds: "Let's say that tomorrow morning ... a family member comes along and praises the action of Doctor Goldstein, then they should be thrown out of the country?"

That referred to Baruch Goldstein, a settler who identified with the ultranationalist Jewish group Kach and massacred Palestinians in a Hebron mosque in 1994. The attack prompted Israel to outlaw Kach, to which Ben-Gvir also once belonged.

"Every bill you propose has very, very broad consequences and impacts," Ben-Gvir says in the recording. "If you know what the impacts are and you know what needs to be done - I'm with you. But first, everything must be understood."

Queried by Army Radio, Ben-Gvir verified the recording.

In other interviews, he has also refused to be drawn on past calls to end a ban on Jewish prayer at Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque compound, the third holiest site in Islam which Jews revere as the vestige of their two ancient temples. Palestinians and Jordan regard Jewish prayer there as a major provocation.

Pressed by Israeli broadcaster Kan radio on Sunday, he said only that he would "do everything possible to prevent bigoted policies on the Temple Mount", using Israel's name for the site.

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UN refuses to scrap Pro-PA, anti-Israel exhibit from its New York headquarters

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The exhibition, established in 2020 following a decision at the UN General Assembly, presents the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in an apparent one-sided manner, failing to mention deadly terror attacks on Israeli civilians

Daniel Edelson | Yesterday | 03:45

The United Nations is under fire for continuing to host an exhibition at its headquarters in New York that presents the Palestinian-Israeli conflict in an apparent, one-sided manner.

The Question of Palestine and the United Nations opened in 202 and has become part of a tour taken by tourists visiting the headquarters. It expands on UN's history and some of the major issues facing the world today - including world hunger, weapons of mass destruction, climate change, genocide, and more.

The part of the exhibition placed in front of the Security Council Chamber explains the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. However, it has no mention of The United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine (which recommended a partition of Mandatory Palestine but was refused by the Palestinians), 1948 Arab-Israeli War, and terror attacks which took the lives of thousands of Israelis, including the intifadas and the rocket attacks from Gaza.

The exhibition does include, however, images of Palestinian women faced with armed IDF soldiers in the West Bank, Palestinian children in Gaza heading to school with heavily-damaged buildings in the background, a crowded street in a Palestinian refugee camp, and dozens of people leaning on the West Bank separation barrier.

The images are presented in tandem with the ruling of the International Court of Justice, saying, “The construction of the wall being built by Israel, the occupying power, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including in and around East Jerusalem, is against international law.”

Alongside pictures of Palestinian refugees feeling their homes during the aftermath of the War of Independence, a sign is placed, reading, “The State of Israel was founded in 1948. The Arab state – Palestine – wasn’t founded,” without adding further context or explanations.

A large tourist group stood in front of the exhibition this week and listened to the guide’s explanation. “Why won’t Israel allow the Palestinians to have a state?” A woman asked. The guide shrugged in response.

“Why don’t we get the same representation in the UN headquarters?” A woman from Taiwan asked, referring to the state’s conflict with China. The guide said the reason is likely due to the UN “seeing Palestine as a unique issue.”

The guide added the exhibition isn’t a mandatory part of the tour, but that “most guides think it’s important.” According to him, he’s careful every time he stops there due to the issue being controversial. “I knew people would remark on the exhibition, so I studied it at home ahead of time, and I’m ready for people’s charged emotions on the subject.”

Another, more-seasoned, guide, said that you can’t pass by the exhibition due to its central location. “It’ll be weird to pass by such a large exhibition without saying something about it.”

The decision to stage exhibit was taken at the UN General Assembly in 2020, as part of the “information plan on the Palestinian question.” Its location was allegedly chosen due to many discussion on the conflict being held at the Security Council Chamber.

The exhibit is the only one in the headquarters presenting a political conflict and since it was approved in the General Assembly, it cannot be removed with the same ease as other exhibits, despite countless appeals to do so.

“It irks me too, even as someone who isn’t an Israeli,” an official at the headquarters said. “The only way to scrap the exhibition is via a vote in the General Assembly.”

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) is also mentioned in the exhibit as a body acting for “1.6 million Palestinians, 33% of people in the occupied territories, are food insecure. Most of them lack water, with the worst crisis being in Gaza.”

The exhibition also mentioned Israel's military operations in Gaza, without any explanations as to why these campaigns were needed in the first place.

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan said: "Nothing shows the discrimination against Israel in the UN more than this skewed exhibition. Its placement near the Security Council Chamber is done to - allegedly - showcase an issue of worldly importance, despite the fact that many other more worrying issues exist in the world." "The exhibit's placement next to one dedicated to the Holocaust proves it."

In response to Ynet's inquiry on the exhibit, the UN said: "The location for the exhibition was chosen due to its connection to the Security Council Chamber, where the issue is often debated on. The decision to present the exhibit was taken by the UN General Assembly as part of an information initiative on the Palestinian question." It added: "The exhibit is one of many seen during the tour, which includes exhibitions on the Holocaust and the Declaration of the Rights of Man. The exhibition isn't mandatory. We receive praise and complaints about the exhibitions, as we do with every other exhibit at the headquarters."

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Jerusalem police uncovered planted explosive & removed object for investigation

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Jerusalem police say uncovered suspected explosive device

Device detected at the entrance to the city and roads in the area blocked off to allow sappers to remove it for further investigation; police call on public to be aware and report any suspected object to emergency line

Nina Fox|04:27

Jerusalem police said on Saturday that they had uncovered an object they suspect as an explosive device at the entrance to the city.

Main routes leading to the site were closed off as sappers arrived on the scene and removed the object for further investigation.

It was found as troops conducted searches after two devices exploded on Wednesday, killing a 16-year old boy and wounding 26 others, including one who remains in critical condition.

"We remind the public to be on alert to suspicious objects, at all times," the police said. "If there is any doubt, the public is urged to immediately call the police emergency number 100, see that people remain at a distance and await the forces." The police also said that since the explosions earlier in the week, they have seen an increase in calls to their emergency number, reporting objects found.

The devices were planted at two bus stops in the capital and were detonated from a distance in the span of 30 minutes.

According to investigators, they believe the explosive devices were planted by residents of east Jerusalem who had long planned their terror attacks but were not affiliated with any known terror organization.

The investigation continues, the police said, using intelligence means.

11.25.22

Ben-Gvir to be National Security Minister, expanded to West Bank, Negev & Galilee

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Ben-Gvir to be National Security Minister in coalition deal

'We took a big step tonight toward a full coalition agreement, toward forming a fully, fully right-wing government,' said Ben-Gvir, soon to be in charge of the Public Security portfolio with expanded authorities  
i24NEWS, Ynet|01:24

Likud, the party of Israel's prime minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu, reached on Friday an initial coalition agreement with the far-right Otzma Yehudit party that will see leader Itamar Ben-Gvir appointed the Minister for National Security.

As part of the deal, the Public Security Ministry is to be renamed the National Security Ministry and given several additional authorities.

"We took a big step tonight toward a full coalition agreement, toward forming a fully, fully right-wing government," Ben-Gvir said in the statement.

It is understood the post represents a version of the Public Security portfolio with an expanded purview that also includes the Real Estate Enforcement division and the West Bank Border Police division. Additionally, Ben-Gvir's party will be charged with Negev and Galilee ministry, which will now be decoupled from the Social Periphery Ministry.

After reports that Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime minister, was struggling to put together a workable coalition, Ariel Kahana, senior diplomatic commentator at Israel Hayom, said earlier in the week that "the main obstacles to the coalition are behind us and Netanyahu more or less solved the main problems."

Shas leader Aryeh Deri is likely to receive the transportation and interior ministry portfolios. Deri served as interior minister from 2016 to 2021 under the previous Netanyahu-led government.

11.24.22

Be'er Sheva terror motivated PA car ramming of College student wearing IDF uniform

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Victim of Be'er Sheva car ramming says 'convinced' attack was terrorism

Teen says car came right at him, says rolled off windshield and tried to move away but found could not stand as his leg was broken; suspect to face attempted murder motivated by terror, charge

Ilana Curie | Yesterday | 14:44

The 18-year-old, who was rammed into by a car in Beer Sheva in what was suspected to be a terror motivated attack says he is convinced that the suspicions are true.

The teenager, wearing an IDF uniform, was on his way to Air Force Technological College in the city when he was hit by the suspect's car.

"I heard a car accelerate, I managed to turn back a bit to look over my shoulder and I saw him speed towards me," he recalled.

"I don't know if I was stressed, or if it was the adrenaline that hit me after the car rammed into me, but I understood that I was on his windshield. He turned left and I tried to push myself to get off the car," he said. "I got up, but I fell forward because my leg was broken. After I understood that I could not walk, I sat down and started dragging myself back."

A bystander called for an ambulance, after which the teenage boy immediately called his parents to tell them what had happened.

"My mom got upset. I knew it was a terror attack ... After he hit me I saw him keep driving."

The suspect, a 39-year-old Rahat resident, was arrested after receiving medical attention. He will likely face charges of attempted murder motivated by terrorism, the police said.

The driver claimed initially that he lost control of his car and that it was an accident. He had come to the police station in Beer Sheva several days earlier, complaining about threats received from an anonymous citizen who said that "Bedouins should fly out of the city." In the footage from the police, the suspect was heard saying: "If you respect us - we'll respect you. If you don't respect us - you will suffer. This isn't a threat, but our respect and our life? We're willing to give up on life."

He had also posted on his Facebook page, a call for fellow Bedouins to stand up to racism directed at them.

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11.24.22 – Th - - News Placed in November 25 spot – Friday

Israel rescinds 200 PA permits of workers from militant families, citing bomb worries

11.24.22 – Th - - News – Thursday



Top court upholds ban on screening of documentary 'Jenin Jenin' in Israel

11.24.22 – Th- - - News Placed in November 24 spot – Thursday  
Iran hackers publish videos & complete list of IDF names, ranks, addresses & email

11.23.22 – We- - - News – Wednesday  
Netanyahu makes significant portfolio headway as Smotrich urges right-wing

11.23.22 – We- - - News – Wednesday  
Army Radio host suspended after on air encouraging terrorists against Ben-Gvir

11.23.22 – We- - - News Placed in November 23 spot – Wednesday  
Two blasts at Jerusalem bus stops, 1 dead, 26 wounded; Hamas welcomed attacks

11.22.22 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday  
Lapid announces first step towards increase of free trade pact with Japan

11.22.22 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday  
Hesder Rabbis oppose women in IDF combat, where some want to serve

11.21.22 – Mo- - - News Placed in November 22 spot – Tuesday  
Ben-Gvir demanding to manage police & reduce public view of Security procedures

11.21.22 – Mo- - - News Placed in November 21 spot – Monday  
Israel pressured by Red Cross to open Syria crossing for Golan Heights students

11.20.22 – Su- - - News Placed in November 20 spot – Sunday  
Lapid offered to mediate between Netanyahu and Biden Democrats

11.20.22 – Su- - - News – Sunday  
Netanyahu to Republican Jews: his 2015 speech in Congress led to Abraham Accords

11.18.22 – Fr- - - News Placed in November 19 spot – Saturday  
US Ambassador Tom Nides relays Dem opposition to Smotrich & Gvir as ministers

11.17.22 – Th- - - News Placed in November 18 spot – Friday  
Texas Gov Abbott declares Invasion for National Guard to build a border wall