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Manhunt underway for Barkan terrorist who killed 2 Israelis

IDF, Shin Bet security agency forces raid Shawika home of Ashraf Walid Suleiman Na'alwa, who murdered Kim Levengrond Yehezkel, 28, and Ziv Hajbi, 35, at the Barkan Industrial Park Sunday • Several suspected accomplices, including terrorist's siblings, arrested.

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IDF troops in the village of Shawika, Sunday | Photo: IDF Spokesperson's Unit

Israeli security forces launched a massive manhunt Sunday for Ashraf Walid Suleiman Na'alwa, 23, identified as the terrorist who shot and killed two Israelis and wounded a third in the Barkan Industrial Park in Samaria.

IDF, Shin Bet Security agency and police counterterrorism forces, assisted by aerial support as well as military and police K-9 units, were canvassing the Jenin, Tulkarem and Nablus areas in search of Na'alwa, Channel 12 reported Monday.

Video: Reuters

Na'alwa, a former employee of the Alon Group in the Barkan Industrial Park, near the city of Ariel, entered the company's offices armed with an automatic rifle early Sunday. Inside, he handcuffed Kim Levengrond Yehezkel, 28, to a chair and shot her at close range, killing her. He then walked over to the adjacent cubicle and shot Sara Vatore, 54, in the abdomen, moderately wounding her, and then shot and killed Ziv Hajbi, 35, before fleeing.

IDF and Shin Bet forces raided Na'alwa's home in the West Bank village of Shawika, north of Tulkarem, on Sunday and arrested several suspected accomplices, including his brother and sister.

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Terrorist Ashraf Walid Suleiman Na'alwa

"IDF troops raided the terrorist's home in the village of Shawika, which is under the Menashe Regional Brigade's jurisdiction, and arrested and interrogated several people suspected of assisting the terrorist," the IDF said in a statement.

The family home was also mapped ahead of its future demolition, the IDF said.

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Kim Levengrond Yehezkel, 28, and Ziv Hajbi, 35, both killed in Sunday's shooting
 Hamas spokesman Hazem Qassim praised the attack, saying, "Hamas welcomes the guerrilla operation which took place this morning [Sunday]. This operation affirms that the rebelling young people in the West Bank are keeping the resistance as an option and are fighting the [Israeli] occupation and the settlers."

Qassim said the attack "comes as a reaction to their [Israel's] crimes against our sacred sites and the demolishing of Palestinian villages. It sends a great message from the rebelling people in the West Bank to their rebelling brothers in the Gaza Strip that we are one nation and we face the same destiny."

Islamic Jihad spokesman Daoud Shehab also praised the attack, saying, "The shooting at the factory in Samaria is a response to Israel's crimes in Gaza and Jerusalem and a response to the harm it brings to Al-Aqsa mosque. We call on the Palestinian people to rise up against settlement terrorism until they are all evicted and the West Bank will be liberated from settlements and settlers."

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Israel imposes new restrictions on Gaza as border riots escalate

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman orders Gaza fishing zone permits reduced from 9 to 6 nautical miles, threatens more steps "if violent incidents continue" • Gaza Health Ministry says three Palestinians, including boy, 12, killed in border riots Friday.

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A demonstrator pulls a burning tire during a protest in the southern Gaza Strip, Friday | Photo: AP

Israel announced new restrictions on the Gaza Strip on Saturday, after the territory's Hamas rulers stepped up protests along the enclave's land and sea borders with Israel in recent weeks.

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman ordered the permits for Gaza's fishing zone to be scaled down from 9 to 6 nautical miles and threatened "additional steps if the violent incidents continue," according to a statement by the IDF Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories.

Other measures could include stricter limitations at the Kerem Shalom border crossing, Gaza's prime commercial crossing point and the only entry point of goods from Israel.

Lieberman cited the weekly Palestinian riots at the border between Israel and Gaza as contributing to his decision, as well as the midweek beach protests at which Gazan fishing boats and protesters gather at the northwestern point of the Gaza Strip, where its sea and land barriers meet with Israel.

Hamas has accused Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas of sabotaging regional efforts to mediate a cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas that would ease the closure on the Gaza Strip.

In response, Hamas has escalated and intensified the protests recently, adding locations and leading night gatherings near the fence where activists use sound bombs and laser lights to distract soldiers.

Gaza's Health Ministry said three Palestinians, including a 12-year-old boy, were shot dead by Israeli forces during Friday's border protest. At least 126 others were wounded at five locations, the ministry said.

AP

Palestinians carry injured 12-year-old Fares Sersawi, who later died of wounds he sustained during protests on the Gaza-Israel border, Friday

On Friday, thousands of Palestinians gathered for the weekly protests along the border fence. Israel said demonstrators threw grenades at IDF soldiers and tried to cut through parts of the fence with bolt cutters in efforts to infiltrate into Israeli territory.

In a statement, the IDF said some **Palestinians were "throwing explosive devices** and grenades, rolling burning tires and hurling rocks" at Israeli soldiers at the border fence. One group even **managed to cross the fence into Israel to throw grenades** before returning to the Gaza Strip, it said.

No Israelis were wounded.

Israel accuses Hamas of orchestrating the protests to provide cover for attacks and distract from Gaza's economic plight, allegations it denies.

Hamas seized control of Gaza from Abbas in 2007 and has since fought three wars with Israel, most recently in 2014.

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UNRWA vows to maintain Jerusalem service despite closure threat

U.N. Palestinian refugee agency says it provides vital education, health, and relief services in east Jerusalem and is "concerned" about Mayor Nir Barkat's decision to shut it down • Barkat: We provide services for all, there are no refugees in our city.

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Israelis protest outside UNRWA headquarters in Jerusalem | Photo: Yoav Ari Dudkevitch

The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees is vowing to continue operations in Jerusalem, despite Israeli plans to oust the agency's operations from the city.

Last week, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat announced his plan to end the Jerusalem operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and to replace them with Israeli services.

UNRWA has faced a dire financial crisis since the U.S. announced it was cutting aid to it earlier this year, calling it an "irredeemably flawed operation" with an "endlessly and exponentially expanding community of entitled beneficiaries."

Barkat tweeted that the U.S. decision had created an opportunity to change the current situation, which he said would otherwise "perpetuate the 'refugee problem' and encourage incitement."

In response, UNRWA issued a statement expressing concern about "recent statements made by the mayor of Jerusalem on its operations and installations in east Jerusalem."

It said the organization provides essential education, health, relief and social services in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians envision as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Barkat said that under his plan, the municipality would take over education, welfare and health services.

"We provide services for all residents alike – there are no refugees in our city," he said.

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Regular Schedule

Office Hours

Monday through Friday

8 to 4

Best to call first as we are often out doing ministry.

Sunday

Sunday School / Small Group Bible Study

– 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM

Morning Worship

– 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Evening Worship

– 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Bible Study

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Wednesday

Wednesday Services

– 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Choir Practice

– 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM