In Hebron, troops arrest parents who stashed bullets in kids’ rooms

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Israeli troops arrested a Palestinian couple in Hebron on Wednesday who had hidden over 200 rounds of ammunition in their children’s bedrooms, the police said.

A pistol, two magazines and marijuana were also found in the home during the raid, which was conducted by the IDF, Border Police and the Shin Bet security service.

The troops initially failed to locate the gun, and the husband denied having one in the home, but he did tell the officers that he had a small amount of marijuana in the house, which he handed over to them, the Border Police said in a statement.

According to the police, during the search, the border guards noticed the mother “was holding one of the children in a suspicious way.” When she was asked to put him down, she initially refused, saying her son was sick, but eventually acquiesced and took out a pistol that she had hidden inside her shirt, near where she had been holding the child.

Upon a further search of the house, inside the children’s bedrooms, the Israeli troops found two magazines for the 9-millimeter pistol, as well as 200 rounds of ammunition for it, police said.

The mother and father were both arrested. The children were handed over to relatives, a police spokesperson said.

Also on Wednesday, in the village of Deir Samet, west of Hebron, soldiers confiscated a car and cash from the father of a terrorist who had killed three people in 2015, which the army said were given to him by Hamas.

On November 19, 2015, Muhammad Abd el-Basset al-Kharoub opened fire on passing cars near the Alon Shvut settlement in the central West Bank, killing Ezra Schwartz, 18, Yaakov Don, 51, and Shadi Arafa, 24, and injuring five others. Al-Kharoub was captured and in March was [given four life sentences](http://www.timesofisrael.com/palestinian-who-killed-us-teen-ezra-schwartz-gets-4-life-sentences/).

In the year and a half since the deadly attack, al-Kharoub’s father, Abd el-Basset al-Kharoub, has become a public figure in their home village of Deir Samet, west of Hebron, even running for a position on the local regional council.

“He regularly incites and expresses support for terror at every opportunity,” the army said.

According to the army, the elder al-Kharoub purchased the car with money given to the family by Hamas after the family home was [torn down by Israel](http://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-demolishes-west-bank-homes-of-two-palestinian-terrorists/) last year.

In addition, soldiers seized hundreds of shekels from al-Kharoub, which were also allegedly given to him by Hamas, the army said.

In Jerusalem, overnight Tuesday, Molotov cocktails were thrown at a police vehicle in the Arab neighborhood of Silwan. No one was injured, but the firebombs sparked a fire next to a garage and damaged several of the cars inside before firefighters could put out the blaze, the police said.

The police added that officers were searching for the perpetrators of the attack.

Rocks were also thrown at the Jerusalem light rail, near the Shuafat neighborhood. There were no injuries, but the tram doors were damaged, police said.

Also in Shuafat, officers arrested three people with outstanding arrest warrants. During the arrests, dozens of local residents threw rocks at the police vehicles, damaging them, but causing no injury. The rock throwers were driven back with riot dispersal measures, police said.

Overnight in the West Bank, Israeli troops arrested 12 other Palestinians, in addition to the mother and father picked up in Hebron.

One of the suspects, from the village of Zurif, near Hebron, was arrested for allegedly belonging to the Hamas terrorist organization, while the other 11 were believed to have taken part in violent protests or thrown rocks at Israeli troops or cars on the highway.