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An IDF soldier was lightly wounded when a Palestinian driver attempted to ram soldiers at a checkpoint near Qasr el Yahud in the West Bank on Friday.

The driver swerved towards the soldiers after they refused him passage at the entrance to the holy site.

The driver attempted to flee to the Allenby Bridge, on the border with Jordan, but was arrested by authorities.

Rescuers Without Borders reported that one IDF soldier suffered a leg injury and was offered first aid.

Qasr el Yahud is a popular baptism site, where Christian pilgrims go to dip in the waters of the Jordan River. It is believed to be the site where Jesus was first baptized by John the Baptist.