Victim dies after terror stabbing inside settlement

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A man stabbed repeatedly in the chest and torso during a terror attack inside the settlement of Adam has died, hospital officials said early Friday.

The victim, whose name was not immediately released for publication, had been rushed to Hadassah Mount Scopus Hospital in Jerusalem, where doctors tried unsuccessfully to save him.

The man, 31, was a resident of the Jerusalem-area settlement. he was stabbed after happening upon the terrorist, who had apaprently sneaked into the West Bank community by climbing a fence.

Two other people were stabbed by the terrorist after investigating the scene. One man, 58, was rushed to the Jerusalem hospital with serious injuries. Doctors managed to stabilize him and his condition was upgraded to moderate, a hospital spokesperson said early Friday.

A third victim, who was lightly injured, shot and killed the stabber.

The knifeman was named in reports as Mohammad Tareq Yousef, 17, from the village of Kobar.

The death of the victim makes Thursday’s attack the first fatal terror incident since March 18, when off-duty security guard Adiel Kolman was stabbed to death in the Old City of Jerusalem.

MDA paramedic Orel Asulin said there was a “large commotion” at the scene when medics first arrived.

“Two men aged about 50 and 30 lay on the road in serious condition, suffering stab wounds in their upper bodies,” he said. “We provided them with life-saving first aid and they were quickly taken to the hospital. During the evacuation, the condition of one of the victims deteriorated and he required resuscitation.

“Afterward, a fully conscious 50-year-old man approached us, suffering a stab wound in his limbs,” Asulin added. “We treated him at the scene and he was also taken to a hospital in light condition, along with another anxiety victim.”

“Every so often we get a reminder that we are still fighting for our home,” Avi Roeh, head of the Binyamin Regional Council, said in a statement.

“We are talking about an urban community that is large, established and very close to Jerusalem, not some small and distant community. But we will continue to develop and enhance the settlement movement,” he vowed.

The Palestinian terror group Hamas praised the attack, with the group’s spokesman Abdelatif al-Qanou writing on Facebook: “Hamas blesses the heroic stabbing operation that was carried out in the Adam settlement, south of Ramallah. It is a natural response to the occupation’s crimes and an extension of our people’s ongoing intifada.”

Attempted attacks by Palestinians throughout the West Bank have decreased in the past year after near-daily occurrences during the so-called “knife intifada,” which began in September 2015.

The spate of Palestinian terror incidents, including many stabbings and car-rammings, was also dubbed the “lone wolf” intifada, as many of the attacks were carried out by individuals who were not affiliated with terror groups.