**Israel kills suspected Islamic Jihad terrorist blamed in seminary slaughter**

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Israeli undercover forces Wednesday gunned down a Palestinian terror chief they said was behind last Thursday's attack on a rabbinical seminary in Jerusalem.

[Mohammed Shehadeh](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Mohammed%2BShehadeh), the leader of [Islamic Jihad](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Palestinian%2BIslamic%2BJihad) in [Bethlehem](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Bethlehem), died in a hail of bullets with three other terror suspects shortly after nightfall.

Shehadeh, who was on [Israel](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Israel)'s most wanted list since 2000, was the mastermind behind last week's gun rampage at the [Merkaz Harav](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Mercaz%2BHarav%2BYeshiva%22%20%5Co%20%22Mercaz%20Harav%20Yeshiva) seminary in which eight students were killed.

Shehadeh had just finished eating dinner and he and his three terror pals were piling into his red [Fiat Uno](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Fiat%2BUno) when the Israelis, reportedly disguised as locals, pulled up alongside in two unmarked white vans.

Eyewitnesses said the agents sprayed the car with round after round of automatic gunfire and then sped away in the direction of the Israeli military base in [Beit Jala](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Beit%2BJala), next to Bethlehem.

TV footage showed three dead men, sprawled out and bloody in the shattered vehicle.

Another man lay in the street.

One of the three militants slain with Shehadeh was a local Bethlehem city councilman - Issa Marzouk Zawahra, a member of Islamic Jihad.

Islamic Jihad vowed revenge, and [Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Mahmoud%2BAbbas) said the killings undermined ongoing efforts to reach a ceasefire with militants.

Meanwhile, in East Jerusalem, Israel's public security minister, [Avi Dichter](http://www.nydailynews.com/topics/Avi%2BDichter%22%20%5Co%20%22Avi%20Dichter), ordered cops to destroy the family home of 25-year-old Abu Ala Dheim, the gunman who carried out last week's seminary attack.

It has been Israeli practice on and off for years to bulldoze the homes of terrorists.