**Troops thwart attempted car-ramming in West Bank**

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A Palestinian man was killed Friday afternoon as he tried to carry out a car-ramming attack against Israeli soldiers in the northern West Bank.

The troops spotted the driver as he directed his vehicle at them during riots in the town of Silwad, the Ynet news website reported. They opened fire on the man and killed him, Army Radio said. There were no Israelis wounded in the attempted attack.

The attempted attack occurred at the British Police Junction, at the entrance to the village near Ramallah, the radio said.

 “During a violent riot in Silwad, northeast of Ramallah, an assailant attempted to ram his vehicle into soldiers,” the army said in a statement. “The soldiers responded to the immediate threat and fired towards the assailant, resulting in his death.”

Palestinian police sources identified the man as Raed Hamed, 20. His body was later handed over to the Palestinian Authority, the Walla website said.

The attempted attack came hours after two Border Police officers and a bystander were injured in a stabbing at Jerusalem’s Damascus Gate on Friday morning.

One officer was stabbed in the upper body and moderately hurt. The other was stabbed in the arm and was in light condition. Both officers, in their early 20s, were taken to Jerusalem’s Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

According to the Magen David Adom ambulance service, the bystander, identified as a 50-year-old Palestinian woman from East Jerusalem, was hit in the leg by fragments or ricochets from the shots fired at the assailant by security forces. She was lightly hurt. After being treated on the scene by medics, she was taken to an East Jerusalem hospital.

Later on Friday, two Palestinian protesters were injured by IDF fire during clashes near the northern Gaza Strip, Palestinian media reported.

According to the Walla News, Israeli soldiers opened fire on the protesters adjacent to the Erez border crossing after dozens approached the border fence and began hurling rocks at army patrols.

In similar demonstrations further south along the border fence, protesters inside the Palestinian territory hurled rocks and rolled burning tires at IDF soldiers near the al-Bureij refugee camp and in the Nahal Oz area.