**Terrorist’s body returned after week delay**

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Israeli police returned Monday night the body of terrorist Ahmed Abu Shaaban to his family for burial. This is the first of ten bodies of terrorists from eastern Jerusalem that was returned, following a decision by Minister Gilad Erdan (Likud) that was eventually overturned not to return the bodies to the families.

Abu Shaaban's body was to be [delivered last week](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/207732), but a few hours before the time set for the return, the Israel Police told to the lawyer representing the terrorists' families that the delivery is to be postponed.

The terrorist was buried during the night by his family under strict terms set by the police, including the maximum presence of 50 people, a quiet burial within three hours of receiving the body, and a 20 thousand shekels (5,000 USD) guarantee deposit to be returned to the family only if they meet the conditions.

Abu Sha'aban [stabbed and moderately wounded a 65-year-old woman](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/201895) across the street from Jerusalem's central bus station in October at the start of the current terror wave.

The next terrorist to be returned after Abu Sha'aban is Musab al-Ghazali, who was eliminated in December after trying to stab a policeman at Jerusalem's IDF Square.

The process of returning terrorist’s bodies is expected to be gradual and will continue only if the families of terrorists meet the conditions established for them by the police.

Security officials stressed that Israel has no interest in holding the bodies of the terrorists and that over the past few months it has been made clear to the families that they may only hold a funeral should they commit to the conditions set forth.

However, families of the terrorists who reside in eastern Jerusalem have rejected this position and argued that the government is delaying the return of the bodies as there is no impediment in the families compliance.