**17-year-old Palestinian Killed by Israeli Army Fire in Clashes Near Bethlehem**

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A 17-year-old Palestinian was killed Monday by Border Police fire during clashes in the village of Tuqu near Bethlehem.

According to the Palestinian Red Crescent, the dead youth, Qusai Hassan al-Amour, was hit by three bullets in his upper body. It was also reported that four people were wounded in the incident.

The Israel Defense Forces reported that the Palestinian threw stones at the force, which responded by firing bullets from Ruger rifles, which is considered by the army a weapon for protest dispersal although it uses live, if reduced in size, bullets.

According to the head of the local Palestinian council, the Israeli force entered the village to create a provocation. "They most likely wanted to even the score following clashes last Friday," Hatem Sabah told Haaretz. He added that four other youths were wounded in the clashes, including al-Amour's sister.

Last week a Palestinian was shot to death in the Far’a refugee camp near Nablus during arrests of suspects in the camp. According to the army, he ran toward the soldiers with a drawn knife. According to Palestinian sources the dead man was Mahmoud a-Salahi, 32, a former prisoner who was released from an Israeli prison about three years ago.

According to the army, soldiers from the Duvdevan unit acted in accordance with the procedure for arresting a suspect, and after the Palestinian continued to advance toward them while shouting “Allah Akbar” he was shot by them and died. The army added that while they were there fire was opened at the soldiers and improvised explosive devices were thrown at them. Four people were arrested during the operation.