Israeli jogger lightly hurt in Jerusalem stabbing attack, assailant shot

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A 35-year-old Israeli man was lightly hurt when out jogging on Saturday morning in a stabbing attack on Jerusalem’s Hebron Road, near the Cinematheque and the First Station restaurant and shopping area, police and medics said.

According to Israel Police, the assailant stabbed the jogger at the intersection of David Remez Street and Hebron Road, south of the Old City. The jogger struggled with his attacker and fought him off, sustaining light injuries.

The 28-year-old Palestinian assailant, from the adjacent neighborhood of Abu Tor, was shot by police officers. According to the Magen David Adom emergency service, the suspect was in serious condition.

Magen David Adom medics said they found the Israeli man sitting on the sidewalk, fully conscious.

Both the stabbing victim and the suspect were taken by medics to Jerusalem’s Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

The attack and the moment the assailant was shot were filmed from several angles. The assailant is seen pulling out a knife and attacking a man who is running across the street. They tussle, and the jogger manages to repeatedly fend off his attacker, who continues the attack until a passerby arrives. At one point the victim manages to throw the knife away, which a passerby then picks up, as the victim flees.

The suspect is then seen stumbling and dropping to his knees as a passerby pushes him to the ground. Shortly after, the suspect is seen walking toward officers, as one fires a single shot. The suspect then falls to the ground, as the officer who opened fire tells his colleagues to “cease.”

The stabbing follows [several recent attacks in Jerusalem’s Old City](https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-police-officers-stabbed-near-jerusalems-temple-mount-attacker-shot/), and in a [nearby West Bank town](https://www.timesofisrael.com/palestinian-man-arrested-over-pair-of-stabbing-attacks-near-jerusalem/).

Tensions have risen after nine Palestinians were killed in violent confrontations with Israeli troops in recent weeks, including in gun battles with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank during raids,  as well as during attempted attacks.

Officials have warned of a possible flare-up of violence during Ramadan next month.

Shin Bet head Ronen Bar held talks with his FBI counterpart in Washington this week on the matter. Public Security Minister Omer Barlev, who oversees the police, warned in response to several recent stabbing attacks in Jerusalem that “terrorists and extremists will try to set the area on fire” in the coming weeks.