**Palestinian held after trying to enter the Tomb of the Patriarchs holy site with knife**

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Border Police arrested a Palestinian man in the West Bank city of Hebron on Friday, after finding a knife hidden under his clothes at the entrance to the Tomb of the Patriarchs holy site.

The 23-year-old raised the suspicions of officers at one of the checkpoints outside the holy site and security forces accordingly searched the suspect using a metal detecter, Border Police said.

After the knife was found in the man’s clothing, he was immediately detained for questioning.

“An initial investigation revealed that the suspect was apparently intending to carry out a stabbing attack,” Border Police added.

The Tomb of the Patriarchs is a frequent target for stabbing attacks.

On January 22, Border Police officers made a similar arrest of a man in his 30s after finding a knife on him during a full body search.

Three days earlier, officers arrested a Palestinian woman in her 30s after finding two knives during a search of her bag at a checkpoint near the holy site.

A Palestinian teen was arrested trying to enter the holy site with a knife in December, and in November two 17-year-old Palestinians were also detained after each attempted to smuggle a knife into the site in two separate incidents a day apart.