Man moderately hurt in Jerusalem stabbing attack, Palestinian assailant shot

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An Israeli man was moderately hurt in a suspected terror stabbing attack on a bus near Jerusalem’s northeastern Ramot neighborhood on Tuesday, police and medics said.

The 41-year-old man was stabbed in the head by a Palestinian man, also in his 40s, while traveling on bus line 137, near the Ramot Junction, officials said.

He was taken to the Shaare Zedek Medical Center, which said his condition was not life-threatening.

According to police, the assailant attacked the man on the bus with a screwdriver during the ride, as the bus left Ramot. The driver then halted and the passengers fled the bus, police said.

The alleged assailant was shot and wounded by a passerby, Meshi Ben Ami, who noticed the incident shortly before officers arrived at the scene.

“I got out of the car, loaded my gun and realized it was a terror attack. The stabber came to me, I did not hesitate and fired one bullet at him. I heard him praying in Arabic,” Ben Ami told the Kan public broadcaster.

The suspected stabber was listed in serious condition, the Zaka emergency service said.

Police said large numbers of officers arrived at the scene, and were investigating the circumstances. Jerusalem District Commander Doron Turgeman held an assessment at the scene.

A spokesperson for the Hamas terror group praised the attack. In a statement, Hazem Qassem said the stabbing was an “act of heroism,” adding that it was a “natural response to the crimes of the occupation against the holy places of Islam and Christianity in Jerusalem.”

“The attack once again emphasizes the failure of attempts to stop the resistance in the occupied West Bank and the city of Jerusalem,” the statement said.

Earlier this month, a Palestinian man was arrested for allegedly attacking and seriously wounding an Israeli man near the ultra-Orthodox city of Bnei Brak.

Last month, a Palestinian man was detained on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem’s Old City after he allegedly attempted to stab officers before fleeing the scene.

Between mid-March and the beginning of May, a string of deadly attacks across Israel and the West Bank left 19 people dead.