IDF soldier killed by gunfire during car-ramming in northern West Bank

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An Israeli soldier was killed on Sunday after being hit by gunfire during what the military said was a car-ramming attack in the northern West Bank.

A Palestinian suspect who carried out the attack at the Jit Junction — near the Palestinian town of the same name and Israeli settlement of Kedumim — was shot dead by troops, the Israel Defense Forces said.

The slain soldier in the incident was named as Staff Sgt. Inbar Avraham Kav, 20, of the Paratroopers Brigade’s 890th Battalion, from the northern town of Lotem.

Medical officials reported that he had sustained a severe head injury. Magen David Adom took him to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva for treatment, where he succumbed to his wounds.

The incident began when a truck driven by the suspect allegedly accelerated toward Israeli troops at the junction, hitting Kav, before colliding with a vehicle, according to an IDF investigation. The soldiers then opened fire on the driver, killing him.

The military said that after being hit by the truck, the slain soldier was also hit by gunfire as the other troops opened fire on the attacker.

The Hamas terror group welcomed the attack, but stopped short of claiming responsibility.

The Palestinian suspect was identified by Israeli defense officials as a resident of the West Bank city of Nablus.

The IDF blocked entrances to the city as well as villages in the area. Palestinian media said the IDF also blocked off access to Qalqilya and all villages along a stretch of Route 55 connecting the city to Nablus.

The incident came ten days after two soldiers [were killed in an attack](https://www.timesofisrael.com/two-israelis-killed-by-knifeman-driving-gaza-bound-aid-truck-at-west-bank-jordan-crossing/) at the Allenby Bridge border crossing with Jordan.

The assailant was a Jordanian who had been driving a humanitarian aid truck headed for the Gaza Strip.