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**Israeli police say killed man who fired shots at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa**



A damaged vehicle is loaded on a flatbed truck at the site of a ramming attack near the town of Beit Ummar, north of Hebron city

AFP | Jerusalem, Undefined

A suspected assailant was killed by Israeli soldiers after a West Bank car ramming yesterday, the army said, in an escalation that threatens to end a relative lull during the holy month of Ramadan so far.

The Palestinian's death came less than 24 hours after an Arab Israeli allegedly snatched a gun from a police officer at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque compound and fired it before being shot dead.

The army said a "terrorist" had conducted a "ramming attack adjacent to the town of Beit Ummar" before being neutralised, with a spokesperson confirming the presumed assailant's death.

Magen David Adom medics said the three men were taken to hospitals in Jerusalem with serious, moderate and light wounds.

In a statement, the Palestinian Authority identified the dead man as Mohammed Baradyah, 23.

Early yesterday, police said they shot dead 26-year-old medical student Mohammed al-Asibi, a resident of the Bedouin village of Hura in southern Israel.

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**Ending conflicts top priority**

Bahrain, Jordan leaders support all efforts to resolve regional conflicts



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa receives Jordan King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein upon his arrival in the Kingdom yesterday

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and Jordan King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein yesterday put their weight behind all efforts aimed at finding permanent solutions to crises hurting the region.

Their majesties said this while emphasising the importance of consolidating the foundations of security and stability and achieving development, peace and prosperity for the people in the region.

This came as HM King and King Abdullah held talks yesterday on boosting bilateral ties at Sakhr Palace.

In this regard, HM King praised Jordan's pivotal role in defending Arab interests and advancing joint pan-Arab action.

HM also hailed Jordan for championing just causes, especially the Palestinian issue.

Discussions also focused on boosting bilateral ties, and joint works in all fields.

The meeting was in the pres-

ence of HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, HM the King's Personal Representative HH Shaikh Abdulla bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HRH Prince Hashem bin Abdulla II, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Isa bin Salman Charity Educational Charitable Trust, His Highness Shaikh Isa bin Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

The Jordanian monarch thanked His Majesty for the warm reception, stressing the pride of Jordan and its people in the firm ties it has with the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Later, HM the King hosted an Iftar banquet in honour of King Abdullah II before bidding farewell to the Jordanian monarch and his accompanying delegation.

Earlier, upon arrival, King Abdulla II, accompanied by HRH Prince Hashem bin Abdulla II, were received by HM King.

**Do not bring large sums of cash, Saudi advises Umrah pilgrims**



Worshippers stand around Maqam Ibrahim (Station of Abraham) as they pray around the Kaaba

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The Saudi Arabian government had advised Umrah pilgrims to avoid carrying large sums of cash and valuables while travelling to the Kingdom.

In a Twitter post, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah has recommended a cash limit of \$16,000 (SAR 60,000) and cautioned against carrying gold bullion, precious metals, and stones.

Additionally, the ministry advised pilgrims to download banking apps from official sources, avoid sharing bank details or transferring money to unknown sources, and report suspected fraud to relevant authorities.

The advice comes after the ministry urged to perform Umrah only once during Ramadan to reduce crowding.

To perform the pilgrimages, apply through the Nusuk app to organise the entire trip ranging from applying for an eVisa to booking accommodation and flights.

Umrah can be undertaken at any time of the year, except during Hajj.

**'Hijab is the law'**

Iran president says hijab is legal as unveiled women face yoghurt attack

**Arrest warrant issued for both attacker and women**

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Two women attacked by a man for not wearing hijab in Iran have opened another war front in the country, with President Ebrahim Raisi also coming out to say that hijab was the law in Iran.

His remarks came soon after a widely shared video footage appeared to show a man pouring a bucket of what appears to be yoghurt on the two women's heads before he is confronted by the shopkeeper.

The incident comes amid nationwide protests that followed the death in September of a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman in the custody of the morality police for allegedly violating hijab rules.

Authorities later issued an arrest warrant against the man



Activists from New York-based Iranian women's rights group Women Life Freedom attend a rally condemning the mass poisoning of Iranian female students, in New York

"on charges of committing an insulting act and disturbance of order", the judiciary's Mizan Online website reported.

But it added arrest warrants were also issued for the two women for "committing a for-

bidden act" by removing their headscarves.

"Necessary notices have been issued to the owner of the shop where this happened in order to comply with legal and Sharia principles according to the reg-

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EBRAHIM RAISI

ulations," it added.

Meanwhile, in live remarks on state television, Raisi said: "If some people say they don't believe (in the hijab)... it's good to use persuasion ... But the important point is that there is a legal requirement ... and the hijab is today a legal matter."

Authorities said the owner of the dairy shop, who confronted the attacker, had been warned. Reports on social media showed his shop had been shut, although he was quoted by a local news agency as saying he had been allowed to reopen and was due to "give explanations" to a court.



Under Iran's Islamic sharia law, imposed after the 1979 revolution, women are obliged to cover their hair and wear long, loose-fitting clothes to disguise their figures. Violators have faced public rebuke, fines or arrest.

**Avoid travel to Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea: Ministry**

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Bahraini citizens are advised to avoid travel to Tanzania and Equatorial Guinea for their own safety, in light of the recent Marburg virus outbreak in these countries.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry issued a warning after receiving confirmation from health authorities in the affected African nations.

The ministry further advised citizens to comply with mandatory medical protocols if they must travel, in order to ensure their safety.

For additional information, contact the ministry at +97317227555.