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Five Teens Killed in Attack on Pre-Military High School

Five Israeli teens were killed and 23 others wounded late Thursday night, when a Palestinian terrorist infiltrated the settlement of Atzmona in the Gaza Strip just before midnight.

The attacker cut through a perimeter fence and began systematically spraying gunfire into the rooms of a regional religious high school. He tossed a grenade into one bedroom in a trailer serving as a dormitory, killing a student in his bed. Four more students were killed as they studied religious texts in a classroom.

Soldiers arrived on the scene and killed the gunmen after a twenty-minute exchange of fire.

Two bombings foiled by alert citizens
A waiter and a diner in one of Jerusalem's popular cafes thwarted a major bombing attack on Thursday. Arieh Venir, who manages a security company drew the restaurant owner's attention to a young Arab man with a heavy bag. "He was all sweaty, and something didn't look quite right with him," said owner Gabi Altaratz."

Altaraz asked waiter Shlomi Harel, 23, and asked him to check out the suspicious-looking man. Harel hustled the man out of the restaurant. Seeing a wire poking out of the bag, he immediately understood that the man was carrying explosives. He pulled the wire, which was connected to a triggering device in the Arab's hand, out of the bag, preventing the bomb from going off.

Harel and Venir pinned the bomber to the ground until the arrival of police. The bomb was taken to a safe area and detonated without injury.

In Karkur, in northern Israel, a suicide bombing was foiled by another alert citizen, Sasson Partush, who spotted a Palestinian man carrying a pigeon coop near the entrance to the community. His suspicions alerted, Partush drew his handgun and called to the man to stop. Thinking the man was about to detonate a suicide belt, he took a few steps back. The Palestinian turned and fled. Partush fired after him, apparently without hitting him.

In the West Bank Jewish settlement of Ariel, a suicide bomber entered a hotel a blew himself up in the lobby. Ten Israelis and an American tourist were wounded. Several of the injured were IDF soldiers who had come to the hotel to check out reports of a suspicious person in the area.

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