

# What is behind the Days of Rage by Arabs in Israel?



Israeli security and emergency service personnel with body of  
Palestinian attacker

Jerusalem, October 3, 2015

Source: AFP/Getty Images

October 13, 2015 witnessed the worst attacks by enraged Palestinians in Jerusalem, Central Israel and on the Gaza frontier. Three Israelis were murdered in bus shootings, car ramming and knifing attacks that occurred in Jerusalem, northern Israel and Ra'anana near Tel Aviv. On Wednesday evening October 14, 2015, a 65 year old woman was [attacked](#) by an assailant receiving knife wounds at the Jerusalem central bus station. The assailant was shot dead by Border police while attempting to board an Egged bus. Ynet news [reported](#) the terrorist background of the dead assailant:

The attacker was identified as Ahmad Shaaban, 23, a resident of East Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud neighborhood. He was imprisoned between 2012 and 2015 for terrorist activities.

The prior weekend scores of Palestinians in Gaza attempted to cross into Israel's southern frontier only to be thwarted by IDF soldiers. A crowd of 200 penetrated the fence near an Israeli kibbutz with resulting casualties, 11 deaths occurred from IDF gunfire when the mob refused to stop. Earlier, rockets had [slammed](#) into Southern Israel from Gaza prompting IAF retaliation.

Reuters [reported](#) "seven Israelis and 32 Palestinians, including 13 alleged attackers and eight children, have died

in the surge of violence.” *Reuters* further noted what happened on October 13th, “the Day of Rage:”

Palestinian men armed with knives and a gun killed at least three people and wounded several others in a string of attacks in Jerusalem and near Tel Aviv, police said, in a “Day of Rage” declared by Palestinian groups.

With the worst unrest in years in [Israel](#) and the Palestinian territories showing no sign of abating, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened an emergency meeting of his security cabinet to discuss what police said would be new operational plans.

Officials said Israel was considering whether to seal off Palestinian districts in East Jerusalem – home of many of the assailants.

In Jerusalem, two Palestinians shot and stabbed passengers on a bus, killing two and injuring four, police said. One of the assailants was killed and the other captured.

Minutes later, a Palestinian rammed his car into a bus stop in an ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in the city, police said. A surveillance video showed him then hacking pedestrians with a cleaver until he was shot dead by a passer-by. One of the Israelis he attacked died and six others were hurt, police said.

In clashes near the West Bank city of Bethlehem, the Israeli army shot dead a Palestinian, medics said. The army said its troops fired on a man who tried to throw a petrol bomb at them.



**News Montage on Jerusalem and Hebron Arab Riots,  
Palestine 1929  
Source: CAMERA**

## Arab terrorism connects one Israeli family

As Israeli blogger, Yisrael Medad , posted in *My Right Word* , “One Family’s Story of Arab Terror.” The current outburst of Arab Muslim violence has intergenerational connections with history from the pre-state Yishuv period:

On Friday, August 17, 1929, Yisrael Lev, a student at the [wake of the {October 12<sup>th</sup> attacks in Jerusalem](#), Mayor Nir Barkat called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to heighten the state’s response against terror and to act more firmly against those who incite and encourage it. “To our regret there is no limit to the cruelty of these murderers who choose to the attack children and innocent citizens who return from their studies to encounter the satanic evil that is shocking us all.”

The plague of auto ramming and knifing incidents was exemplified by what occurred in northern Israel reflected in this *Israel Hayom* [report](#):

“I didn’t do anything, what do they want from me?” Alaa Raed Ahmad Ziwad, 20, says in court after ramming his car into a soldier and then stabbing bystanders. Ramming victim, 19-year-old Orel Azuri, remains in critical condition.

Liat Naor, 15, was still wearing a wreath of flowers in her hair and holding her own birthday cake when she was attacked by a terrorist with a knife outside a shopping center in Gan Shmuel in northern Israel on Sunday.

She was saved when a bystander, Adi Eshet, helped subdue the terrorist, who had begun the attack by ramming his car into a female soldier, 19-year-old Orel Azuri, before jumping out and stabbing people nearby.

“I was sure I was going to die,” Naor said, speaking in the hospital room where she is recovering from her stab

wounds. She thanked Eshet “for the amazing birthday present.”

The shock of the new normal in Central Israel was reflected in the aftermath of two knifing incidents October 13<sup>th</sup> in Ra’anana, a community of 80,000 near Tel Aviv that has a large of community of Anglo American residents who made aliyah to Israel. During Operation Defense Edge in the summer of 2014, Ra’anana was spared the rocket on-slaught. *The Algemeiner* [reported](#):

“Due to the security situation, the shop will be closed today,” was among the signs that could be seen this afternoon in Ra’anana, the Israeli news site *Walla* reported.

Ra’anana, a city of 80,000 in Israel’s central Sharon region known for its clean streets, quality education system and large English-speaking community, experienced two Palestinian terrorist attacks on the morning of October 13th. And its citizens are responding with trepidation.

The closing of some stores on the city’s main street, Ahuza, was one reaction to the stabbing attacks, one of which occurred at around 8:50 a.m., and the other at 10:30. Parents of pre-schoolers, too, became concerned and ran to kindergartens to take their children home.

“We are aware of the reality [in the country],” a shop-owner who witnessed the first attack, at a nearby bus stop told *Walla*. “But when it comes close to you, it’s unpleasant and scary. We always thought that this would only happen in Jerusalem; we didn’t believe Ra’anana would become a terror-struck city.”

[...]

A restaurant owner in the area of the second attack in

Ra'anana, which took place across from the Loewenstein Rehabilitation Hospital, said it's the first time his establishment has been so empty. He also claimed his fellow restaurateurs are experiencing the same phenomenon, because "people are afraid to leave their houses."

"Even during Operation Protective Edge [last summer's war in Gaza, when Hamas rockets were launched into the center of Israel on a daily basis] it wasn't this deserted," he said.

## **Evidence of Palestinian and Israeli Arab Incitement**

The violence by Palestinians in East Jerusalem and the disputed territories of Judea and Samaria was stoked by PA President Abbas, whose UN General Assembly address abandoned the Oslo Accords. It is pure Jew hatred with episodes of knife attacks, shootings, car rammings and attempted suicide bombings against Israeli Jews. *StandwithUS* developed an interactive map spotlighting where instances of attacks have occurred: [Interactive Map Shows the Where, When, and What of Terror Attacks](#).

This uprising is different because Israeli Arabs has also been encouraged to engage in these attacks by Joint Arab list Knesset members and the radical Islamist Sheik Saed Salah from his bastion of the um al-Fahm, an Arab town in the triangle area of Israel in the Galilee. Salah is head of the northern branch of the Islamic movement affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, which is the equivalent of Hamas inside Israel. The Netanyahu government has often sought to ban the group. In a November 2014 NER/Iconoclast blog post on "[Israel Plagued by Spreading Islamikaze Violence](#)," we noted:

Then there is the fiery Salafist preacher, Sheik Raed Salah from the Arab town of Umm al Fahm. Just released from prison for serving another term for incitement, Salah [boasts](#) that Jerusalem will become a "global Caliphate."

As Israeli commentator Barry Shaw observed on the [\*Lisa Benson Show of October 11, 2015\*](#), Sheik Raed Salah may have supplied the foot soldiers who barricaded the al Aksa Mosque and kick started the Jerusalem violence at the start of the Jewish New Years. He contends that Salah, whose objective is the establishment of a Caliphate to rule Israel from the Temple Mount, had planned this wave of violence. Shaw suspects that the Jordanian-appointed religious leaders of the Waqf may have been complicit in fomenting the Temple Mount violence. They allowed truck loads to enter the Mosque complex through the underground excavations supplying the rocks, cinder blocks, and materials for making Molotov cocktails. Avi Ischaroff in a *Times of Israel* [report](#) on often jailed Sheik Salah observed:

Salah has tried to utilize the Temple Mount to inflame the Arab Palestinian street. Now he's finally managed to do so. "The defender of Al-Aqsa," as Salah is known, continues to warn against the ostensible plans of the Jews to harm the mosque, vowing that he is prepared to do anything to "protect it." His activists are everywhere in Arab towns and villages, successfully fomenting friction against Israel.

The incitement to Jew hatred and murder are reflected in the provocative statements of PA President Abbas. Jews have observed restraint while on the Temple mount. They are even been barred from saying prayers there. Abbas cited in Bret Stephens' *Wall Street Journal Global View* column, "[Palestinians: the Psychotic Stage](#)," wrote:

"Al Aqsa Mosque is ours. They [Jews] have no right to defile it with their filthy feet." And: "We bless every drop of blood spilled for Jerusalem, which is clean and pure blood, blood spilled for Allah."

Then there was the Imam in Gaza invoking the Qur'anic imperative to kill Jews:

“Brothers, this is why we recall today what Allah did to the Jews,” one Gaza imam said [October 9] in a recorded address, translated by the invaluable Middle East Media Research Institute, or