

Four Israelis killed by Palestinian gunmen near West Bank settlement

Four Israelis have been killed in a shooting attack near a settlement in the occupied West Bank, paramedics say.

Four others were wounded, one of them seriously, when two Palestinian gunmen opened fire at a restaurant and petrol station on a highway outside Eli.

Israel's military said the assailants were " Hamas-affiliated terrorists".

One was shot dead at the scene by an armed civilian, while the second fled in a stolen car and was later killed by Israeli forces in the town of Tubas.

Israel's prime minister said "all options are open" in response to what he called the "shocking and abhorrent terrorist attack", which followed heightened violence across the West Bank in recent days.

A spokesman for Hamas said the shooting was a response to an Israeli military raid in Jenin on Monday in which six Palestinians were killed.

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