**Palestinian Teen Shot Dead After Trying to Stab Cops in Jerusalem**

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A Palestinian teenage girl was shot dead by policemen near Jerusalem's Old City after she tried to attack them with a knife. None of the policemen was hurt.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the attacker as Fatima Afif Hajiji, 16, of the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid north of Ramallah.

The stabbing attempt occurred at Damascus Gate.

A statement by the police said Hajiji "approached a police and Border Police force stationed at the site, drew a knife and tried to attack them while calling out 'Allah Akhbar.' The force acted determinedly and professionally and neutralized her.”

The police also published a picture of the knife she was holding. She was also carrying a letter, apparently a suicide note. The letter had verses from the Koran and was signed with the word “shahida,” or martyr.

Over the past two years there have been a number of incidents of “suicide by cop,” in which women seeking to end their lives run toward security personnel with a knife. A young Jewish man from Jerusalem’s Pisgat Ze’ev committed suicide in this fashion on Independence Day.