Palestinian Stabs Soldier Near Ramallah, Israeli Right in Uproar

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<https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Israeli-injured-by-rock-throwing-in-West-Bank-574345>

A Palestinian stabbed a soldier and hit him in the head with a stone, seriously injuring him, as he stood by an army post on the outskirts of the Beit El settlement on Friday morning.  
  
The army post is located just outside of the back entrance to Ramallah where the IDF has been operating this week in search of terrorists, with links to Hamas, who have been behind two of the main attacks in the West Bank this week.

The soldiers was transferred to a Jerusalem hospital and is in serous condition.  
  
The army said that the soldier and the Palestinian assailant struggled. In the course of that struggle the Palestinian stabbed the soldier and hit him with a stone before fleeing the scene.  
  
Tensions are high in the area in the aftermath of [the Thursday morning attack](https://www.jpost.com/Breaking-News/Report-Terror-attack-in-West-Bank-three-injured-574244) in which two soldiers were killed and another solider and a civilian were injured.  
  
A Palestinian shot at the four Israelis while they stood at a bus stop outside the Givat Asaf outpost, a short distance away from Beit El.  
  
Settlers on Friday held multiple protests across the West Bank to demand increased security, in some cases they attempted to shut down the road to Palestinian traffic.  
  
There were reports of demonstrations near Shiloh along Route 60, near Mehola in the Jordan Valley and next to Negahot in the South Hebron Hills. There was also one in the Halamish settlement next to the Palestinian village of Nabi Salleh, which is often the site of heavy clashes between Palestinians and the IDF.  
  
The Kedumim council called on its residents to join it at 4:20 for a communal Friday evening Sabbath prayer at the entrance to the community.  
  
Settlers have demanded among things, that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to separate Palestinian and Israeli traffic along roads in Area C, such that vehicles with Palestinian license plates would be barred from traveling on the same raids as Israelis.

Netanyahu has come under particular fire from settlers because he now holds the post of Defense Minister and is, therefore, directly responsible for  their security.  
  
Binyamin Regional Council head Israel Ganz said he plans to start a new settlement in his region of Judea and Samaria, by building what would effectively be a new outpost.  
  
“I call upon the prime minister and the ministers to act to restore security, revere the policy of targeted killings, returned roadblocks and prevented Palestinian vehicles from traveling freely on the main roads [in Area C].”  
  
“In the coming days we will establish a new settlement to demonstrate our desire to develop the region,” he said.  
  
Council heads in Judea and Samaria held a protest rally in front of Netanyahu’s home on Thursday to protest the lack of security and to demand and approve new settlement construction.  
  
It plans to hold a rally a 9 a.m. Sunday in the Rose garden next to Netanyahu’s office prior to the start of the weekly government meeting.  
  
The municipalities, regional councils and local councils plan to go on strike on Sunday to protest what they fear is a new wave of West Bank violence.  
  
Samaria Regional Council head Yossi Dagan called on all those angered by the spilling of Jewish blood to want to prevent the next attack to come join them.  
  
On Sunday ,a Palestinian terrorists linked to Hamas, [shot and injured seven Israeli civilians at a bus stop outside of the Ofra settlement](http://www.jpost.com/Breaking-News/Report-Shooting-event-by-Ofra-573898), a short distance down Route 60 from Givat Asaf. Among the injured was a pregnant woman who was forced to give birth prematurely. The baby boy died after three days.