Police Stop 17-year-old Palestinian Running Towards Playground with Knife

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The Border Police arrested a 17-year-old female Palestinian who drew a knife and ran at an officer nearby the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron on Saturday afternoon, the Israel Police announced later that evening.

The Palestinian, who was not injured, was transferred to security forces for investigating.

According to a statement from the Israel Police, the would-be attacker walked up to a checkpoint outside the holy site at about 4:35 pm. She there identified uniformed members of the Border Police, who are tasked with security at the Cave of the Patriarchs, drew a knife and began to run at one of the officers.

The Border Policeman saw her running towards him with a weapon, and he aimed his weapon at the young Palestinian. She began to run towards a nearby playground where children were playing.

He ran after her and managed to outflank her, positioning himself between the terrorist and the children. He and other members of the Border police aimed and cocked their weapons at the girl, who then stopped and threw her weapon to the floor.

 The 17-year-old resident of Hebron was arrested and taken for questioning by security forces.