**Jewish boy, 11, stabbed and wounded in Ramle**

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An 11-year-old Jewish boy was stabbed and wounded Monday in an attack in the central Israeli town of Ramle.

The attacker fled the scene, apparently toward the Jawaresh neighborhood of the city.

The boy was hospitalized with moderate injuries, the Magen David Adom emergency service said. The child said that the assailant was an Arab. A 17-year-old Arab youth was arrested a short time later on suspicion of carrying out the attack.

The victim said he was walking down the street when an Arab teen asked him for a lighter, and stabbed him when he answered he did not have one.

Police had set up roadblocks in and around Ramle and deployed a helicopter in an effort to find the attacker.

Police said the incident was being investigated, and it was not initially clear if the attack had a nationalistic or criminal motive.

According to police, the boy ran home after being stabbed with scissors, and his mother called for help.

Earlier this week, a guard at the bus station in the working class city was lightly injured when he was stabbed by two 13-year-old girls in a nationalistic attack. [One of the girls’ mothers subsequently apologized](http://www.timesofisrael.com/mother-asks-god-to-grant-long-life-to-guard-stabbed-by-her-daughter/) for her daughter’s action.

Later Monday afternoon, Jerusalem police guarding the Damascus Gate area near the Old City arrested an Arab woman carrying a large knife.

The woman, around 42 years of age, aroused their suspicions and they asked to search her, uncovering the blade, police said.

Last week, border policewoman Hadar Cohen was killed and another policewoman injured when three Palestinian men carried out a shooting and stabbing attack in the same area.