

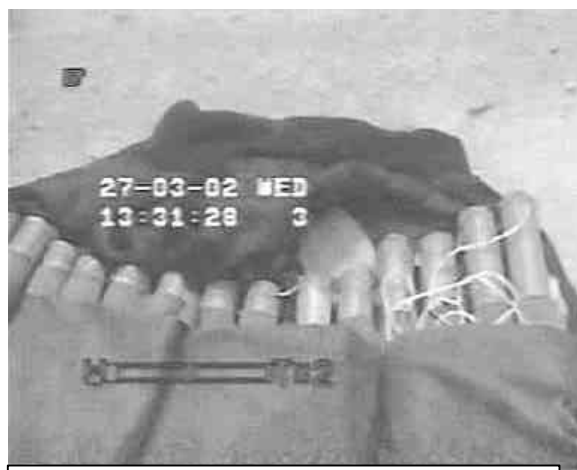
Use of Ambulances by Palestinian Terrorists

- **April 12, 2002:** New York Times: “The Israeli police said today that they had found a belt with explosives in a Palestinian ambulance during a check at a roadblock inside the West Bank. The ambulance was headed toward Israel with the body of a Palestinian man, the police said, and they found the device alongside him. It was the second time in two weeks that Israel has reported finding explosives in an ambulance.”
- **February 5, 2002:** Haaretz: Wafa Idris, the Ramallah woman killed when a bomb she carried into downtown Jerusalem exploded last month, reached the capital by a Red Crescent ambulance... One Israeli was killed and more than 100 wounded in the bombing
- **June 30, 2002:** Associated Press: “In Ramallah, Israeli troops stopped two Palestinian ambulances and found 27 people packed inside - ten of them suspected of involvement in shooting or bombing attacks.”
- **March 26, 2002:** IDF: Soldiers at a mobile roadblock today captured a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance driver who was transporting an explosive belt of the type detonated by suicide bombers. The ambulance was stopped and searched between Nablus and Ramallah, and soldiers found the explosive belt under a stretcher upon which a Palestinian boy was lying. The boy’s family was with him in the ambulance. The ambulance driver, Islam Jibril, a resident of the Balata refugee camp near Nablus, told interrogators he received the belt from Muhammad Titti, a senior Tanzim activist close to Palestinian Authority West Bank security chief Marwan Barghouti [Marwan Barghouti is a relative of Mustafa Barghouti. Islam Jibril has also confessed to smuggling weapons on several occasions. On one ambulance run he transported a sack filled with rifles from Balata to Ramallah, where he delivered them to the chief administrator of Sheykh Zayed Hospital.]
- **March 27, 2002:** intelligence.org.il: An intensive care ambulance carrying a wanted terrorist, an explosive belt and explosive devices was intercepted at an Israeli army checkpoint



Unloading an the explosive belt from a Palestinian ambulance on 3-27-02

Photo from intelligence.org.il



A close-up of the explosive belt found

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south of Ramallah. The explosive belt was found hidden underneath a stretcher on which a Palestinian sick child was lying. Also present during the incident were the sick child's relatives – a man, a woman and three children. The driver was Islam Jibril, a Fatah-Tanzim operative and wanted terrorist, who was employed

as ambulance driver for the Palestinian Red Crescent. During his interrogation, Jibril admitted having received the bombing devices from Mahmud al-Titi, with the assignment to deliver them to other Fatah-Tanzim operatives in Ramallah.

October 31, 2000: IDF: “Shots were fired at Psagot from inside the Red Crescent building in Ramallah. In another instance, shots were fired at Psagot from a Red Crescent ambulance as it traveled towards Psagot. In both cases, the IDF did not return fire.”

April 25, 2002 Jerusalem Post: “Reserve soldiers apprehended a wanted terrorist who was hiding in an ambulance that was stopped during a routine check near Kalkilya.”

January 30, 2002 The IDF reports it captured a terrorist on the wanted list at a roadblock at Har Bracha. “He was disguised as a doctor and attempted to pass through in a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance.”

- **June 10, 2002** Haaretz: “In the Gaza Strip, soldiers arrested a wanted militant who was traveling in a Palestinian ambulance at the Gush Katif junction. The troops became suspicious after noticing that there were no medical personnel or injured persons in the vehicle.”

March 4, 2002 IDF: “During the activity of IDF forces in the Jenin refugee camp, a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance charged an IDF force. The force opened small arms fire at the ambulance, which exploded.”

April 16, 2003 IDF Radio reported this afternoon that an Israeli Border Policeman was lightly wounded by a Palestinian terrorist who opened fire at a patrol of Border Police in Jenin. “The terrorist opened fire from within an ambulance as it passed near the patrol and then drove away.”

October 30, 2003 The Jerusalem Times (Palestinian newspaper): In Nablus, troops stormed Rafidiyeh Hospital and arrested

Jawad Ishtayeh, 27, a member of the Al Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades, a splinter group with links to Fateh. The military said troops found the Ishtayeh, hiding in the hospital’s cellar and armed with a pistol. The army said the man was healthy, and Palestinian security sources said the man was not a patient...

This list does not include the much longer list of all attempted attacks that were thwarted by Israeli Defense forces, saving lives.

Palestinian use of ambulances to transport terrorists and bombs must be stopped. Human rights regulations should not be used to protect terrorists.