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## **United States Denounces Terrorist Attack in Jerusalem**

The United States led the international community in condemning a fatal truck ramming attack in Jerusalem that killed four Israel Defense Forces (IDF) soldiers and injured at least 16 others. On Jan. 7, Fadi al-Qunbar, a 28-year-old Palestinian resident of East Jerusalem, plowed a large truck into a group of IDF soldiers touring the Haas-Sherover Promenade. The four slain victims were identified as Lt. Yael Yekutiel, 20, Cadet Shir Hajaj, 22, Cadet Shira Tzur, 20, and Cadet Erez Orbach, 20. The White House responded with a statement: "The United States condemns in the strongest terms today's horrific terrorist attack in Jerusalem, which killed four Israeli soldiers and wounded many others. We offer our full support to our Israeli partners as they work to determine who was behind the attack. Such cowardly acts can never be justified, and we call on all to send a clear and unequivocal message that terrorism must never be tolerated. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the victims and our hopes for quick and full recovery for those who were wounded."

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