

Israel Probes ISIS Links In Jerusalem Truck Attack

Netanyahu orders Israel security forces to implement a controversial detention rule to Arabs

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claims there are connections to the Islamic State with Sunday's attack in Jerusalem [in which](#) an east Jerusalem resident, Fadi al-Qanbar, plowed into a group of soldiers gathered on a crowded promenade, killing four and injuring 15.

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Israel has been careful not to exaggerate the threat of ISIS, wary of playing into the group's strategic reliance on media publicity to inspire "lone wolf" strikes, said **Yoram Schweitzer**, a terrorism expert at the **Institute for National Security Studies**.

"Israeli security forces know that ISIS would love to have these attacks attributed to it because it inflates their scope of influence, but politicians, on the other hand, sometimes have this tendency to unconsciously cede to the group's own propaganda campaign," said [Schweitzer](#).

[Schweitzer](#) said Israel considers ISIS a threat on par with other militant groups from within and outside of Israel, but ISIS has also been politicized by the prime minister, who in the 2015 elections released a YouTube video called "ISIS is coming," where he warned that the Israeli Left "will give into terrorism."

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