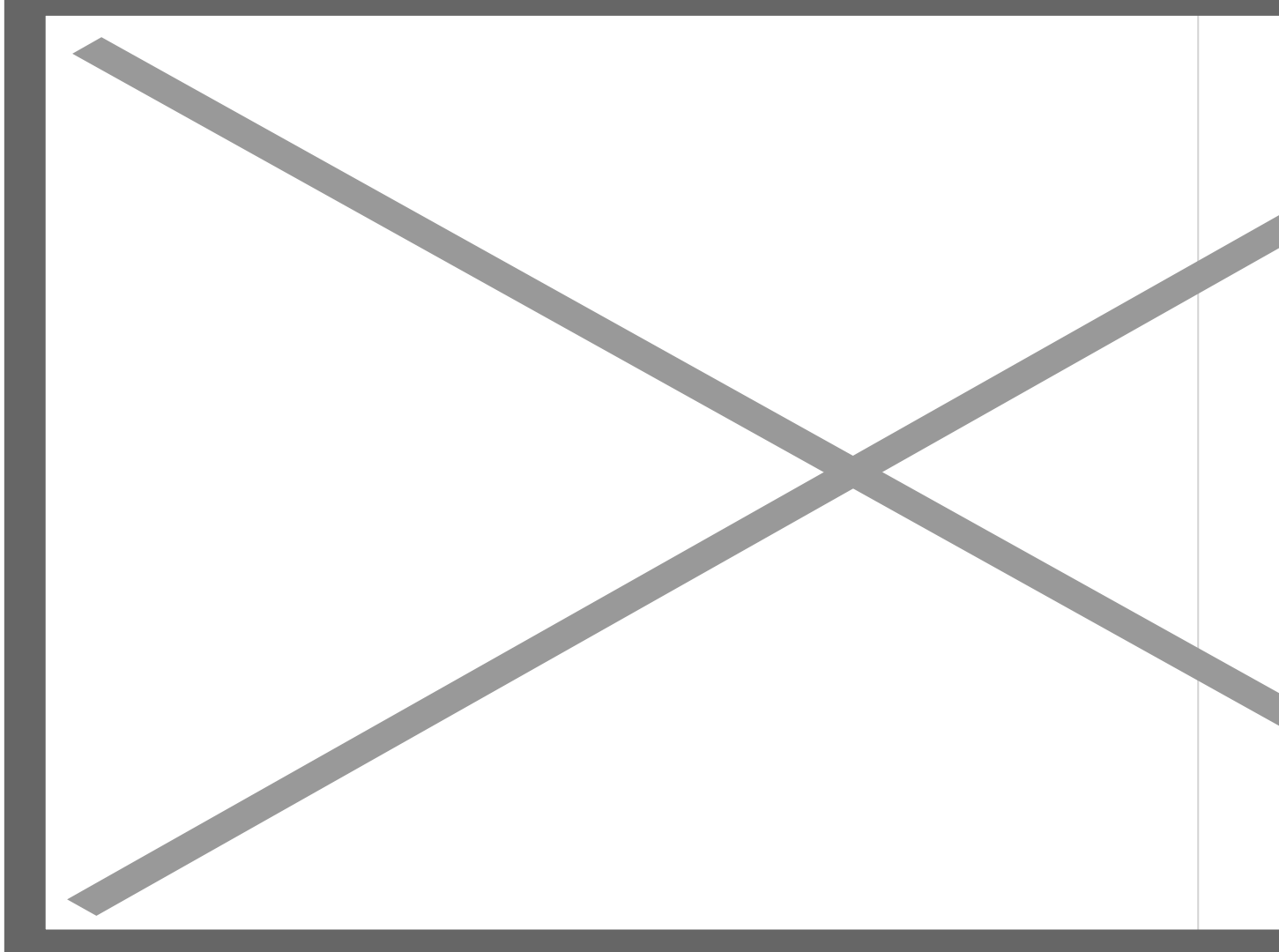


Two Israeli troops killed in car-ramming operation in northern West Bank

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Ramallah, May 30 (RHC)-- Two Israeli forces have reportedly been killed in a car-ramming operation targeting a checkpoint in the northern part of the occupied West Bank. Lebanon's al-Mayadeen television network reported the incident on Wednesday, citing Israeli media outlets.

The reports specified the exact whereabouts of the operation as the Awarta checkpoint near the city of Nablus. It cited the Israeli website Walla! as saying that the Israeli army had deployed air and special forces to pursue the suspected individual, who had carried out the operation.

The operation came in response to increasingly deadly attacks by the Israeli regime throughout the occupied territory that have intensified remarkably since October 7th, when the regime began a genocidal war against the Gaza Strip.

Hundreds of Palestinians have been killed across the West Bank since the onset of the war that has so far claimed the lives of at least 36,171 people in Gaza, most of whom are women and children.

The Gaza-based resistance movement Hamas hailed the car-ramming incident as a "heroic operation" and "an extension of the state of anger and the rising tide of resistance in the West Bank." The group also called the operation "a natural response to a criminal enemy, which commits massacres without any regard to international values, norms, and laws."

The Islamic Jihad, Hamas' fellow Gaza-based resistance group, chimed in, saying the operation "comes within the framework of a response to the open genocide war waged by the enemy against our people in Gaza."

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