

Israel says it killed the head of Hamas in Jenin during a West Bank airstrike

Aug. 30 (UPI) — The Israel Defense Forces Friday said the head of Hamas in Jenin was killed during a West Bank counterterrorism airstrike.

Wassem Hazam, was “eliminated during a counterterrorism operation in the northern Samaria area,” the IDF wrote on X.

“He was identified alongside a terrorist cell in a vehicle in the area. Hazem was involved in carrying out and directing shooting and bombing attacks, and continuously advanced terrorist activities in the Judea and Samaria area,” IDF said.

The IDF posted a video on X depicting the strike that it said killed Hazem.

It added that Maysara Masharqa and Arafat Amer, who IDF said operated under Hazem’s command and “took part in shooting attacks against Israeli communities” were also killed by IDF aircraft as they attempted to flee from a vehicle they were in alongside Hazem.

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