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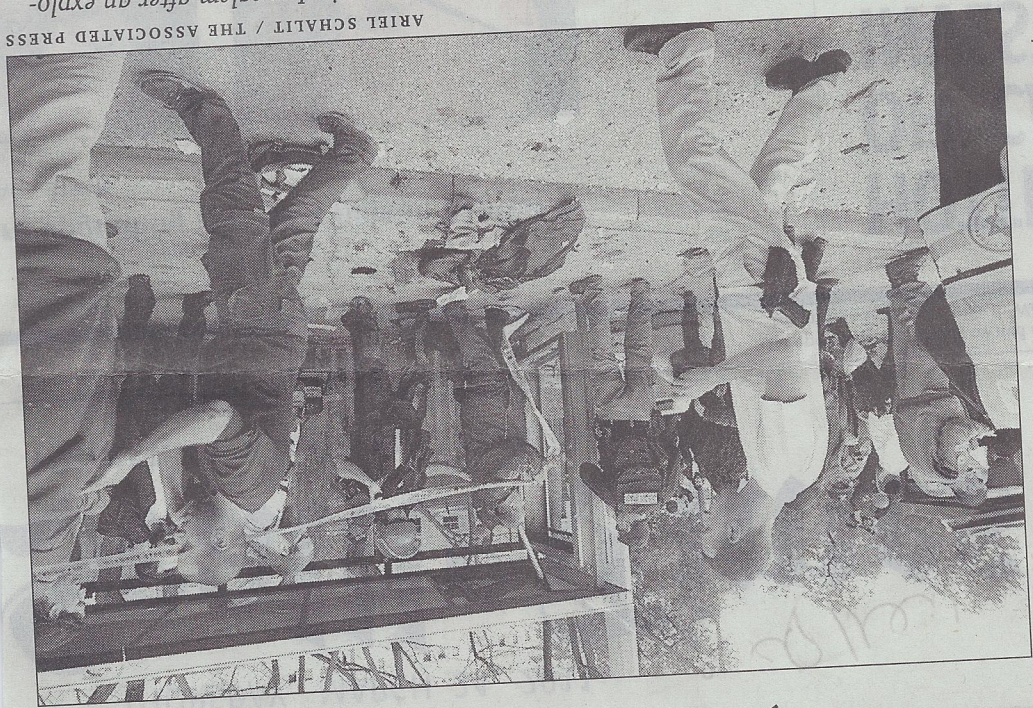
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## Bomb rocks Jerusalem bus stop, killing woman, wounding 24



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Israeli rescue workers and paramedics gather at a bus stop in Jerusalem after an explosion Wednesday. Police said a 4-pound bomb went off at the site.

just before the explosion. Armoyal was among the wounded. The bombing was relatively minor by the standards of the Palestinian uprising of several years ago, when suicide bombers would routinely explode aboard crowded buses and in cafes, restaurants and clubs, killing dozens of people or more in the worst attacks. But the specter of a renewal of such attacks was enough to bring calls for retaliation. Arriving on the scene soon after the blast, Eli Yishai, Israel's hard-line interior minister, urged revenge. "With these murderers, these terrorists, we must act, or we will lose our deterrence," he said. Nearby, young Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men vented their anger, chanting "death to Arabs." Israeli authorities said a

hull has begun to fray. The virulently anti-Israel Hamas had no comment on Wednesday's attack and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Hamas' Palestinian rival, the moderate Palestinian Authority, condemned the bombing "in the strongest terms."

The blast went off just as rush hour was starting at a bus stop next to the main convention center, and blew out the windows of two crowded buses. Police said a small bag placed at the site, 4-pound bomb went off in a crowded buses. Police said a

responsible and wisely in order to preserve the quiet and security that endured here the past two years. "We will act aggressively, Israel will act aggressively, several Hamas facilities and smuggling tunnels in Gaza, Hamas said. No one was hurt. The bus-stop bombing — the first fatal attack in Jerusalem in several years — and on the southern Israeli city of Beersheba come at a delicate diplomatic moment and could have far-reaching consequences.

In December 2008, Israel