

Israeli Embassy in Mauritania attacked

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NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania - Witnesses to a Friday morning attack on the Israeli Embassy in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania said several people were wounded by gunmen. One witness, who was not named, told Ynetnews that five people, including one foreign national, were injured during the attack in Nouakchott. The witnesses said the six gunmen shouted "God is great" in Arabic before opening fire on the embassy compound just after 2 a.m. Friday. The attackers exchanged fire with embassy guards before speeding off in a waiting car, the witnesses said. One of the wounded was identified as a Mauritanian citizen who lives near the embassy. Israeli Ambassador Boaz Bismuth told the Israeli government-run Voice of Israel radio that no embassy staff members were injured in the attack. An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said a team from the ministry has been dispatched to investigate the attack. The attack came after multiple demonstrations in Mauritania earlier in the week protesting Israel's closing of its borders with Gaza.

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