

Evacuation of Hebron market turns violent

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HEBRON, West Bank -- The evacuation of Jewish settlers from the West Bank city of Hebron turned violent Tuesday after settlers barricaded themselves in apartments. As many as 26 police officers and protesters were injured and more than 200 protesters arrested in the forced evacuation of apartments in the wholesale market in Hebron, Haaretz reported. As 3,000 soldiers and police worked to evacuate the area protesters barricaded themselves in apartments while others surrounded the market with barbed wire, oil drums and burning tires, Haaretz reported. From rooftops, the protesters, including dozens of teenagers, threw rocks and eggs at police and soldiers who forced their way into the apartments and found the floors soaked with oil and gasoline, Haaretz said. Israeli soldiers removed windows and door posts and knocked down walls to discourage settlers from returning, Haaretz said. Twelve Israeli soldiers who refused to assist in the evacuation were banned by military officials serving in combat units, Haaretz reported.

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