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[Killed Israeli hostage's brother says army 'murdered' him](#)

SHEFAYIM, Israel: An Israeli hostage mistakenly killed by soldiers in the Gaza Strip was buried on Sunday, with his brother accusing the army of having “abandoned” and “murdered” him.

Alon Shamriz, 26, was one of the three Israeli hostages shot dead Friday by soldiers during combat in the Gaza City district of Shejaiya, even as they carried a white flag and cried for help in Hebrew.

Shamriz, Yotam Haim and Samer El-Talalqa were killed when troops mistook them for a threat and opened fire, the army said.

[Israeli army says biggest Hamas tunnel found](#)

GAZA STRIP, Palestinian Territories: Israel's army said Sunday it had found a vast Hamas tunnel as it pressed its offensive in Gaza despite growing international calls for a cease-fire and pleas from relatives to bring home the remaining hostages.

Israel's army said it had uncovered the biggest Hamas tunnel so far near the border crossing at Erez – large enough for small vehicles to use, an AFP photographer reported.

Israel said the tunnel cost millions of dollars and took years to construct, featuring rails, electricity, drainage and a communications network.

[Israeli strikes on Jabalia camp kill](#)

90: Gaza health ministry

CAIRO: Israeli strikes on the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza killed 90 Palestinians on Sunday, Gaza's health ministry spokesman told Reuters.