A 13-year-old Palestinian girl was fatally shot by police after she reportedly rushed at a guard brandishing a knife.

According to police spokeswoman Luba Samri, Ruqayya Eid Abu Eid left her home in the village of Anata early Saturday after fighting with her family. She allegedly left home carrying a knife "intending to die." Around 8 a.m., she arrived at the settlement of Anatot, about a mile away. She allegedly ran towards the civilian guard at the entrance, who opened fire. The New York Times reported security footage appeared to confirm Samri's statement.

Abu Eid's father arrived at the scene shortly after his daughter had been killed. Police detained him for questioning.

The BBC reported the incident is the latest in a spate of attacks on Israelis by Palestinians. Several of the attackers have been teenagers.

More than 27 Israelis have been killed in attacks -- either by being stabbed, shot or run down with cars. By contrast, 155 Palestinians have been killed in what Israel insists is legitimate self defense.

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