40 Arabs Killed, 60 Injured, In Train Blast

Derailed By Mine Near Binyamina

BINYAMINA, Wednesday.—About 40 Arabs were killed and 60 were injured when a train was derailed by a mine between here and Zichron Yaacov at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The attack was carried out by the Stern group.

The engine and five coaches of the Tulkarm-Haifa train were derailed, one of them, according to an eye-witness, being flung 10 metres from the line, and about 100 metres of track were destroyed.

Jewish Police from Zichron Yaacov were the first on the scene.

The rescue work was carried out by the Army, and troops worked for more than four hours extricating the dead and wounded from the debris.

Red Cross ambulances ran a shuttle service between the wreck and Haifa all afternoon, bringing in the dead and wounded.

Jewish vehicles will be barred from the Binyamina-Zichron Yaacov road from 8 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) morning until further notice.

Official sources said none of the 30 soldiers on the train was hurt.

Road Battle At Bab-El-Wad

In another phase in the battle of the roads, a Haganah patrol early yesterday morning engaged and dispersed a gang of Arabs who were concentrated in the Bab-el-Wad area west of Jerusalem.

On returning to their base the Haganah men were ambushed by another and larger gang. Support fire was given the Haganah men from the base, and the Arabs withdrew after suffering casualties.

In the two actions 22 Arabs were killed, and a number of others wounded. One Haganah man was killed and three were wounded.

Meanwhile, a Jewish convoy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was attacked from an Arab village near Hulda yesterday. There were no casualties.