



## Haredi leaders vow to halt Bar-Ilan clashes

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The leaders of the ultra-Orthodox community in Jerusalem have agreed to post monitors on the capital's Bar Ilan Street on the Sabbath to prevent protesters from throwing stones at passing cars.

The last two Saturdays have seen violent demonstrations by ultra-Orthodox Jews, angry at motorists who use Bar Ilan Street, which passes through a religious part of the capital. The violence flared up again after a six-year lull.

In a meeting Monday with Jerusalem Police Chief Mickey Levy, community elders said they would also post notices condemning the violence and calling on people to refrain from taking part in the protests.

Levy last week also reached an agreement with 12 local rabbis to post monitors along the road, but they quickly left the scene when events turned violent last Saturday.

The Haredi leaders also asked Levy to drop the indictments against three ultra-Orthodox youths who were arrested for disturbing the peace during the recent protests. Levy, however, refused.

Jerusalem's newly-elected ultra-Orthodox mayor, Uri Lupolianski, has condemned the stone throwing.

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