

Israeli "Prime Minister" Benjamin Netanyahu



Benjamin Netanyahu, nicknamed "**Bibi**", is an Israeli politician and diplomat who has served as Prime Minister of Israel since 2022. Having previously held office from 1996 to 1999 and from 2009 to 2021, Netanyahu is Israel's longest-serving prime minister. Born in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu was raised in West Jerusalem and spent several periods of time in the United States. He joined the Israel Defense Forces in 1967 and served in the Sayeret Matkal special forces. In 1978 he founded The Jonathan Institute in Israel.

Netanyahu's PM administrations have been criticized for perceived democratic backsliding and an alleged shift towards authoritarianism. Netanyahu's coalition pursued a judicial overhaul, which was met with large-scale protests in early 2023. The October 7 2023 attacks by Hamas-led Palestinian groups in the same year triggered the Gaza war, with Netanyahu facing nationwide protests for the security lapse and failure to secure the return of Israeli hostages.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benjamin_Netanyahu

How Netanyahu Prolonged the War in Gaza to Stay in Power July 11, 2025

It was April 2024. The proposal on the table would have paused the Gaza war for at least six weeks. It would have created a window for negotiations with Hamas over a permanent truce. More than 30 hostages captured by Hamas at the start of the war would have been released within weeks. Still more would have been freed if the truce was extended. And the devastation of Gaza, where roughly two million people were trying to survive daily attacks, would have come to a halt.

Ending the war would then have raised the chances of a landmark peace deal with Saudi Arabia, the Arab world's most powerful country. For months, the Saudi leadership had secretly signaled its willingness to accelerate peace talks with Israel — as long as the war in Gaza stopped. The normalization of ties between the Saudi and Israeli governments, an achievement that had eluded

every Israeli leader since the state's founding in 1948, would have secured Israel's status in the region as well as Netanyahu's long-term legacy.

But for Netanyahu, a truce also came with personal risk. As prime minister, he led a fragile coalition that depended on the support of far-right ministers who wanted to occupy Gaza, not withdraw from it. They sought a long war that would ultimately enable Israel to re-establish Jewish settlements in Gaza. If a cease-fire came too soon, these ministers might decide to collapse the ruling coalition. That would prompt early elections that polls showed Netanyahu would lose. Out of office, Netanyahu was vulnerable. Since 2020, he had been standing trial for corruption; the charges, which he denied, mostly related to granting favors to businessmen in exchange for gifts and favorable media coverage. Shorn of power, Netanyahu would lose the ability to force out the attorney general who oversaw his prosecution — as indeed his government would later attempt to do....

The route to a truce presented real danger, but he seemed ready to move ahead and was prepared to present a peace plan during a cabinet meeting.

Then Bezalel Smotrich, his finance minister, interrupted the proceedings. As a young activist in 2005, Smotrich was detained for weeks — though never charged — on suspicion of plotting to blow up vehicles on a major highway in order to slow the dismantling of Israeli settlements in Gaza. Along with Itamar Ben-Gvir, the far-right national-security minister, Smotrich was now one of the strongest advocates in the cabinet for re-establishing those settlements. He had recently called for most of Gaza's Palestinian population to leave. Now, at the cabinet meeting, Smotrich declared that he had heard rumors of a plan for a deal. The details disturbed him. "I want you to know that if a surrender agreement like this is brought forward, you no longer have a government," Smotrich said. "The government is finished."

It was 5:44 p.m., according to minutes of the meeting. At that moment, the prime minister was forced to choose between the chance of a truce and his political survival — and Netanyahu opted for survival. There was no cease-fire plan, he promised Smotrich. "No, no, there's no such thing," he said. And as the cabinet discussion moved on, Netanyahu quietly leaned over to his security advisers and whispered what must have by then become obvious to them: "Don't present the plan."¹

The Likud Party is Over (opinion)

Once, Rabbi Meir Kahane was a loathed pariah. In today's Likud, he would be a candidate for a reserved spot on the party's election slate.

Itamar Ben-Gvir, Israeli National Security Minister, leads Otzma Yehudit, a far-right nationalist Israeli political party. The party is the ideological descendent of the Kahanist Kach Party, which has been designated a terrorist organization.

Otzma Yehudit has been widely described in the international press as an extremist, ultranationalist, and racist organization supporting Jewish supremacy and has been described by multiple sources, including the Israeli sociologist Eva Illouz, as a "Jewish fascist group" The party supports expansion of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank as well as annexing the West Bank and supports eased regulations on gaining firearm licenses.

Social Equality Minister May Golan revealed an embarrassing truth about Netanyahu's Likud party. "Let's tell the truth," Golan said. And then she did: "There aren't a lot of ideological differences between Otzma Yehudit and Likud..."

She didn't reveal a deep, dark secret. She simply said out loud what the soft right has been trying to obscure: There is currently no real difference between Otzma Yehudit and Likud. Kahanism isn't an uninvited guest in the governing coalition that Likud has no choice but to tolerate. It's right at home – an inseparable part of the ideology, style and imagination of today's Likud.

The problem is not just Ben-Gvir and Religious Zionism Chairman Bezalel Smotrich. The Likud party center has long since started speaking their language. The ruling party hasn't only veered sharply rightward; it has moved outside: outside democracy, outside the law, outside the bounds of what's permitted and what's prohibited.

<https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/2026-07-08/ty-article-opinion/.premium/the-party-is-over-likuds-mask-has-fallen/0000019f-3dc7-d269-af9f-3fd711500000>

International terrorism

Netanyahu's historical contribution to international terrorism was to transform it from a covert US tool to a global political tool of manipulation.

The Conferences

Benjamin Netanyahu's Conference on International terrorism, held in Jerusalem in 1979, was ostensibly focused on the Soviet threat. By 1980, Isser Harel, a former Mossad chief, predicted perpetrators of international terrorism would be Arabs. (Isser Harel Icon)

The first Jerusalem Conference on International Terrorism was convened by the Jonathan Institute on 2-5 July 1979 at the Hilton Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel. The JCIT is considered a seminal event in the development of the "war on terror."

It was attended by about 700 guests, from various countries, including Israeli Prime Minister Begin, U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, GHW Bush, and British Member of Parliament Hugh Fraser. Also invited to speak were

There were already deep state political connections. Brian Crozier, chairman of Le Cercle, spoke at the conference, as did his friends Robert Moss, Alun Gwynne Jones and Gerhard Lowenthal, all of whom have attended Le Cercle. Launching a "war on terror" is a close fit with other known activities of this group such as interfering in party politics, setting up "anti-communist" groups and brokering weapons deals. Many Cercle members set up groups to carry out "terrorism research".²

GHW Bush and George Shultz, Reagan's Secretary of State enthusiastically endorsed this concept, and Bush Sr. gave a speech at JCIT advocating precisely the type of "war on terror" that his son would implement in 2001.

The conference aimed, in the words of its founder, Benjamin Netanyahu, "to focus public attention on the grave threat that international terrorism poses to all democratic societies, to study the real nature of today's terrorism, and to propose measures for combating and defeating the international terror movements."

A Youtube video shows excerpts of speeches from the conference.³

The JCIT's defining theme was that international terrorism was an organized political movement whose origin was in the Soviet Union. All terrorist groups were ultimately products of and could be traced back to this single source, which provided financial, military, and logistical assistance to

different terrorist movements around the globe. Such a worldwide scope of international terrorism required an appropriate worldwide anti-terrorism offensive, consisting of the mutual coordination of Western Military Intelligence services.

But Philip Paull documents extensively in his master's thesis at San Francisco State University, the JCIT's literature and use of source documentation was profoundly flawed. For example, it cited statistics purporting to demonstrate a drastic tenfold increase in incidence of international terrorism between 1968 to 78, but as Paull shows these figures were deliberately concocted and inflated and contradicted original CIA data.

"The heightened global media coverage of 'international terrorism'", Paull wrote, "was for the most part a result of a deliberate, well-financed, international propaganda campaign initiated by the Israeli government." The theme of 'international terrorism' "was used to portray the 'Free World', including Israel, as essentially on the defensive before a virtual epidemic of terrorism which threatened the very fabric of civilization," Paull wrote. Data between 1968 to 1978 was deliberately concocted and inflated and contradicted original CIA data. It also routinely relied on techniques of blatant disinformation, misquoting, and misrepresenting Western intelligence reports as well as recycling government-sponsored disinformation published in the mainstream media. That is to say, the 1979 JCIT was a successful propaganda operation.

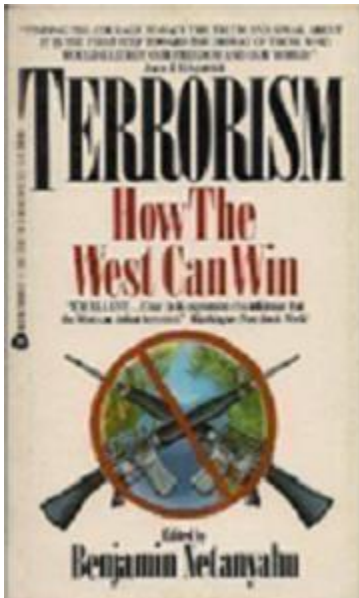
From Ahmed Nafeez, *The War on Truth: 9/11 Disinformation, and the Anatomy of Terrorism* p. 3 f

The Second Conference on International Terrorism, held in 1984 in Washington DC, organized again by Benjamin Netanyahu, was the first major public airing of the idea that there was a specifically Muslim form of terrorism, and that Muslims are particularly predisposed towards terrorism.⁴

The Popular Books

Netanyahu followed up this conference effort with several mass media books, including:

Terrorism: *How the West Can Win* (1987), and *Fighting Terrorism* (January 2001)



In what the Jerusalem Post called "prophetic", Netanyahu states: "the West must itself battle against International terrorism, of which it is the principal Target, and adopt a variety of means, political, economic, and Military-with which to fight it". In the preface he adds "but underlying them all must be the moral understanding that terrorism, under whatever guise or pretext, is an innoson that it obliterates the political and moral distinctions which are the foundations of Humane and free [society] under the rule of law; that the West in short must resist terrorism and ultimately defeat it".

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The Soviet threat is gradually supplanted by a middle east threat. In a chapter titled "defining terrorism", Netanyahu warned that terrorist attacks could now kill and wound hundreds of people at a time, and that the most disconcerting prospect would be the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction by the principal terrorists of the Middle East. Netanyahu also said in these early books that Saddam Hussein was essentially a Soviet asset and that if the US wanted to win the Cold War they had to attack. [Judge Napolitano Max Blumenthal]

..." They have failed to recognize the far-reaching effects of unbridled terrorism will have on their security and have stood divided rather than United. They cannot afford to do so any longer."

Netanyahu's books and conferences merely advertised and popularized the concept for public consumption and political manipulation.

This Zionist scheme "put forward the idea that acts of terror directed at Israel were based not on the precept of a legitimate struggle by a people dispossessed of their land and denied the right to self determination, but instead was predicated on a clash of values: the values of the Western world as supposedly represented by 'democratic' Israel and values antithetical to the West as represented by Arab 'authoritarianism' and 'fanaticism'. The argument posited by the institute involved a war being fought on a global scale that would involve the United States taking a lead in ways which included sending its military to fight in the Middle East. It was a war which was declared from the outset to be one of unlimited scope and duration."

From "Israel and Islamist Militias: A Strange and Recurring Alliance" by Adeyinka Makinde, April 2017.⁵

Mearsheimer and Walt point out that the new strategic rationale for an "international War on Terror" depicts "terrorism" as a single unified phenomenon. But this claim rests on a fundamental misconception (or misappropriation) of what terrorism is. Terrorism is not an organization or a movement or even an "enemy" that one can declare war on; terrorism is simply the tactic of indiscriminately attacking enemy targets— especially civilians—in order to sow fear, undermine morale, and provoke conflict.

Mearsheimer and Walt p 62

Interestingly, Netanyahu's international terrorism playbook will re-appear frequently in the following years. By 1980, the perpetrators of international terrorism will shift from the Soviets to the Arabs. (See Isser Harel's comments during an interview with Mike Evans). After 9/11/2001, Arabs and Muslims became "terrorists". After 10/07/2023, Hamas and Palestinians as well as Arabs and Muslims became

"terrorists"; in Trump's world, Arabs, Muslims, Hamas, Palestinians, Palestinian sympathizers, antisemites, anti-Zionists, "antifa", democrats, immigrants, and finally US citizens who oppose him have become "terrorists."

Netanyahu's Authoritarian Government is a model for Trump

https://www.seattle911visibilityproject.in/911VP_2025_update/trumpnet.pdf

September 11, 2001: Former Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu: 9/11 Very Good for Israeli-US Relations

Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, when asked what the 9/11 attacks means for relations between the US and Israel, replies, "It's very good." Then he edits himself: "Well, not very good, but it will generate immediate sympathy." [*New York Times*, 9/12/2001] A week later, the Village Voice states, "From national networks to small-town newspapers, the view that America's terrible taste of terrorism will finally do away with even modest calls for the restraint of Israel's military attacks on Palestinian towns has become an instant, unshakable axiom.... Now, support for Israel in America is officially absolute, and Palestinians are cast once again as players in a global terrorist conspiracy."⁶

Somehow, Netanyahu has failed to mention that the 19 alleged 9/11 terrorists hailed from four countries: 15 of them were citizens of the US's staunch ally Saudi Arabia, two were from the United Arab Emirates, one was from Egypt, and one from Lebanon.⁷ Nor has he bothered to mention that Hamas and al Qaeda were un-allied.

The opinion article in the Foreign Policy Association newsletter cautions readers to beware of articles like those offered by Jonathan Schanzer in his weekly article "The Hamas al Queda alliance". Schanzer essentially attempts to conflate al Qaeda and Hamas. But in actuality, al Qaeda and Hamas are not good friends. Schanzer works for the Israeli propaganda organization Foundation For the Defense of Democracy (FFD). See the Matrix element AIPAC for more information on Schanzer and the FFD.⁸

Netanyahu Steadfastly Denies Israel's Atrocities Against Palestine

This man has steadfastly insisted daily newscasts and continuous reports of IDF atrocities against the Palestinian people, including genocide, ethnic cleansing, starvation, intentional attacks on journalists and the Palestinian health care system, are all "lies". and has supported a nine year Israel war against the International Criminal Court (ICC).

In September 2025, the UN commission on Human rights, independent from the ICC, declared Israel is committing genocide.⁹

¹ <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/11/magazine/benjamin-netanyahu-gaza-war.html>

² https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Jerusalem_Conference_on_International_Terrorism

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEMnfi-8VDk>

⁴ [Second Conference on International Terrorism June 24-26 1984, WA DC,](#)

TRT World <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1520762809278664>

⁵ <https://adeyinkamakinde.blogspot.com/2017/04/israel-and-islamist-militias-strange.html>

⁶ [\[Village Voice, 9/19/2001\]](#)

<https://ic911.org/complete-timeline/september-11-2001-former-israeli-prime-minister-netanyahu-9-11-very-good-for-israeli-us-relations/>

⁷ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijackers in the September 11 attacks](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hijackers_in_the_September_11_attacks)

⁸ <https://fpa.org/the-amas-al-qaeda-non-alliance/>

<https://www.washingtoninstitute.org/policy-analysis/war-words-between-amas-and-al-qaeda>

⁹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2025/09/israel-has-committed-genocide-gaza-strip-un-commission-finds>