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Another war, another trip, another ask: Netanyahu returns to Washington

With Gaza still burning and corruption charges mounting, Israel's prime minister arrives in D.C. looking for favors, not peace



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FILE PHOTO: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin and US President Donald Trump. © Kevin Dietsch / Getty Images

Fresh off a bruising 12-day war with Iran, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is flying back to Washington. This will be his third visit to the US since Donald Trump returned to the White House – but arguably the most consequential. For Netanyahu, it's more than a diplomatic courtesy call: it's a chance to cash in on battlefield

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momentum, convert military theatrics into political capital, and solidify his standing with Israel's most crucial ally.

According to Israeli media, Netanyahu's agenda goes beyond flag-waving and photo ops. He's expected to push forward on defense cooperation, intelligence sharing, and a new trade deal. But above all, he wants to translate Israel's perceived tactical success into long-term strategic advantage – ensuring that Washington remains firmly aligned with Israeli goals on regional security.

Quiet talks on the Golan Heights

Leaked reports suggest that the prime minister's diplomatic playbook includes more than bilateral handshakes. One of the most sensitive issues on the table is the future of the Golan Heights. Sources say Israel has quietly renewed contacts with Syria's new leadership under Abu Mohammad al-Julani – a former jihadist now vying for international legitimacy. Behind closed doors, officials are floating the idea of a partial agreement in which Syria might recognize Israel's control over the Golan, in exchange for security coordination and regional stabilization.

But there's a catch: a real deal would demand Israeli concessions, and Netanyahu, still projecting strength, seems unwilling to budge. US officials are aware of these backchannel discussions and are said to be involved at key moments – though how far they're willing to go remains unclear.

A fragile public mandate

On paper, Israel's military operation dealt a heavy blow to Iran's infrastructure, damaging key parts of its nuclear program and military network. But at home, the narrative isn't so tidy. The Iranian regime didn't collapse – far from it. Instead, Iranian society rallied around its leadership, framing the conflict as a defense of national sovereignty. In Israel, critics argue that Netanyahu oversold the war's objectives and underdelivered on its results.

The war left other wounds too. Dozens of Israeli hostages remain in Hamas custody – a painful, unresolved issue. Despite media efforts to frame the prime minister as a wartime leader, Netanyahu is facing



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sharp questions not just from his political opponents, but from restless members of his own coalition.

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American pressure: Hostages first, victory later

According to Haaretz, the Trump administration is growing impatient. US officials are urging Israel to suspend active operations in Gaza and prioritize a deal to bring home the hostages. The message from Washington is blunt: finish the humanitarian business now; total victory can wait.

The newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth reports that Netanyahu's tone has shifted. His previous rhetoric about "total victory" has been quietly replaced by talk of "humanitarian obligations" and "pragmatic solutions." That shift may signal a soft pivot toward a temporary truce.

Meanwhile, Channel 12 notes that the Israel Defense Forces are pressing the government to define a clear path forward. Should Israel double down and seize full control of Gaza – or cut a deal with Hamas for a phased prisoner exchange? According to military sources, the army favors the second option, seeing it as more realistic and less likely to spiral into chaos.

Diplomatic backchanneling and military signals

In the lead-up to the Washington summit, Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer arrived in the US to test the waters and align messaging. Around the same time, the US approved a new \$510 million defense contract with Israel, including over 7,000 sets of precision-guided JDAM munitions.

The juxtaposition is striking: even as Washington pushes for de-escalation in Gaza, it continues to arm its closest Middle Eastern ally. The signal is mixed – and may reflect internal divisions within the Trump administration about how hard to press Israel toward restraint.

Negotiating with Hamas: A deal still far off



At the heart of the current deadlock is the question of a ceasefire. Hamas has proposed an

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immediate and full halt to hostilities, along with the complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Gaza. Israel has rejected the

offer – unwilling to hand over military leverage without securing the return of its citizens.

With roughly 50 hostages still held in Gaza, the pressure on Netanyahu is mounting. But the path to an agreement remains narrow and treacherous. Mistrust runs deep, and the window for compromise is closing fast.

Trump’s personal stakes

It’s no secret that Trump sees himself as a dealmaker – especially in the Middle East. His declared “*victory*” over Iran has set the stage for a new diplomatic push. If he can now broker a ceasefire in Gaza and bring Israeli hostages home, it would be a headline-grabbing foreign policy win ahead of his domestic battles.

But Netanyahu isn’t rushing to help Trump craft his legacy. The prime minister remains wary: despite public praise from the US president, he’s received no guarantees on issues closer to home – such as immunity from prosecution in his two ongoing corruption trials.

Netanyahu’s political minefield

These criminal cases are more than a legal headache – they’re a political time bomb. Trump’s vocal support, including recent calls to drop the charges, may play well with Netanyahu’s base, but they’ve stirred unease among Israeli institutions. Some officials see this transatlantic alliance as an attempt to shield the prime minister from accountability.

Within Israel, any deal with Hamas – especially one that involves concessions – risks alienating Netanyahu’s hardline supporters. For a leader trying to balance survival with statesmanship, the choices are narrowing.

Diverging agendas, shared deadlines

A rift is forming between Washington and West Jerusalem. Trump wants swift results – a diplomatic breakthrough that he can sell as



evidence of his leadership. Netanyahu, by contrast, is playing a slower game: buying time, protecting his flank, and avoiding decisions that might weaken him politically.

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Whether they can bridge this gap will define the outcome of the upcoming talks. For Trump, success means a dramatic headline: *"I stopped the war."* For Netanyahu, it's about navigating the storm without sinking.

In an ideal scenario – at least from West Jerusalem's point of view – Trump might back a new Israeli campaign against Iran. That would offer Netanyahu a cleaner battlefield, clearer objectives, and the chance to write a more triumphant chapter in his political story.

But for now, both leaders are walking a tightrope – balancing war, diplomacy, and ambition – hoping not to fall before the next election.

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J Jerome Phifer 7/8/2025 at 3:32 PM 0

Nuttinyahoo is dictating to Trump, the American people needs to wakeup to this kind of control over the US government by the zionist cabal. Now Trump has reversed his decision to stop arming Ukraine, and has decided once again to continue arming Ukraine after stupid Putin seems to be suckered by Trump again, Russia may need a regime change, and let the hardliners takeover.

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DLK 7/7/2025 at 10:14 PM 6

Hitler 2.0 is welcomed in the WH. That says it all.

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K KdF 7/7/2025 at 10:22 PM ↑ 6

Come on you cant compared a man like Hitler who fought communism and freed Germany for 12 years from jewish usurers with a evil killer of women and children like Netanjahu...Get real ! Hitler warned the mufti in Palestine about the plan of the british that the zionists were coming...The mufti was laughing then but I think nobody is laughing today !

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E Ernst Eck 7/8/2025 at 3:18 PM ↑ 0

That's an insult to Hitler.


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K KdF 7/7/2025 at 10:19 PM 7

If Trump had some balls and wanted to be remembered as a good president he would arrest Netanjahu and send some troops to Israel to protect the palestinian natives and stop the conflict for good !

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Diego Azeta 7/8/2025 at 2:54 AM ↑ 0

 **Diego Azota** 7/8/2025 at 2:07 AM 0

Zero balls to match zero neurons.

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J **John Nicholoff** 7/8/2025 at 9:26 AM 2

That would be if trump were who he pretends to be.

To clear up any confusion as to trump's true loyalty:
(All on YouTube)

DONALD TRUMP SECRETLY CONVERTED TO JUDAISM
IN 2017

watch?v=uIAQkgTJyKA

Trump turns Judaism into a nationality
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T **Twisted Sister** 7/8/2025 at 3:13 PM 1

DJT will never be remembered as a «good» president,
but rather the president who singlehandedly destroyed
the US and its people.

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 **ДЛК** 7/8/2025 at 12:48 PM 1


The two zionist with the same ethnic cleansing goal.

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B **Bob Frederick** 7/8/2025 at 12:42 PM 2

this man is evil to the bone and I pray that he isn't around
long for the sake of many lives he is destroying, and I hate
to say this but I must...

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 **Mudhar Hadi** 7/8/2025 at 9:25 AM 0

Apparently, Epstein was just a misunderstood, stand out
guy, who had no lists, no black book & no underage
prostitution & blackmail rings. And America needs to
apologise & pay restitution & compensation to him, his
family, Ghislaine Maxwell & Israel, for emotional damage &
hurt feelings.

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J Juan Carlos 7/8/2025 at 6:51 AM

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War is Peace!
Freedom is Slavery!
Ignorance is Strength!
George Orwell – «1984»
(something that is still valid for many)

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J John Nicholoft 7/8/2025 at 6:11 AM

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Psycho Netanyahu is the face of Satan. False Israel flies the Khazar battle star, the Hindu Shaktona fertility symbol, most fitting for the Ashkenazi Jews, who follow the rape, kill and pillage practice of their Khazar forebears, constantly attacking their weaker neighbors and the Palestinians. David never had a star. Zionist faux Israel deserves reckoning for the decades of misery, destruction and death it has caused. For ignorant gullible Christians, the subjugators of the Palestinians are not jews, not descended from Jacob; nor from Shem, not Semitic. They are Ashkenazi, Indo-European race from land between the Black and Caspian Seas. They claimed Jew during their Khazarian Empire, adopting the anti-Christ Talmud. See Revelation 2:9 and 3:9.

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J John Nicholoft 7/8/2025 at 6:10 AM

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Looking closely at Trump and his close relation to the Talmudists, AKA Zionists- Everything regarding Trump has been carefully scripted theatre to lure the nation to support him as a white knight to save us from destruction by the carefully orchestrated left. Satan, master of deception, appears as an angel of light. Trump is crafted along that line. He says things that he knows people want to hear, but does not mean it. He has been set in place for the service of Satan. No Hollywood actor of anytime can come close to Trump in his playing the part. Christians quit being willingly deceived.

Trump is not what he pretended, copied screaming liberal Murdock model in creating Fox- recognized an unserved demographic, concocted a marketing campaign to use the right words to fool and capture that demographic, which skips merrily down the primrose path clueless they are suckers.

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