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Trump: Netanyahu 'wants a good deal' with Iran, nuclear talks this time 'are different'

On eve of PM's visit, US president says either Iran makes a deal or 'we will have to do something very tough'; top Iranian representative goes to Oman, meets Houthi official

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From R-L: This combination of pictures shows, a handout photograph provided by the office of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei showing him addressing a meeting with the people in Tehran on January 17, 2026 and US President Donald Trump speaking in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, DC, February 3, 2026. (SAUL LOEB / various sources / AFP)

On the eve of his meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, US President Donald Trump said that the Israeli premier "wants a deal" with Iran, and that the current talks on Tehran's nuclear program show promise.

"Last time they didn't believe I would do it," Trump told Barak Ravid, a reporter with both

Israel's Channel 12 and the Axios news site, about the American strikes in June 2025 on Iran's nuclear sites at the end of the 12-day Israel-Iran war, which came just days after the collapse of diplomatic negotiations.

"They overplayed their hand," said Trump. This time, the negotiations are "very different," he added. "We can make a great deal with Iran."

The remarks came at a pivotal time in the tensions between the US and Iran. Trump has threatened to attack Iran over its bloody crackdown on anti-regime protesters last month, and Iran has threatened to retaliate by hitting Israel and US targets.



The US is now in the midst of negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program. Trump told Axios that it was a "no-brainer" that any deal with Iran would include its nuclear facilities, and that he expected it would be possible to include its missile program as well.

Netanyahu's visit to Washington is expected to focus on those talks. And Trump said on Tuesday he was considering sending a second aircraft carrier to the Middle East in the event that the negotiations fail.

"We have an armada that is heading there and another one might be going," he said, adding that he is "thinking" of sending another aircraft

carrier strike group, after boosting the US military presence in the region in recent weeks.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to reporters before boarding Wing of Zion at Ben Gurion Airport on February 10, 2026. (Lazar Berman/Times of Israel)

The US president also averred that Netanyahu is not against the current US-Iran talks. "He also wants a deal. He wants a good deal," he said.

Iran, Trump said, also "wants to make a deal very badly." But Trump told Ravid that the US isn't afraid to play tough, saying, "Either we will make a deal or we will have to do something very tough like last time."



US Special Envoy for Peace Missions Steve Witkoff (L), Jared Kushner (C) and US Navy Admiral Brad Cooper, commander of US Central Command (R), as they observe flight operations aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in the Arabian Sea on February 7, 2026. (US Navy via AFP)

The United States moved the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, ships and warplanes to the Middle East to pressure Iran into an agreement and to have the firepower necessary to strike the Islamic Republic should Trump choose to do so.

Already, US forces shot down a drone they said got too close to the Lincoln, and came to the aid of a US-flagged ship that Iranian forces tried to stop in the Strait of

Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf.

His remarks came hours after a top Iranian security official traveled to Oman, the Middle Eastern sultanate now mediating the talks between Tehran and Washington, the first since the 12-day war. The visit by Ali Larijani, a former Iranian parliament speaker who now serves as the secretary to the country's Supreme National Security Council, likely focused on what comes next.

In Oman, Larijani's entourage shared photos of him meeting with Omani Foreign Minister Badr al-Busaidi, the chief intermediary in the US-Iran talks, with what appeared to be a letter sheathed in plastic, and sitting alongside the Omani diplomat.

Iran has, in the past, communicated its positions in writing when dealing with the Americans. Famously, Japan's then-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe tried to hand Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei a letter from Trump in 2019 that he refused to take.

Iranian media had said Larijani would deliver an important message. However, Iranian state television hours after that meeting described al-Busaidi as having "handed over a letter" to Larijani. It did not elaborate on where the letter came from.

Larijani also met with Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq for nearly three hours, the state-run IRNA news agency reported.

The pair "discussed the latest developments in the Iranian-American negotiations," the official Oman News Agency said.



In this photo released by state-run Oman News Agency, Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tariq, left, shakes hands with Iran's Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Ali Larijani during their meeting in Muscat, Oman, February 10, 2026. (State-run Oman News Agency via AP)

Larijani and Haitham also explored "ways to reach a balanced and just agreement between the two sides, and emphasized the importance of returning to the table of dialogue and negotiation."

During his trip to Muscat, Larijani also met Mohammed Abdulsalam, the spokesperson for Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi terror group.

Larijani was later to travel to Qatar, which hosts the major US Al-Udeid military base that Iran attacked in

June after the US bombed Iranian nuclear sites.

He also accused Israel of trying to play a "destructive role" in the talks.

"Americans must think wisely and not allow him, through posturing, to imply before his flight that 'I want to go and teach Americans the framework of the nuclear negotiations,'" Larijani said in a post on X.

Elsewhere, US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee said there is "extraordinary alignment between Israel and the United States" over the talks with Tehran.

"Everyone would love to see something that would resolve without a war, but it'll be up to Iran," said Huckabee before he boarded a flight to Washington with Netanyahu. He said that "as far as he knows," the US and Israel have the same red lines on Iran.

Satellite images show military buildup at Qatar base

An analysis of satellite images, published Tuesday by Reuters, appeared to indicate that Trump's threats were serious, as they showed US forces at Al-Udeid put missiles into truck launchers, meaning they could be moved more quickly.



A combination of satellite images shows an increase in the number of aircraft at the Al-Udeid Air Base, near Doha, Qatar, comparing January 17, 2026, and February 1, 2026. (2026 PLANET LABS PBC/Handout via Reuters)

The decision to keep the Patriot missiles in mobile trucks rather than semi-static launcher stations — meaning they could rapidly deploy to strike or be moved defensively in case of an Iranian attack — shows how risks heightened as frictions grew.

A comparison of satellite photographs in early February with those taken in January shows a recent build-up of aircraft and other military equipment across the region, said William Goodhind, a forensic imagery analyst with Contested Ground.

At al-Udeid, the Patriot missiles were visible, parked mounted into M983 Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks (HEMTT) at the start of February, Goodhind said.

“The decision to do so gives the Patriots much greater mobility, meaning they can be moved to an alternative site or repositioned with greater speed,” he said.

It was not clear on Tuesday whether the missiles were still in the HEMTTs.

A spokesperson for the Pentagon was not immediately available for comment.

The US Transportation Department's Maritime Administration issued a new warning Monday to American vessels in the strait to “remain as far as possible from Iran's territorial sea without compromising navigational safety.” The strait, through which a fifth of all oil traded passes, is in Iranian and Omani territorial waters. Those traveling into the Persian Gulf must pass through Iranian waters.



This photo released by Iran's Supreme National Security Council office shows Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council Ali Larijani (C) arriving in Muscat, Oman on February 10, 2026 (HANDOUT / Iran's Supreme National Security / AFP)

Iran says it has likewise replenished its missile stocks after its 12-day war against Israel. It has underground missile complexes near Tehran, as well as at Kermanshah, Semnan and near the Gulf coast. Netanyahu is expected to push Trump to curb Iran's missile program as part of the talks.

The Iranian naval drone carrier IRIS Shahid Bagheri was visible in satellite photographs on January 27 at sea, some five kilometers (three miles) from Bandar Abbas. It was also visible near Bandar Abbas on February 10.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, speaking Sunday to diplomats at a summit in Tehran, signaled that Iran would stick to its position that it must be able to enrich uranium — a major point of contention with Trump.

“The Muscat meeting, which was not a long one, it was a half-day meeting. For us, it was a way to measure the seriousness of the other side, and to find out how we could continue the process. Therefore, we mostly addressed the generalities,” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told journalists at a news conference Tuesday in Tehran.

“Our principles are clear. Our demand is to secure the interests of the Iranian nation based on international norms and the Non-Proliferation Treaty and peaceful use of nuclear energy,” Baghaei said. “So as for the details, we should wait for the next steps and see how this diplomatic process will continue.”

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Source: Netanyahu to tell Trump that phase 2 of Gaza peace plan ‘is not moving’

Israel telling US that another operation in Gaza needed to ensure Hamas disarms, Trump’s vision fulfilled; IDF strikes in response to attack on troops; Islamic Jihad commander said killed

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Palestinians walk down a road in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip, on February 10, 2026. (BASHAR TALEB / AFP)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will tell US President Donald Trump during their meeting on Wednesday that the second phase of the Gaza ceasefire “is not moving,” an Israeli source with knowledge of the details told The Times of Israel on Tuesday, as the premier’s plane was en route to Washington.

The US-brokered ceasefire plan reached in October foresees the demilitarization of Gaza and the disarmament of Hamas, as well as the

withdrawal of Israeli troops from the enclave. Hamas, however, has not agreed to give up its weapons, a matter that both Israel and the US consider to be non-negotiable.

To that end, the source said Israel has been telling the US that another Israeli military operation is necessary to move toward Trump’s vision for the war-torn Gaza Strip.

Netanyahu’s sentiments would appear to be shared by the Israel Defense Forces, as The Times of Israel [learned earlier on Wednesday](#) that the military was drawing up plans for a renewed offensive to disarm Hamas by force.

Meanwhile, the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG), the technocratic committee set to govern Gaza, has yet to enter the Strip and begin operations there.

Even with fighting officially halted, near-daily incidents have occurred along the ceasefire line, with both Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating its terms.



IDF soldiers are seen at an army position outside of Gaza City’s Shejaiya neighborhood, February 9, 2026. (Emanuel Fabian/Times of Israel)

For its part, Israel has repeatedly targeted armed suspects — and at times uninvolved and unarmed civilians — who cross into Israeli-controlled areas.

On Tuesday, the IDF said it targeted Hamas operatives in response to an attack on troops in the Rafah area the previous day.

According to Palestinian media, a drone strike on a motorcycle in central Gaza this morning killed three people, including a woman, and a strike on an apartment in Gaza City last night killed two men.

The military said the Hamas operatives it targeted in the strikes “advanced many terror attacks against IDF troops and the State of Israel,” but did not provide any further details.

The army said the strikes came in response to a “blatant violation” of the ceasefire deal on Monday, in which four gunmen [emerged from a tunnel](#) in eastern Rafah and opened fire on troops before being killed.

While the IDF statement only mentioned Hamas operatives, the UK-based Arabic outlet Asharq al-Awsat identified one of those killed in the strike as Assem Abu Holi, a “commander of the elite unit in al-Quds Brigades,” the armed wing of Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

The strike also critically wounded another Islamic Jihad operative who was with Abu Holi and killed an elderly male passerby, according to the outlet. Some reports had said three people, including a woman, were killed.

According to Palestinian media, Abu Holi was killed in a strike on a motorized bike traveling on Gaza’s central Salah al-Din Road, at the entrance to the al-Musaddar, east of Deir al-Balah, and inside the Hamas-controlled side of the Gaza ceasefire line.

Al Jazeera published what it said was footage of the strike, filmed from a fixed position, which shows a man on an electric bicycle being targeted as it passes next to another man walking on the sidewalk.

A tanker truck traveling next to the bicycle briefly stops before making a left turn, while a pick-up truck driving behind the bicycle comes to an abrupt stop before the driver gets out to survey the damage.

The war in Gaza began with the Hamas-led massacre on October 7, 2023, when terrorists slaughtered some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took 251 hostages.

The Hamas-run Gaza health ministry says more than 72,000 people in the Strip have been killed during the war — including over 500 since the October 2025 ceasefire — though the toll does not differentiate between civilians and combatants.

The Israeli military believes that Hamas’s overall toll is largely accurate, with IDF officials estimating that two to three civilians were killed for every dead terror operative.

The IDF says it has killed over 23,000 combatants in Gaza and another 1,600 terrorists inside Israel during the October 7 onslaught. Since the start of the ceasefire in October 2025, the IDF has said it has killed dozens of terror operatives and other “suspects” who have crossed the Yellow Line and approached troops.

Israel has said it seeks to minimize civilian fatalities and stresses that Hamas uses Gaza’s civilians as human shields, fighting from civilian areas including homes, hospitals, schools, and mosques.

Israel’s total toll in the ground offensive against Hamas in Gaza and in military operations along the border with the Strip stands at 476. The toll includes two police officers and three Defense Ministry civilian contractors. Israel says four soldiers have been killed by terrorists in Gaza since the ceasefire.

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IDF readying new Gaza offensive to disarm Hamas by force

Plans being drawn up for large-scale op, with terror group seen as unlikely to give up weapons otherwise; for now, IDF holding tight on Yellow Line, amid ‘endless’ tunnel demolition

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

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A view of Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood from an Israeli army position in the Gaza Strip, February 9, 2026. (Emanuel Fabian/Times of Israel)

SHEJAIYA, Gaza Strip — Four months into a ceasefire with Hamas, the Israeli military is drawing up plans for a renewed offensive in the Gaza Strip to disarm the terror group by force, The Times of Israel has learned.

The US-brokered ceasefire plan reached in October foresees the demilitarization of Gaza, including the disarmament of Hamas, along with a gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Strip. However, implementation of the plan has remained

unclear, with Israeli officials increasingly believing that stripping Hamas of its weapons will be impossible without the Israel Defense Forces taking action.

Should hostilities renew, fighting is liable to be more intense and more widespread than previous rounds, as Israeli forces will no longer be constrained by the presence of hostages on Gaza soil.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump have both insisted that the terror group must give up its weapons in the near future. Trump has repeatedly asserted that Hamas “promised” to lay down its arms, and has threatened the group over the issue.

However, at least [publicly](#), Hamas has [never agreed to lay down its arms](#).

Israel also believes that left unchecked, the terror group will remain in power in the Strip and try to rebuild its military strength while tightening its grip on areas under its control. The military this month said that since the start of the ceasefire, Hamas “has violated the agreement and focused its efforts on restoring its [military capabilities](#).”

Last month, a senior Israeli security official [said](#) that it was looking increasingly likely that the Israel Defense Forces would have to act militarily against Hamas to disarm it, as the military believed the terrorist organization will not do so of its own accord.

The official said the goal of disarming Hamas would be attainable by force, but would likely take many years.



Hamas police forces deploy in Gaza City on October 11, 2025. (Ali Hassan/ Flash90)

In recent weeks, the IDF’s Southern Command has been building plans for a series of potential operations in the Strip should the political leadership instruct the military to disarm Hamas by force, The Times of Israel has learned.

Hinting at the military’s offensive plans, Defense Minister Israel Katz this month said that Israel was [“determined” to disarm Hamas](#), threatening to “dismantle” the terror group if it doesn’t agree to lay down its arms.

“After we have completed the objective of bringing back all of our hostages, we are determined to complete the disarmament of Hamas and the full demilitarization of Gaza,” Katz said. “If Hamas does not disarm in accordance with the agreed framework, we will dismantle it and all of its capabilities.”

Such an offensive aimed at disarming Hamas — should it go ahead — could be far more intense than the IDF’s operations in the Strip throughout the two years of war that began on October 7, 2023. The military has stressed throughout the war that it planned its operations in Gaza with the hostages in mind, even though some were still harmed by Israeli actions.



Displaced Palestinians gather outside a tent at a temporary camp in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, January 17, 2026. (AP Photo/Abdel Kareem Hana)

The IDF would also be expected to operate in areas of Gaza where ground troops have not set foot amid the war, including Deir al-Balah in the Strip’s center and the Mawasi area on the southern coast.

The IDF did not operate in those areas mainly due to the potential risk to the hostages, as well as the large concentration of Palestinians there following Israeli evacuation orders from other areas of the Strip.

But Israel could still be constrained by the Trump administration, which has made the Gaza ceasefire a centerpiece of its Board of Peace initiative. Any renewal of large-scale fighting could upend Trump’s Gaza plan and threaten the support of its international backers.

In October, Trump indicated that he would allow Israel to resume fighting in Gaza if Hamas doesn’t uphold

the terms of the hostage deal. However, with the return of all the hostages, it is unclear if Trump still holds this position and would allow Israel to carry out a full-scale offensive against Hamas.

Holding down the Yellow Line

Until Hamas disarms, Israel is not expected to withdraw its troops from the Strip or approve any rebuilding efforts in the war-torn territory, leaving the ceasefire agreement in limbo.

Israeli troops currently hold 53% percent of the Strip, with most of the approximately 2 million Gazans in the remaining 47% of the enclave under ostensible Hamas control.

During a visit to a forward army outpost in Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood on Monday, commanders told The Times of Israel that Hamas was continuing to test the IDF by sending operatives across the ceasefire line to attack troops.

Since the start of the ceasefire in October, the IDF has said it has killed dozens of terror operatives and other suspects who have crossed the Yellow Line — demarcating where the military withdrew to in the Strip — and

approached troops. Such incidents have taken place on a near-daily basis.

IDF soldiers are seen at an army position outside of Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood, February 9, 2026. (Emanuel Fabian/Times of Israel)

Last week, a reservist officer was seriously wounded by gunfire carried out by Palestinian gunmen against troops who were operating near the Yellow Line in Shejaiya. In response, the military launched a series of strikes against Hamas.

"No one is allowed to cross the Yellow Line. Whoever crosses is destroyed or eliminated at that moment," said a battalion commander in the Alexandroni Reserve Infantry Brigade during Monday's visit.

The reservist forces stationed at the outpost seemed relatively relaxed, despite the recent attack by gunmen that left one of their company commanders wounded, though such incidents, including last week's, have taken place during operations by troops closer to the Yellow Line, rather than at the outpost, which stood several hundred meters east of the ceasefire boundary.

A vast landscape of rubble could be seen stretching out toward Gaza City, and deeper in the Strip there was a skyline of partially crumbled but still-standing structures.

Lt. Col. 'Yud,' a battalion commander in the Alexandroni Brigade, is seen at an army position outside of Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood, February 9, 2026. (Emanuel Fabian/Times of Israel)

The Yellow Line itself, marked by bright yellow concrete blocks placed inside the mangled urban landscape, was not visible to the naked eye due to overcast conditions.

According to the commander, the terror group had been forcibly sending civilians across the line to test the Israeli response.

Hamas "knows that we don't shoot at women and children, even those who are unarmed," he said.

"If they don't pose a threat, they won't die. So [Hamas] is trying to take advantage of that," he added.

"A terrorist who crosses the Yellow Line will die. Will we kill children? Of course we won't. But no one is [crossing the Yellow Line] for no reason."





The view of Gaza City's Shejaiya neighborhood from an Israeli army position in the Strip, February 9, 2026. (Emanuel Fabian/Times of Israel)

Within the IDF-held territory of the Strip, the military was continuing to work on demolishing Hamas's tunnels, a task that some soldiers described as "endless."

The military believes that at least [60% of Hamas's tunnels in Gaza are still intact](#), though the percentage could be higher, as the army does not know how many underground routes it has not yet found.

"We have defensive lines that we are deployed along," the battalion commander said, adding that he was "not concerned" about the fact that "most" of Hamas's

tunnels still exist in the territory.

"We are here on the defensive lines to monitor anyone advancing on the ground or underground," he added. "We have several defensive lines that are meant to prevent any crossing of the fence, any crossing of this line of outposts." <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-readying-new-gaza-offensive-to-disarm-hamas-by-force/>

Report: Netanyahu received intel on Hamas plan to invade southern Israel as early as 2018

PM reportedly was warned about Hamas's 'Jericho's Wall' plan for large-scale attack years before Oct. 7, despite his repeated denials; source says one report was shared with PM directly

By [Ethan Rubinson](#) 10 February 2026, 4:49 pm



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (left) holds a press conference in Jerusalem on January 27, 2026. (Noam Revkin Fenton/POOL); Palestinians break into Israel from Gaza through the border fence, October 7, 2023. (REUTERS/Mohammed Fayq Abu Mostafa)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was presented with IDF intelligence reports detailing Hamas's plans to invade Israel as early as April 2018, according to a Tuesday report citing intelligence documents and senior officials.

The report, published by the Ynet news site, said that between 2018 and 2022, Hamas developed a comprehensive operational blueprint for a coordinated,

multifront attack against Israeli military bases and civilian communities in southern Israel. The attack plan, which was later put together in a document known as "Jericho's Walls," envisioned breaching the Gaza border at dozens of points and deploying thousands of fighters.

It was ultimately executed with deadly effect on October 7, 2023, when Hamas led a devastating invasion of southern Israel, killing some 1,200 people, kidnapping 251 hostages, and sparking two years of war in Gaza.

According to the report, Netanyahu — who has served as prime minister since 2009, save for 18 months in 2021-2022 — was given intelligence about Hamas's "Jericho's Walls" plans several times over those years, despite his repeated public denials that he had ever seen or heard of such a plan before the October 7 attack.

The earliest known transfer of the plan to Israeli leadership, according to the report, occurred in April 2018, when the Military Intelligence Directorate's Research Division distributed a special intelligence document to senior officials. Those officials included the military secretaries of the prime minister and defense minister, the National Security Council, the heads of the Shin Bet and Mossad, and the IDF chief of staff's office.

According to the documents cited by Ynet, the 2018 report asked the following question in its subheading: "Is Hamas's military wing building up its force for a broad attack deep into our territory?"

Ynet said the Prime Minister's Office did not respond to requests for comment.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during a press conference at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on April 2, 2018. (Hadas Parush/Flash90)

Ynet said the intelligence report warned that Hamas was developing “a plan for an initiated offensive maneuver with a broad order of [troops in] battle (six reserve battalions; approximately 3,000 fighters)” aimed at overrunning IDF bases while simultaneously attacking civilian targets “in the border communities and deep inside Israel.”

The 2018 report stressed the seriousness of the threat, emphasizing that “the scope of the plan and its

complexity are exceptional.” While some analysts who contributed to the report expressed doubt that Hamas could actually carry out the plan in full, they cautioned that “the plan illustrates a new and broader threat scenario than before.”

The veracity of the 2018 “Jericho’s Walls” report referenced by Ynet was confirmed by the IDF last year in a [probe](#) by its Military Intelligence Directorate of the intelligence failures leading up to the October 7 attack.

That report, presaging key elements of the October 7 attack, quoted the Hamas plan as saying that “forces from five [elite] Nukhba companies should attack and destroy the posts belonging to the [IDF] Gaza Division... everything will be done above ground... with [rocket] fire... attack the kibbutzim in order to take hostages... focus on critical sites... livestream from the posts and kibbutzim.”



Protesters wave Palestinian national flags as they run from teargas fired by Israeli troops, near fence of Gaza Strip border with Israel, during a protest east of Gaza City, Sept. 7, 2018. (Adel Hana/AP)

According to the probe, the idea of a large-scale attack on Israel slowly became a formal plan within Hamas, and it was given official internal approval in 2019.

PM has denied knowing of the plan; senior source: ‘Netanyahu did nothing’

Netanyahu has denied receiving any intelligence that Hamas was planning a major attack during the years leading up to October 7. When questioned by State Comptroller Matanyahu Englman

about it for a probe into the failures that led to the attack, the Prime Minister’s Office said that “the prime minister never received and was never briefed on the ‘Jericho’s Walls’ document” until after the war broke out, and that he was “never presented with any Hamas plan for a mass raid into Israeli territory.”

However, Netanyahu’s own published materials appear to contradict those claims. In the [55-page document](#) he sent to the State Comptroller’s Office last week and made public, he acknowledged receiving the April 2018 intelligence report, but selectively quoted only the most restrained assessment, which stated that Hamas had “a basic capability to carry out several simultaneous raids,” but that due to various factors, “it is not likely at this time.”

Netanyahu’s document omitted the paragraph’s concluding sentence, which warned that the plan signaled the terror group’s future ambitions and that it intended to significantly build up its forces.



According to a former senior intelligence official quoted by Ynet, Netanyahu’s responsibility “was to ensure there [was] no repetition of the Military Intelligence assessment on the eve of Yom Kippur 1973,” referring to the infamous intelligence failures preceding the simultaneous Egyptian-Syrian surprise invasion of Israel that sparked the Yom Kippur war.

“Back then, intelligence said ‘low probability,’ and the political echelon simply accepted it as a binding assessment without asking questions or checking on its own,” the official added.

“Any serious leader would say in this situation: You received the plan in 2018, and even if Hamas is currently far from operational capability, this must be taken into account.”

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with the IDF General Staff on November 22, 2018, in Tel Aviv (Kobi Gidon/GPO)

Also in 2018, IDF intelligence's Unit 8200 obtained an Arabic-language Hamas document that outlined a sweeping assault, Ynet added. It called for "launching a comprehensive offensive operation against the Zionist entity with the aim of subduing the enemy," including attacks on the Re'im military base, numerous Gaza border communities, and deeper targets such as Ashdod, Ashkelon, and key infrastructure sites. The plan specified that "the attack will be carried out by six battalions," with the "main effort" conducted above ground.

The Hamas plan was also seen by Shin Bet intelligence agency, which produced its own review that highlighted its "unusual and troubling characteristics," and was circulated to multiple bodies, including the National Security Council, which operates under the prime minister's authority.

According to one source quoted by Ynet, the Shin Bet report was shared with Netanyahu directly.

In May of 2022, the Intelligence Directorate obtained another version of Hamas's attack plan, this time from August 2021, and it was added to the "Jericho's Walls" file. The plan similarly described a large number of Nukhba Force operatives breaking through the IDF Gaza Division's defenses and reaching cities in southern Israel.

The document was shown to the IDF's top intelligence brass at the time, and the officials concluded that the plan appeared to be unrealistic. In a November 2022 session at the Southern Command, the "Jericho's Walls" plan was presented at the very end of a list of assessments regarding potential scenarios for the next conflict in Gaza.

Naftali Bennett and Yair Lapid served as prime ministers during most of 2022, including in May and

November, while Netanyahu served as the leader of the opposition.



Then-Prime Minister Yair Lapid, right, with then-Alternate Prime Minister Naftali Bennett at a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on September 18, 2022. (Olivier Fitousi/Flash90)

The following year, with Netanyahu back in office, the Intelligence Directorate obtained information on Hamas invasion training in the months before October 7, which led some members of Unit 8200 to believe that Hamas's wide-scale invasion plans were no longer just aspirations, but a solid plan.

According to the IDF's probes, this assessment was presented, both via emails and meetings, to intelligence officers at the Southern Command and regional officers of 8200 in southern Israel. However, the information did not reach any senior officials, including top intelligence officers.

While Netanyahu was not directly presented with the 2022 and 2023 updates to the "Jericho's Walls" file, a senior intelligence source quoted by Ynet said, "Even if the army commanders failed to [connect the dots] themselves, the obligation of the prime minister is to demand answers regarding Hamas's intentions." "Netanyahu did nothing," the source said.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu holds a press conference in Jerusalem on January 27, 2026. (Maayan Toaf/GPO)

Despite documents proving that Netanyahu was presented with Hamas's attack plans early as 2018, he has argued that the "Jericho's Walls" plan only relates to the 2022 document presented to leadership, the only year since 2009 that he was not in power, in an attempt to distance himself from responsibility for failing to prevent the attack.

Senior intelligence officials speaking to Ynet disputed that narrative, pointing to the 2018 documents and the multiple intelligence assessments that Hamas was planning a large-scale attack for several

years before October 7.

The sources also pointed to the extensive documentation procedures within the Prime Minister's Office that track every classified document delivered for the prime minister's review. Such documents could be subpoenaed in a state commission of inquiry into the failures of October 7, which the government, including Netanyahu, has opposed.

Emanuel Fabian contributed to this report.

Nearly one in three US Jews reported being targeted by antisemitism in 2025, survey finds

American Jewish Committee findings show 55% of American Jews avoid specific behavior that may identify them as Jewish, and two-thirds feel less secure than in previous year

By [Grace Gilson](#) 10 February 2026, 4:56 pm



Jewish protesters and allies demonstrate against antisemitism outside the campus of Columbia University in New York City on March 4, 2025. (Charly Triballeau/AFP)

JTA — Almost one-third of American Jews reported being the target of an antisemitic incident in 2025, according to a new survey published by the American Jewish Committee. The report said 31% of respondents were “a target of an antisemitic incident—a physical attack, a remark in person, antisemitic vandalism or messaging, antisemitic remark or post online or through social media, or any

other form of antisemitism.”

The finding marked no change over the previous year, suggesting that American Jews could be settling into a distressing new normal in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023, Hamas-led assault on Israel.

“Things aren’t getting markedly better,” said Ted Deutch, the CEO of the AJC, in an interview. “I don’t think that we can afford to accept it as a baseline. We can’t accept that, and America shouldn’t accept that.”

Surveying 1,222 American Jewish adults from September 26 to October 9, 2025, the AJC found a plateau in several indicators of sentiment.

Overall, 55 percent of American Jews reported avoiding specific behaviors in 2025 due to fear of antisemitism, including steering clear of certain events and refraining from wearing things, or posting things online, that would identify them as Jewish.

The finding also marked no change from 2024, when 56% of Jews reported changing their behavior for fear of antisemitism, but was up from 46% in 2023 and 38% in 2022.

Respondents were also asked if they felt “less safe” as a result of several high-profile antisemitic attacks in 2025, including the [arson attack](#) on Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro’s home in April; the [deadly shooting](#) of two Israeli embassy staffers in Washington, DC, in May; and the [firebombing](#) of a demonstration for the Israeli hostages in Boulder, Colorado, in June.

Tehran prepared for both diplomacy and war – Iranian FM

The US lost trust after it bombed Iran in the middle of negotiations, Abbas Araghchi told RT in an exclusive interview



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Iran is fully committed to a diplomatic settlement with the United States while simultaneously bracing for the possibility of renewed conflict, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi told RT’s Rick Sanchez in Tehran on Tuesday.

Araghchi argued that “there is no solution but a diplomatic solution,” saying technology and progress cannot be destroyed through bombings and military threats, which have fueled Tehran’s mistrust of Washington.

“We still do not have full trust in Americans,” he said. “We were in the middle of negotiations last June when they decided to attack us. That was a very bad experience for us.”

Araghchi stressed that Iran’s uranium enrichment program is strictly peaceful and rooted in what he described as the country’s sovereign rights. He said enrichment levels depend on civilian needs, noting that power reactors require enrichment below 5%, while the Tehran Research Reactor – built by the US before the 1979

revolution – uses 20% enriched fuel to produce medical isotopes for cancer treatment.

"The figures are not important... What matters is the peaceful nature of enrichment," Araghchi said. He added that Iran is prepared to offer guarantees that it will not pursue nuclear weapons, calling such assurances *"doable and achievable"* if there is goodwill on both sides.

At the same time, the foreign minister ruled out negotiations on Iran's ballistic missile program or its regional alliances, saying those issues are unrelated to the nuclear file. *"We only negotiate about our nuclear program with the US,"* he said, describing other demands as *"absolutely"* off the table.

Araghchi made clear that Iran is ready for confrontation if diplomacy collapses. *"We are prepared for a diplomatic solution as much as we are prepared to defend ourselves against any new aggression,"* he said, adding that Iran's military readiness has improved both *"quantity-wise and quality-wise"* since last year's Israeli-US bombing.

Araghchi was sharply critical of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, describing him as a *"warmonger"* who has repeatedly tried to drag Washington into a wider war with Iran. If attacked again, he warned, Iran would strike US assets and bases across the region.

Despite the tensions, Araghchi said his recent discussions with US interlocutors suggested an interest in avoiding war. *"If they are serious, we are serious too,"* he said, adding that the responsibility now lies with Washington to provide guarantees that negotiations will not again be accompanied by military action.

"We have learned our lessons on war and diplomacy," Araghchi said. *"Now we are prepared for both."*

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Corporations are finally getting the message': Longtime LGBT promoter suddenly losing influence

By [Bob Unruh](#)

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The Human Rights Campaign long has been one of the biggest LGBT agenda promoters in America. It assembled a ranking system and corporations jumped to meet its requirements in pursuit of that elusive 100% rating from HRC.

But its agenda got more and more extreme, and American society realized the down side of promoting the alternative lifestyle choices involved – many millions of Americans didn't support the ideology – and now the HRC influence is plunging.

According to a report at the Washington Stand, the group previously rated 377 Fortune 500 companies for their ideological agenda support.

That was for 2025.

But for 2026, the company list is down "to just 131."

That's a plunge of 65%.

"The rankings, which started back in 2002, have been the best indicator of a business's political leanings for two decades. These days, to get within striking distance of a perfect score, employers have to agree to wild concessions like covering the cost of gender-transition procedures for staff and their families, publicly advocating for pro-LGBTQ legislation, forcing employees to undergo multiple ideological trainings, opening restrooms to both sexes, introducing a pronoun sharing guide, recruiting employees based on sexual orientation and gender identity (not merit and experience), and more," the Washington Stand explained.

HRC was, in fact, "once feared by corporate boardrooms and executives alike."

Now, the report said, it "intimidates no one."

The report attributed part of the change to "six beer cans."

"One of the best things that's ever happened in this century will also go down as one of the worst business decisions ever made. When Bud Light plastered Dylan Mylvaney's face on a pack of cold ones, a switch flipped in this country — sparking a grassroots revolution that's still turning woke brands on its head. And while it's gratifying

to see the power shift from cocky CEOs to the people, what's even better is seeing the bully behind it all crumble," the report said.

"Gone are the days when businesses raced to contort their internal policies to the radical demands of HRC's Corporate Equality Index. Now, the old shine of a 100% score, of being perfectly aligned with the most outspoken pro-trans, pro-gay agenda in the world, is more damaging than desirable," the report noted. The result is that most CEOs see taking themselves out of the index altogether is the best answer, since "A low score would open them up to public shaming by HRC, and a good score would put them at odds with an army of Americans who could tank their revenue. It's a lose-lose."

Will Hild, of Consumers' Research, said in an interview with the publication that "The number of Fortune 500 companies abandoning participation in HRC's radical activist index is yet another sign that ESG and woke capitalism were never about profits."

"The more consumers learn about companies' advocacy for bizarre, fringe LGBTQ politics, the less they think of the brands. And corporations are finally getting the message. Hopefully, the companies still participating will soon concede that their job isn't to tell Americans how to live or what to believe, but to simply serve their needs."

The impact is real, the report said, with HRC laying off 20% of its staff over recent months.

Stephen Soukup of the Heritage Foundation's Free Enterprise Initiative, explained to the Washington Stand, there was a "near-simultaneous realization among individuals in an oppressed population that they are not alone — that they are not the only ones who have been putting on a brave face and pretending not to detest the 'regime' for fear of public reprisal."

The agenda quickly fell.

It was Tractor Supply that first conceded it felt pressure to participate in the HRC plans, but when it quit, John Deere, Harley-Davidson and other corporations quickly followed.

He said today, "HRC's entire corporate pressure movement is on the verge of complete collapse."

<https://www.wnd.com/2026/02/corporations-are-finally-getting-message-longtime-lgbt-promoter/>

A 15-Year Seal on Vaccine Records: Transparency Delayed, Trust Denied?

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A recent entry from NowMedia Group has reignited a question TrialSite News has been tracking since the pandemic's earliest data disputes: Who decides when the public gets to see the evidence—and why the wait?

According to the program, the Canadian government has sealed key vaccine-injury and related records for 15 years, placing full disclosure beyond 2040. For Canadians who report serious adverse outcomes—and for researchers seeking to evaluate policy trade-offs—this timeline feels less like due process and more like postponement by design.

Why a 15-Year Lock Raises Red Flags

As [TrialSite reported](#), sealing records for a generation is unusual in public-health governance, particularly when the materials concern safety surveillance, injury adjudication, and emergency decision-making. A delay of this length has two predictable effects:

1. **Accountability decay**—many decision-makers will have exited office before scrutiny arrives.
2. **Learning loss**—policy errors and successes alike are harder to analyze when primary records are inaccessible.

The *NowMedia* segment frames the move as a breach of trust with injured patients who were asked to accept unprecedented measures under emergency conditions. From a scientific standpoint, delayed access also obstructs independent re-analysis of signal detection, causality assessments, and compensation frameworks—core inputs for improving future responses.

Context: Courts, Powers, and Consequences

The video also revisits the Federal Court of Appeal ruling that the federal government's invocation of the Emergencies Act during the Freedom Convoy was unlawful. While courts found an abuse of authority, the program underscores the absence of political consequences: no resignations, no sworn public inquiry with subpoena power, and limited sustained interrogation by major outlets.

From a governance lens, this matters. Emergency powers are justified on necessity and proportionality; retrospective review is the safeguard. When records are sealed and inquiries narrowed, that safeguard weakens—regardless of one's view of the protests or the policies.

Media as Watchdog—or Shield?

NowMedia argues that publicly funded media has been reluctant to press officials on the implications of sealed records and court findings. *TrialSite News* does not assign motives, but the pattern raises a structural concern: when transparency depends on the same institutions under review, scrutiny can stall.

What Transparency Could Look Like

A credible path forward need not be punitive to be effective. Several options would materially improve trust without compromising privacy:

- **Phased disclosure** of de-identified safety analyses and adjudication rationales.
- **Independent public inquiry under oath**, time-limited and evidence-driven.
- **External audit access** for qualified researchers with strict confidentiality controls.
- **Clear criteria** explaining why any portions must remain sealed—and for how long.

The Bottom Line

Emergency responses earn legitimacy only if their records are reviewable within a timeframe that allows learning and accountability. A 15-year seal risks converting a public-health archive into a political time capsule. If the goal is confidence—not compliance—then sunlight, sooner rather than later, is the better medicine.

TrialSite News will continue monitoring disclosures, court proceedings, and data-access decisions related to pandemic governance and vaccine safety.

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'Project Vault': Trump's Latest 'Manhattan Project' in The Race with China for 21st Century Leadership

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With "Project Vault," President Donald Trump is looking to break China's stranglehold on the supply of critical rare earth elements.

Pictured: A front-loader shifts soil containing rare earth elements, to be loaded on ships at a port in Lianyungang, China, on September 5, 2010. (Photo by STR/AFP via Getty Images)

President Donald Trump is taking an important page from World War II's Manhattan Project, when the United States raced to secure supplies of the rare element uranium needed to create the war-winning atomic bomb.

When strategic amounts of the element were found in Africa, deep in mines in the Belgian Congo, a "cover" entity called the Combined Development Trust was created by the U.S. to purchase all supplies and thereby deny Nazi Germany access to the coveted uranium.

The 21st Century has changed the concept of the types and amounts of strategic minerals that will be required to protect the nation's future --and few recognize that need more acutely than Trump.

Today the strategic minerals needed are "rare earths," and Trump is about to launch a strategic stockpile campaign to ensure our national economy is not held hostage by China, which has significant deposits of these vital resources.

Called "Project Vault," his campaign for rare earth elements will combine \$1.67 billion in private sector funds with a \$10 billion loan from the US Export-Import Bank. Our defense companies currently have sufficient

amounts of rare earths for our weapons and aircraft, but the president's campaign is designed to protect our consumer-driven economy beyond his term by stockpiling rare earths for automakers, technology firms and others who require these minerals for such products as smartphones, batteries, and commercial jet engines.

While our historic race for uranium comes to mind, the president's campaign also reflects the wisdom behind our current Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Instead of oil, however, Project Vault will look to acquire and stockpile minerals such as lithium, gallium and cobalt.

The purpose of this unprecedented effort is obvious if one looks at China's track record of holding hostage its vast supplies of rare earths. Trump is looking to break that stranglehold and strategically reduce our dependence on China's supply chain of these critical elements. This is but one step in Trump's responding to China's rare earth threat. He has also invested directly in American companies to boost their mining, production and processing of "rare earths" safely within our borders.

The White House also recognizes that Project Vault has the means to dampen volatile price swings for rare earth commodities. Published accounts of the proposed campaign report that companies that commit to buying a specified amount of minerals at a set price will contractually commit to purchasing the same amount at the same price in the future. This decision reflects Trump's appreciation of how market forces have the potential to derail a plan designed to protect both our nation's economy and national security.

It is expected that later this week will see Project Vault officially unveiled in Washington, D.C., with America's allies at the table to fully appreciate the scope of what is being proposed.

What will become obvious to all is that, once again, the lessons learned by studying America's past are applicable to protecting our future for generations to come.

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STEP BY STEP

STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U'Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U'Neshama families.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat's population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say "no" to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U'Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U'Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

Shoes: \$45 per pair regular and \$60 for First Steps, baby shoes.

Eye Exam/Eyeglasses: \$60 per child.

Your support is urgently requested.

Or use the Zelle US to US bank transfer system (contact me at mortsmo@aol.com for bank information.

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Simcha Smolensky, my son, who is also a volunteer. Send to:

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Your support will be appreciated.

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