

The Israeli Protest Movement against Netanyahu. Does It Include the Rights of Palestinians?

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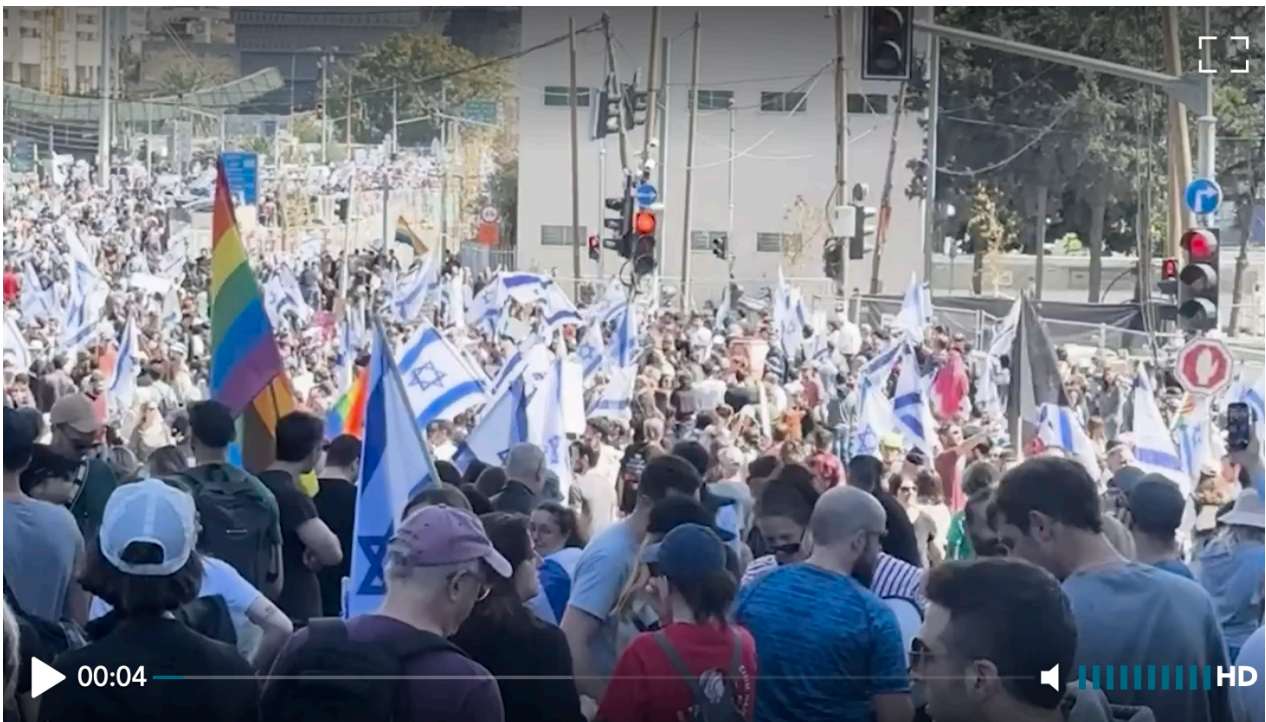
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The protest movement directed against Netanyahu's ultranationalist coalition does not take a stance on the rights of Palestinians.

There were no Palestinian flags in the protest movement against Netanyahu.



Palestinians are the victims of both the Netanyahu government as well Israel's Judicial system which Netanyahu wants to dispel, transforming Israel into what the protest movement describes as a "theocratic dictatorship".

"In a letter addressed to German and UK envoys, some 1,000 prominent Israeli figures say that Israel is in the midst of the most severe crisis in its history, and that Netanyahu is trying to turn the country into a 'theocratic dictatorship'

Israel is already a "theocratic dictatorship".

The current Netanyahu ultra-nationalist coalition government remains committed to the "Greater Israel" project and the "Promised Land", namely the biblical homeland of the Jews.

Benjamin Netanyahu has been pressing ahead to formalize "Israel's colonial project", namely the appropriation of all Palestinian Lands.

The Netanyahu coalition is committed to total appropriation as well as outright exclusion of the Palestinian people from their homeland:

"These are the basic lines of the national government headed by me: The Jewish people have an exclusive and unquestionable right to all areas of the Land of Israel. The government will promote and develop settlements in all parts of the Land of Israel — in the Galilee, the Negev, the Golan, Judea and Samaria." ([Netanyahu January 2022](#))

Under Netanyahu, Israel is currently proceeding with the plan to annex large chunks of Palestinian territory "while keeping the Palestinian inhabitants in conditions of severe deprivation and isolation."

Israel is a de facto member of NATO following the signing in November 2004 of bilateral protocol agreement. The "Greater Israel" project including the appropriation of Palestinian lands has been endorsed by US-NATO.

Creating conditions of extreme poverty and economic collapse constitute the unspoken means for triggering the expulsion and exodus of Palestinians from their homeland. It is part of the process of annexation:

"If the manoeuvre is successful, Israel will end up with all of the territories it conquered during the 1967 war, including all of the Golan Heights and Jerusalem and most of the Palestinian Territories, including the best sources of water and agricultural land.

The West Bank will find itself in the same situation as the Gaza strip, cut off from the outside world and surrounded by hostile Israeli military forces and Israeli settlements." ([South Front](#))

"Palestine Is Gone! Gone! 🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸🇵🇸 . The Palestinian plight is savagely painful and the pain is compounded by the bafflingly off-hand dismissal and erasure by Western powers of that pain, [Rima Najjar](#), Global Research, June, 7, 2020

We call upon the leaders of Israel's protest movement to take a firm stance on the Rights of Palestinians.

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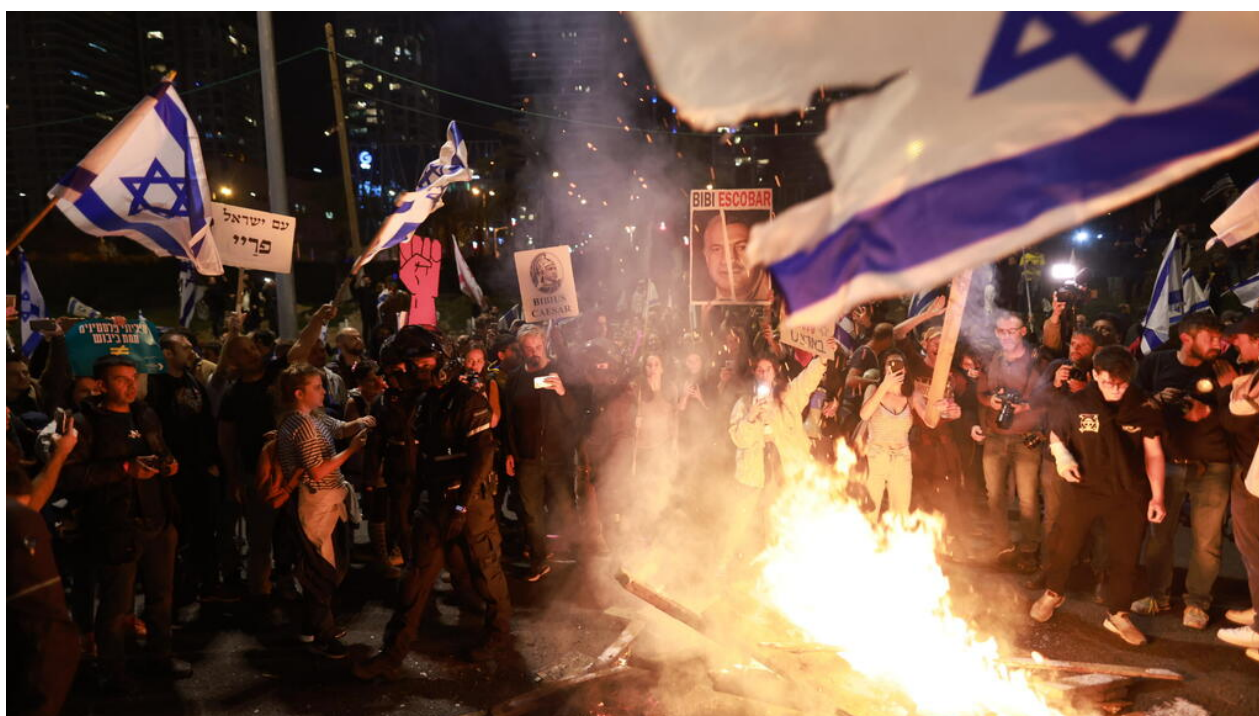
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Hundreds of Israeli writers, artists, and intellectuals on Tuesday called on Germany and Britain to cancel upcoming visits by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying his plan to overhaul Israel's judicial system has put the country on a destructive course.

Netanyahu's coalition, a collection of ultranationalist and ultra-Orthodox parties, has [barreled ahead with legislation](#) that aims to weaken Israel's Supreme Court and give them control over the appointment of the nation's judges.

They say the plan is a long-overdue measure to curb what they see as an outsize influence by unelected judges. But critics say the plan will destroy Israel's fragile system of checks and balances by concentrating power in the hands of Netanyahu and his parliamentary majority. They also say it is an attempt by Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption charges, to escape justice.

Tens of thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets over the past two months to [protest](#) the sweeping overhaul. [Protests last week](#) were so large that Netanyahu was forced to take a helicopter to the airport in order to catch a flight for an official visit to Italy.



Israeli demonstrations in recent months have escalated as reform legislation proceeds (Photo: Tal Shahrar)

[High-tech leaders](#), Nobel-winning economists, and prominent security officials have spoken out against it, military reservists have threatened to stop reporting for duty and even some of Israel's closest allies, including the U.S., have urged Netanyahu to slow down. Repeated [efforts by Israel's figurehead president, Isaac Herzog](#), to [broker a compromise](#) have not yielded fruit.

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