



Netanyahu announces delay to Israel judicial overhaul plans amid huge protests

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Embattled Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was forced to back down on controversial plans to overhaul the country's judiciary on Monday, amid widespread strikes and protests as well as mounting international pressure.

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It was unclear whether Netanyahu's partial climbdown would end the roiling anger on the streets. "The protests will continue unless Netanyahu will note publicly that he was mistaken when leading that reform, and (that) he is holding all future motivations to renew the judicial reform," **Tamir Hayman**, managing director of the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)**, told CNN.

"This is the only scenario where we will see a complete stop of all the demonstrations," said **Hayman**, a former head of the Israeli Intelligence Directorate.

Nonetheless, key Israeli allies welcomed Netanyahu's announcement. For the US, the delay represents "an opportunity to create additional time and space for compromise," said White House press secretary **Karine Jean-Pierre**.

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