

Netanyahu is losing mainstream support - opinion

His irresponsible behavior in recent weeks and his failure to force a compromise on his coalition will probably lead to the end of his reign.

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A country's leader is tested in defining moments. In the last few weeks, there were at least two such moments in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu could be perceived as a balanced and responsible leader, one who sees the good of Israel and Israeli society.

The first moment was a few weeks ago when President Isaac Herzog presented his compromise outline in a brave attempt to end the crisis. The second was just over a week ago, after the speech of Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, who warned that the IDF will disintegrate if we do not reach a national consensus.

In addition to Gallant's statement for a temporary halt to the legal reform legislation, National Unity's chairman Benny Gantz also issued a plea to Netanyahu. He pledged political support if Netanyahu delayed the legislation until after Independence Day. This would give time to reach a compromise and allow the entire nation to celebrate Passover, the holiday of freedom, to mourn on Remembrance Day as one nation and to rejoice as a united people on the 75th Independence Day of Israel.

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