Kadima claims victory in Israeli election

Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's new centrist Kadima party has taken the largest share of parliamentary seats in Israel's 120-member Knesset. Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's right-wing Likud – the party that dominated Israel for decades – was beaten into fifth place

KNESSET POWER BLOCS
Expected share of seats

CENTRE
Kadima: **28**
Pensioners **7**

LEFT
Labour: **20**

Arab parties: **10**
United Arab List
Hadash-Ta'al
Balad

Meretz-Yahad: **4**

RELIGIOUS
Shas: **13**
National Religious Party: **9**
United Torah Judaism: **6**

RIGHT
Yisrael Beiteinu: **12**

Likud: **11**

120 seats

Result with 99.7% of vote counted, turnout: 63%

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