Netanyahu edges closer to forming government

Israeli Prime Minister-designate Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud Party has reached a provisional deal with the Labour Party to form a coalition government – but Labour remains deeply divided over the issue

If talks with Labour, led by *Ehud Barak*, fail, Netanyahu could be left with option of forming narrow right-wing coalition with hard-line parties such as Torah Judaism, National Union, and Jewish Home

Coalition agreement with Labour would give Netanyahu 66 of Knesset's 120 seats

Labour: 13

Likud: 27

Kadima: **28**

Israel Beitenu: 15

Meretz-Yahad: **3**

Shas: 11

Arab parties: **11**

Torah Judaism: **5**

120 member Knesset

Jewish Home: **3**

National Union: **4**

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