

Benjamin Netanyahu claims victory



Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party has claimed victory in Israel's third election in less than a year, but remains short of a governing majority



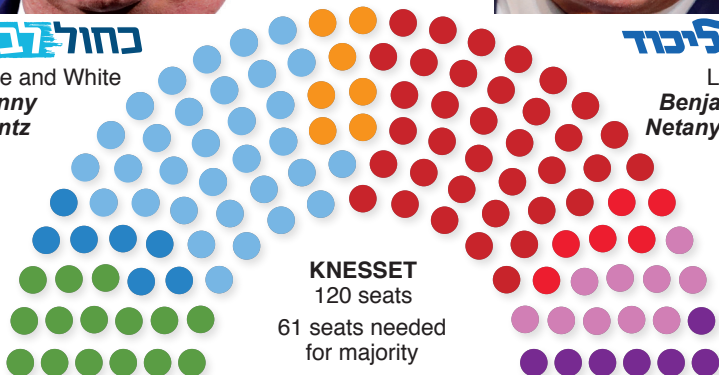
90% of votes counted

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Blue and White
Benny Gantz

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Likud
Benjamin Netanyahu



CENTRE-LEFT BLOC 54 seats

- 32 ● Blue and White
Centrist
- 15 ● Joint List
Arab, left-wing
- 7 ● Labor-Gesher-Meretz
Left-wing

RIGHT-WING PARTIES 59 seats

- 36 ● Likud
Right-wing
- 10 ● Shas
Ultra-orthodox
- 7 ● United Torah Judaism
Ultra-orthodox
- 6 ● Yamina
Religious nationalist

7 ● Yisrael Beiteinu. Right-wing secular
Party leader **Avigdor Lieberman**, kingmaker after last two elections, insists he will not join coalition with religious parties