

# Israel heading for new elections

Israel is preparing for its fourth parliamentary election in less than two years, bringing an unprecedented threat to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's lengthy grip on power



**Benjamin Netanyahu**  
*Likud*

Israel's longest-serving leader faces challenge from three right-wing rivals



**Gideon Saar**  
*New Hope*

Broke from Likud in early December to set up new party dedicated to ousting Netanyahu



**Naftali Bennett**  
*Yamina*

Former aide to Netanyahu leads religious right-wing party that has surged in polls



**Avigdor Lieberman**  
*Yisrael Beiteinu*

Netanyahu's former chief of staff says prime minister is unfit to lead

## Knesset seat projections (based on Dec 22 poll for Kan public TV)

### CENTRE

● Yesh Atid-Telem: 13

● Blue and White: 6

### LEFT-WING

● Meretz: 6

### ARAB

● Joint List  
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### RIGHT-WING

● Yisrael Beiteinu: 6

● Likud: 28

● New Hope: 20

● Yamina: 15

### ULTRA-ORTHODOX

● Shas: 8

● United Torah Judaism  
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