

# Israel's unlikely government

יש עתיד



**■ Yair Lapid, 57:**  
Ex-finance minister and former TV host – has said he will resume negotiations between Israel and Palestinian Authority. Leads secular centre-left party **Yesh Atid**.

**Would serve as prime minister from 2023-25**  
**Seats in Knesset: 17**

Israel's latest political drama sees a diverse mix of eight opposition parties forming a coalition to oust veteran prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in power for the past 12 years



הליכוד

**■ Benjamin Netanyahu, 71:** Served as prime minister from 1996-99 and 2009-present. Netanyahu's **Likud Party** remains largest party in 120-seat Knesset. **Seats: 30**

ימינה



**■ Naftali Bennett, 49:**  
Technology multi-millionaire, former defence minister. Bennett's ultra-nationalist **Yamina** party seeks to annex West Bank, land which Palestinians claim for future state.

**Would serve as prime minister 2021-23**  
**Seats: 7**



כחול לבן

**■ Benny Gantz, 61:** Leader of centrist **Blue and White**. Gantz to remain defence minister. **Seats: 8**



העבודה

**■ Merav Michaeli, 54:** Leader of once-dominant centre-left **Labor** party **Seats: 7**



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**■ Avigdor Lieberman, 62:** Former defence minister, leader of nationalist **Yisrael Beiteinu** party **Seats: 7**



מקווה חדשה

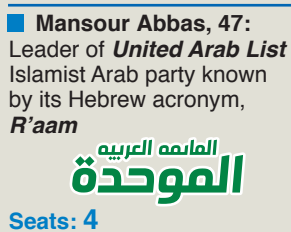
**■ Gideon Saar, 54:** Former member of Likud who quit to set up **New Hope** party **Seats: 6**



**■ Nitzan Horowitz, 56:** Leader of **Meretz** secular party that supports two-state solution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict

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**Seats: 6**



**■ Mansour Abbas, 47:** Leader of **United Arab List** – Islamist Arab party known by its Hebrew acronym, **R'aam**

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**Seats: 4**

