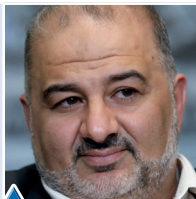
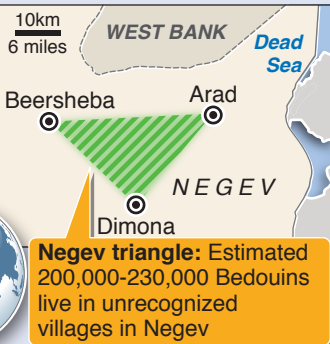


# Cracks in Israel's fragile coalition

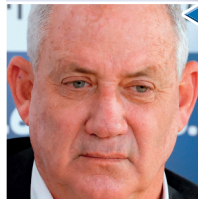
Naftali Bennett's eight-party coalition includes the far left, centrists, his own right-wing Yamina party, and for the first time in the Jewish state's history, an Arab Islamic party, United Arab List



■ **Jan 10-16, Negev:** Israeli forces crack down on protests against government-sanctioned tree-planting on land claimed by Palestinian Bedouins. Palestinians see forestation as land-grab



■ **Jan 12: United Arab List leader Mansour Abbas** boycotts cooperation with coalition over tree-planting. Coalition needs UAL's four votes to retain their one-member majority of 61 in 120-seat Kneset



■ **Dec 29: Benny Gantz**, Defence Minister and leader of centrist **Blue and White** party is condemned by coalition's right-wing **New Hope** party after meeting with Palestinian Authority President **Mahmoud Abbas**. Gantz announces measures to boost West Bank economy



■ **Jan 3:** Foreign Minister **Yair Lapid** says that contrary to PM Bennett, he is prepared to meet with PA leader Abbas



■ **Jan 6:** Prime Minister **Naftali Bennett** condemns coalition's **Meretz** member, **Yair Golan**, for referring to settlers at Homesh as "subhuman." Golan's words follow reports that settlers have desecrated Palestinian graves, vandalized property and burnt Palestinian flags