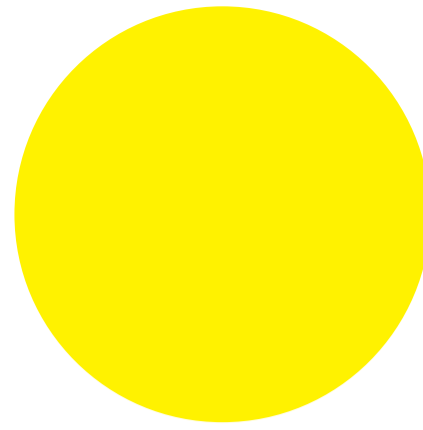




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## Evil Netanyahu in hot water

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### PERSPECTIVE

Belligerent Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has found himself in a tight spot these days, grappling with a predicament that offers no easy way out. His tarnished reputation due to the atrocities and war crimes in the Gaza Strip now adds to the looming threat of an International Criminal Court ruling. Reports from the media suggest that

the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, is set to pass judgment on Netanyahu, the Minister of War, and the Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Israeli Army for charges of committing war crimes. This imminent decision, hastening the downfall of Netanyahu's political career, is poised to spark an international legal scandal. In parallel with the news of the potential International Criminal Court ruling, there are reports of intensified negotiations for a cease-fire, with the US Secretary of State traveling to Saudi Arabia for this purpose. While external pressure mounts on

Netanyahu's hawkish administration to agree to a cease-fire, internal pressures are also escalating. These pressures are coupled with a growing public clamor for Netanyahu's removal and the dissolution of his cabinet. Adding to the chaos within Netanyahu's administration are internal rifts, with Israeli Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir and Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich threatening to resign if military operations in Rafah city are halted. After seven months of conflict, Netanyahu's tenure is reaching a point where support for him is virtually nonexistent, both domestically and

internationally, with widespread anticipation of his departure. Many experts believe that a substantial part of Netanyahu's opposition to cease-fire proposals is rooted in his concern for his political fate. Forecasts, along with the political climate in the occupied territories, indicate that once the Gaza conflict ends, the primary public demand will be for early elections, outcomes of which are already foreseen. Netanyahu's chances of winning the election are slim, given his performance during the seven months of warfare. Page 7 >



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