Israel: Zionists stay in power

The first and best news from Israel's election is that Netanyahu and his Settler Coalition have lost their majority. But he may lead a caretaker regime while parties seek a new Coalition. No Israeli Jewish politicians spoke of justice for Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank or Israel. Iran may be hit again. Zionism remains in power.

Eisenkot

Netanyahu's main challenger is Gadi Eisenkot, who described the election as ***"a victory for the mainstream Zionist majority in Israel"***. He is a former IDF general who ran the 2006 invasion of Lebanon and a member of the War Cabinet from October 2023 to May 2024 when mass attacks on civilians, housing and infrastructure began the Gaza genocide.

Unlike Netanyahu he might allow Trump's Gaza plan to proceed, but with a permanent IDF presence inside a "*security corridor*". The IDF are hinting at a new full-on war in Gaza.

In the West Bank, Eisenkot wants to expand settlement construction – the basis for annexation – while controlling extremist settlers who give the Occupation a bad name. **All Israeli Jewish politicians oppose a Palestinian State.**

Palestinian voters

Palestinian citizens of Israel voted in much larger numbers



Concrete block marking the "yellow zone" under Israeli military control, in Tufah neighborhood, Gaza City, 27 July 2026. [REUTERS/Ebrahim Hajjaj] IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir described the line as Israel's "new border".

than before and the Joint List and Ra'am have won enough seats to stop either Netanyahu or Eisenkot getting a majority. The Joint List – a slate formed of Balad, Hadash and Ta'al – was the only electoral opposition to occupation, ethnic cleansing, apartheid and genocide. Netanyahu responded with baseless claims of 'voter fraud'. The way is open for Eisenkot to achieve a majority through an alliance with the 'Arab parties'. **But racism in Israel is so deep-rooted that his supporters would prefer to lose power than to share it with Palestinians.**

> *Israeli opposition has a strong majority to topple Netanyahu, but they'd rather keep him in office, go to another election round and commit political suicide than form a government backed by Arab parties, because the latter might, God forbid, require ending the Gaza genocide or slowing down West Bank ethnic cleansing and settler terrorism.* — **Muhammad Shehada**

Far-right settlers re-elected

Smotrich and Ben-Gvir, Cabinet Ministers in Netanyahu's Coalition government, were re-elected. If Israel faces fresh elections, the Cabinet will remain in post. Ben-Gvir recently told Time Magazine Israel should occupy the entire Gaza Strip and encourage Palestinians to leave both Gaza and the West Bank. Smotrich is committed to annexing the West Bank to Israel.

Zionist politicians seek each other as partners for power, claiming to be democratic while excluding Palestinians who exercised democracy. The case for BDS against Israeli apartheid, war, and genocide remains rock solid.