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Israel's Democracy Under Attack

The Netanyahu government, the protest movement and what's next



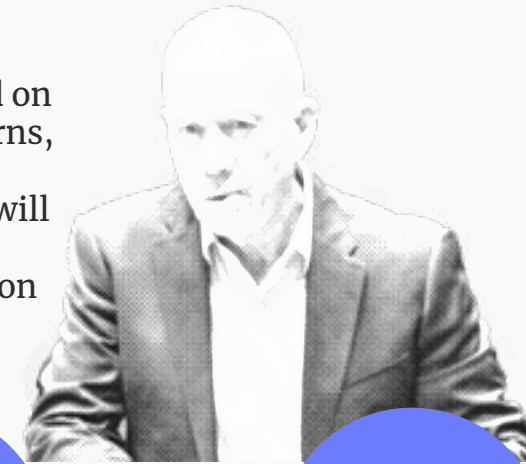
NETANYAHU GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Most extreme right-wing religious coalition in Israel's history sworn in

Justice Minister Yariv Levin unveils wholesale judicial overhaul (termed 'reform') to be legislated by April. Widely condemned and opposed

President Isaac Herzog calls for overhaul to be halted. Government refuses, but compromise negotiations between opposition and coalition begin at President's Residence

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant announces opposition to overhaul based on security concerns, Netanyahu announces he will fire him, later reverses decision



Coalition delays convening Judicial Appointments Committee (which it seeks to control). Opposition suspends participation in compromise negotiations in protest

Government announces intent to unilaterally pass first overhaul law striking down the Reasonableness Standard – the basis for judicial review of 'extremely unreasonable' government decisions and appointments



Reasonableness Law passed, nullifying Supreme Court oversight



First anti-overhaul, pro-democracy protest is held, within three weeks grows to more than 200,000 protesters across the country

January onwards: Activism expands and intensifies through WhatsApp groups; IDF reservists, academics, high-tech workers, health care workers organize protest sectors

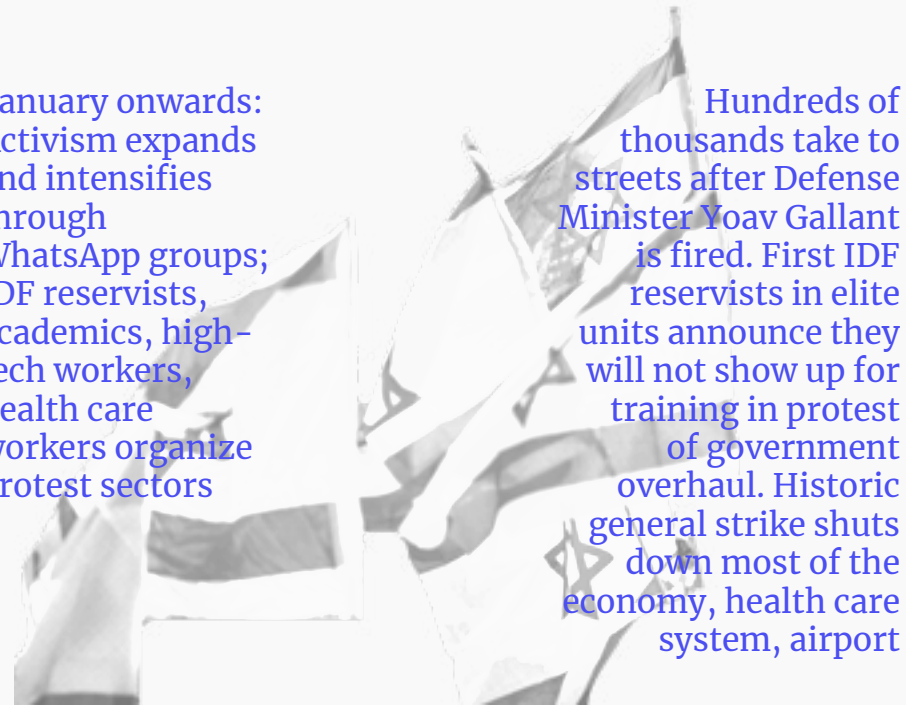
Hundreds of thousands take to streets after Defense Minister Yoav Gallant is fired. First IDF reservists in elite units announce they will not show up for training in protest of government overhaul. Historic general strike shuts down most of the economy, health care system, airport

U.S. President Joe Biden speaks out, says he hopes Netanyahu 'walks away' from overhaul plans

On eve of Reasonableness Law vote, mass march from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, businesses strike, key air force reservists refuse service. After law passes, protest movement vows to escalate civil resistance

Massive protests after Tel Aviv police commander resigns, claiming political pressure to use disproportionate force

Thousands of protestors barricade Ben-Gurion Airport on "Day of Resistance"



ISRAEL'S PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTEST MOVEMENT

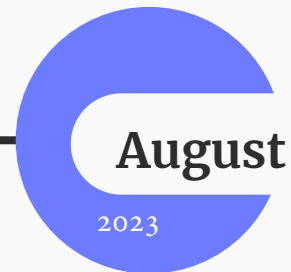
FUTURE FLASHPOINTS

Protests and civil disobedience to continue and escalate through summer

Yet more reservists to refuse service, from pilots to military intelligence, raising security concerns and potentially jeopardizing operational readiness

Supreme Court to hear petition on whether new Reasonableness Law conflicts with Basic Laws protecting human and civil rights and should be voided

Knesset to reconvene. Senior coalition members have vowed to push forward further laws in the judicial overhaul package



Supreme Court to hear petition to disqualify Netanyahu from serving as prime minister for violating conflict of interest restrictions arising from his own criminal trial and simultaneous involvement in judicial overhaul

Supreme Court to hear petition on Justice Minister Levin's refusal to convene Judicial Appointments Committee

Netanyahu's criminal trial resumes



The Netanyahu government's judicial coup: Scenarios for what happens next in Israel

