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Talks come after party leaders publicly exhort one another to make concessions necessary to form emergency unity government to deal with coronavirus crisis; Blue & White leader says he would not endanger Israel's democracy or rule of law; PM retorts on Twitter: 'Benny, come to Jerusalem, let's sign a deal tonight'

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Blue & White leader Benny Gantz and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu were **meeting Monday night** in a last-minute bid to reach an agreement on a unity government before the clock ran out on Gantz's time to form a stable coalition government.

The meeting came after Gantz and Netanyahu publicly exhorted one another to make the concessions needed to form a government.

"This is the moment of truth, Netanyahu," Gantz said in a televised statement. "Israel needs a unity government."

The emergency caused by the coronavirus pandemic left only two options, according to Gantz - joining the prime minister in handling the crisis or heading to a fourth election cycle since the early last year.

"I opted for joining the government at risk to my personal and political future," Gantz said, referring to the split in his party that saw his two main political partners split when it emerged that the Blue & White leader had been holding secret talks with Netanyahu. The former military chief said the prime minister heads an interim government that lacks the authority to pass a budget and agree on an exit strategy for Israel from the coronavirus crisis.

"Netanyahu knows he needs me to help him deal with the crisis," Gantz said, adding that both parties had agreed they would need to make concessions but that he refused to agree to any demands that would harm the rule of law or Israeli democracy.

Shortly after Gantz' statement, Netanyahu took to Twitter to call on the Blue & White leader to go to Jerusalem to sign an agreement for an emergency government.

"Benny, I am waiting for you at the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem," Netanyahu said.

"Let's meet and sign an agreement even tonight on the establishment of an emergency unity government that will save lives and act in the interests of Israel's citizens."

The mandate to form a government given to Gantz by President Reuven Rivlin expires Monday at midnight.

Until last month, the Blue & White leader headed an alliance of three political parties, two of which broke away over negotiations to join a Netanyahu-led coalition.

"I did not want Blue & White to break apart," Gantz said Monday, "but my partners did not want to stay."

"If Israel was in the midst of a war... there would be no question about the necessity of a unity government," he said.

Gantz insisted the good of the country was more important than other considerations during the coronavirus pandemic, including his earlier commitment not to join a government led by Netanyahu after his indictment on charges of bribery, fraud, and breach of trust.

"The crisis does not allow a leader to deal with ego," he said, "Israel must come first."

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Israel to go into another Passover lockdown to end of eight-day festival Friday

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Israel to go into another Passover lockdown over coronavirus

Netanyahu says new measures will take hold at 5pm Tuesday and last for 36 hours; restrictions timed for end of eight-day Jewish festival but not mimouna celebration; people will remain in their cities and communities, but will be able to shop for essentials

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Israelis will endure another full lockdown in the final days of the Passover in an effort to stop people from congregating amid the coronavirus outbreak, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced Monday night.

The lockdown will begin at 5pm Tuesday and last until Thursday at 5am, covering the end of Passover on Wednesday but not the mimouna celebrations traditionally held by Jews of North African origin after the final day of the holiday.

During this time, Israelis will not be allowed to leave their cities and communities, although shops will be open. Cities and towns with a non-Jewish majority are exempt. The Health Ministry had apparently advised Netanyahu to impose the lockdown until 6am Sunday, to include the mimouna celebrations.

"You are asked to hold limited family celebrations with those around you right now, as we did at [the first night of] Passover," the prime minister said.

"I am reminding you that on the day of the mimouna, gatherings in parks is forbidden," he said. "It has become a national holiday but this year it has to be different, in the bosom of the family."

The government imposed a lockdown last week at the start of the Jewish holiday, which included a full curfew on Seder Night, that also prohibited Israelis from venturing outside their cities and communities.

Municipal inspectors have also been authorized by Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan to enforce and impose fines on those who are violating the Health Ministry directives.

Previously only police officers were authorized to legally enforce the orders on the public.

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Gantz asks Rivlin for extension to form government

The Blue & White leader tells the president in a letter that he will do 'all I can' to establish a coalition with Netanyahu's Likud in wake of the coronavirus epidemic in the country

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Benny Gantz, leader of the Blue & White party, on Saturday asked the country's president for a two-week extension as he tries to form a coalition government with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The political, health and social crisis have brought me to the decision that even at a heavy political and personal price, I will do all I can to establish a government with the Likud," Gantz wrote in a letter to the president, published by his party.

Gantz, Netanyahu's chief rival in three elections over the past year, was given the task by Israel's president last month of forming a new government after winning the backing of a narrow majority of members of the newly elected parliament.

But in an abrupt about-face, Gantz later said he would seek to form an "emergency" government with Netanyahu's Likud party to confront a growing coronavirus crisis. His decision caused his Blue and White alliance to disintegrate, leaving him at the helm of a diminished version of the party.

The emergency government is expected to leave Netanyahu in the prime minister's post for a year and a half, before the job rotates to Gantz. After initial signs of progress, talks between Gantz and Netanyahu hit a snag last week.

Gantz faces a Monday deadline for reaching a deal. He announced late Saturday that he would ask the country's figurehead president, Reuven Rivlin, for a two-week extension. "I believe that we are close to signing an agreement, and that with additional time an agreement can be finalized," he said.

Earlier, Netanyahu called for an immediate resumption of talks in an atmosphere of "good will."

A failure to reach a deal could plunge the country into a fourth consecutive election in just over a year.

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Egypt will ban any public religious gatherings during the holy Muslim fasting month Ramadan starting in around two weeks to counter the spread of the new coronavirus, a government statement said on Tuesday.

Muslims usually break the fast at sunset together with their families, go to the mosque to pray and spend maximum time with relatives.

But with health experts recommending social distancing measures during the global coronavirus crisis, Egypt will ban any gatherings and public iftars, or fast-breaking meals,

as well as collective social activities, the ministry of Islamic endowments, said in a statement.

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The ban will also apply to the seclusion of Itikaf when Muslims spend the last 10 days of the month in mosques to pray and meditate, the ministry said.

Egypt has reported more than 1,300 confirmed cases of the coronavirus with more than 80 deaths, according to a Reuters tally.

Egypt is home to some 100 million people and also the seat of the al-Azhar University, Egypt's highest religious authority and one of the world's most eminent seats of Sunni Muslim learning.

Ramadan will start around April 23 depending on the sighting of the moon marking the start of the month. Egypt already last month ordered mosques and churches to shut their doors to worshippers. Prayer calls are broadcast via loudspeakers

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Displaced Syrians wary of coronavirus risk return to war-torn Idlib

Although province yet to confirm any cases, many of those who fled fighting fear almost non-existent infrastructure and health system will cause a humanitarian disaster

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Thousands of displaced Syrians have begun moving back to their homes in war-torn Idlib province despite the risk of renewed conflict, some driven by fear that the new coronavirus could wreak havoc on crowded camps near the Turkish border.

About one million Syrians fled Idlib and its surrounding countryside in northwest Syria this past year after Russian-backed government forces stepped up a campaign to retake the last rebel stronghold after nine years of war.

Fighting has calmed since March when Ankara, which backs some groups opposed to President Bashar al-Assad, agreed to a ceasefire with Moscow, which has supported Damascus with heavy airpower.

Syria's northwest does not yet have a confirmed case of coronavirus, but doctors fear the area's ravaged medical infrastructure and overflowing camps would quickly turn any outbreak into a humanitarian disaster.

As the tentative peace holds, displaced Syrians are weighing up grim options: remain in tightly packed camps with few services where a viral spread could be lethal, or return to homes still at risk of getting caught in renewed bloodshed.

“Our lives go from danger to danger as we flee from bombing, the regime, and conflict, to overcrowding and coronavirus,” said Abu Abdo, 45. On Sunday Abdu returned with his family of seven to a village in Idlib’s countryside.

“Here it’s agricultural land and the air is clean and there’s no congestion, but it’s still a dangerous area,” he said.

Vans and trucks stacked with mattresses and household appliances choked a road snaking south through Idlib province on Sunday as families driven out just months earlier by airstrikes sought to return.

“We fear there will be a regime escalation again but life in the town, in our home, is better than displacement and poor conditions,” said Fayez al-Assi, 49, who fled Jabal al-Zawiya in Idlib’s southern countryside two and a half months ago.

The Syrian Response Coordination Group, a northwest Syria relief agency, said 103,459 Syrians had returned to towns in the Aleppo and Idlib countryside since the ceasefire.

“Even if there is bombing we aren’t afraid of it. We’ve gotten used to it,” said Zakaria Shawish, 25, from the town of Ariha, south of Idlib. “Sitting here under the bombing is better than being displaced in the camps and not having a home.”



Olive Garden Breadsticks Recipe

Dough:

1 1/2 cups warm water
2 Tbs sugar
1 Tbs yeast
1 Tbs salt
2 Tbs butter, softened
4-5 Cups flour

Topping:

3 Tbs butter melted
sea salt
1/4 tsp garlic powder

For the dough, pour the water into a stand mixer with the sugar and yeast, let that sit and froth for about 10 minutes.

Add salt, butter, and 2 cups of flour.

Mix the dough on low. Add the rest of the flour a half cup at a time, until dough scrapes the sides of the bowl clean.

Mix the dough about 5 minutes on medium speed, until its soft and easy to work with.

Roll the dough out into a long log, spray a knife with cooking spray and cut the dough into 12-14 pieces. Roll those pieces into about 6 inch long snakes.

Spray 2 large cookie sheets with cooking spray, and lay the breadsticks out leaving

Long article, but well worth the time -to read it from top to bottom and pass it around
This all makes sense.

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TRUMP: EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO NEW WORLD ORDER By James D Veltmeyer, MD

The ongoing attacks by the political establishment on President Donald Trump – which began even before he was elected – are without parallel in history. The savagery, frenzy, and outright hysteria displayed by the President’s enemies within the Democrat Party, the media, and the various power centers of the globalist elites have no prior precedent.

This President has been spied on, lied about, made the subject of phony foreign dossiers, insulted, ridiculed, scorned, mocked and threatened. We have witnessed Hollywood celebrities advocate for blowing up the White House, demand the President be beaten, jailed or even assassinated, and his children tortured and sexually abused. We have seen politicians in Washington try to convict the President of non-existent crimes, investigate him and his family members for everything from tax returns to guests at his hotels, project on to him crimes that they themselves have committed, and seed his Administration with leakers and double-agents.

No other President in American history has been treated in such a shameful manner. Not Lincoln. Not FDR. Not Nixon. Not Reagan. What is it about this President that has roused such demons in his political foes? What is it about this President that drives his opponents to the brink of insanity? What is it about this President that so terrifies and terrorizes the Pelosis, Schiffs, Schumers and the George Sorosos? Is it simply that he is not part of the club, a brash outsider with a different style? Is it merely because he’s outspoken and tramples on political correctness? Is it because he’s sometimes unpresidential in his demeanor (at least in their minds)? Not at all. After all, aren’t these the same folks who loved Bill Clinton whose extracurricular activities involved cigars and staining blue dresses in the Oval Office?

Of course, Clinton was beloved by the globalist elites who pull the strings on world governments. He gave them NAFTA, after all. He gave them the WTO. He made tens of billions of dollars for them and their stockholders through these unfair trade deals that cost America five million manufacturing jobs and closed 70,000 factories. He also gave the military-industrial complex plenty of profit-making military interventions, from Haiti to Bosnia to Serbia and Iraq. Bill Clinton, for all his corruption, delivered the goods for the New World Order.

Donald Trump, of course, never played ball with these globalists. He was elected explicitly on an anti-globalist platform that put America first. From day one, he started to implement that America-first agenda, earning him the undying enmity of all those whose profits are secured by selling out American workers, American jobs, and America's national sovereignty. President Trump pulled us out of the TPP. Billions in lost profits for the globalists. President Trump pulled us out of the job-destroying Paris Climate Accords. Billions in lost profits for foreign nations like Communist China, at our expense. Read NASA's Report. President Trump began the process of securing the U.S. border. Billions in lost cheap illegal immigrant labor for the Business Roundtable.

President Trump imposed tariffs on China, becoming the first President ever to address Beijing's annual \$500 billion rape of our economy. Billions in lost profits for corporations who ship our jobs to one of the worst tyrannies on the planet. President Trump renegotiated NAFTA. Again, billions in lost profits for the cheap labor crowd. President Trump launched the process of extricating the U.S. from endless foreign wars and avoiding new wars with nations like Iran and North Korea. Billions – perhaps trillions – in lost profits for the globalist war machine.

Is the picture becoming a little clearer? In each instance, the President's policies have represented a dramatic upending of the globalist agenda of both parties, the Carter-Bush-Clinton-Bush-Obama agendas of continuous war and the continuous looting of America's wealth and hollowing out of the American middle class. With both parties and their representatives in Congress beholden to campaign donors whose profits are threatened by Trump's America-first initiatives, is it no wonder that both Democrats and Never-Trump Republicans, all Globalist-Socialist, are determined to bring this President down? Most of the mass media is controlled by these same global corporations. After all, doesn't Amazon's Jeff Bezos - the richest man in the world – own the Washington Post? As was said in Watergate, just follow the money. And while you're following the money, see if it leads to a \$500 million left-wing slush fund run by a shadowy Soros and Clinton-linked group called Arabella Advisors which is funding the anti-Trump political agenda through dozens of high-sounding front groups.

Folks, the New World Order gang is in full retreat all over the globe. From Brexit in the UK to the populist governments of Hungary and Poland to the Yellow Vest movement in France and Salvini in Italy, the middle and working classes are demanding the overthrow of their nation-destroying overlords. The overlords who have flooded their countries with unassailable immigrants from North Africa and surrendered their sovereignty to the European Union and its unaccountable bureaucrats in Brussels. They have lived the unfulfilled promises of the globalists, that giving up national sovereignty and relocating jobs abroad would usher in a new era of peace and prosperity. The exact opposite has happened. The globalist vision has resulted in \$7 trillion of pointless wars in the Middle East, an immigration crisis, the loss of jobs, and declining standards of living.

In the United States, Donald J. Trump has emerged as the New World Order's most tenacious and determined foe as he fights the good fight for the American people, our constitutional rights and liberties and the sovereignty of our nation. He is an existential

threat to the New World Order. Unlike other Republican presidents of the recent past, he can't be bought and has no price. Unlike them, he doesn't give in and he doesn't give up.

Go ahead, globalists. Try your impeachment games. Try your Senate trials. It won't work. In fact, it will backfire on all of you as – after three years of trying to prevent the Electoral College from voting for Trump, stopping the inauguration, unleashing Jim Comey and the FBI, CIA spying, Robert Mueller and his phony Russiagate probe, tax returns, emoluments, Kavanaugh, and all the rest -- the patience of the American public is wearing thin. We aren't as stupid as you think. Something you will recognize clearly come November 3, 2020.

“How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!” — Thomas Jefferson