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Israel's top court disqualifies Shas chief Deri from serving as minister in bombshell ruling  
With 10 judges in support and one dissenting, panel writes in majority opinion Haredi  
lawmaker ineligible to hold health and interior minister roles due to past criminal  
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Gilad Morag|Updated:08:51

The High Court of Justice on Wednesday nixed Shas leader Arye Deri's appointment as  
minister in the new government in a dramatic ruling, citing “extreme unreasonableness”  
as the reason for his disqualification.

With ten judges supporting the decision and one dissenting, the justices wrote in the  
majority opinion that the ultra-Orthodox lawmaker was ineligible to hold the roles of  
health and interior minister due to his conviction for tax evasion from last year.

“Due to his past criminal convictions... and the position Deri presented to the  
Magistrate's Court, according to which he was retiring from political life, and his conduct  
thereafter.”

Deri was convicted last year on charges of tax evasion. He escaped punishment after signing a plea deal that saw him resign as a member of the Knesset. Although the move seemed to signal the end of Deri's political career, he nonetheless helmed his ultra-Orthodox party in the most recent November election, in which his party secured 11 Knesset seats.

In the minority opinion, sole dissenter Justice Yosef Elron wrote that he believed that the appointment should stand, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu must first appeal to the chairman of the Central Election Committee to have him determine the matter. Earlier this week, Deri made it clear that even if the High Court disqualifies him, he will not resign from his post, saying in closed conversations, "the onus is on Netanyahu, he has to solve this problem."

However, Netanyahu's ruling Likud party struggle to find creative solutions that would keep Deri in the government legally in such a case, and the party even estimates that he will only be able to remain a member of the coalition without serving as a minister.

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Report: U.S. sending Ukraine artillery shells stored in Israel

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The U.S. is sending artillery shells to Ukraine that are being stored in Israel, according to a report in The New York Times on Tuesday.

A senior U.S. official told the paper that out of more than a million 155-millimeter shells the U.S. has delivered or promised to deliver to Ukraine, almost half of them come or will come from stockpiles in Israel and South Korea. Both U.S. and Israeli officials said that half of the 300,000 shells stored in Israel have already arrived in Europe, and will enter Poland before delivery to Ukraine.

This comes as the U.S. is strained to supply more ammunition to Ukraine, which uses twice the combined production of artillery shells against Russian targets. The deficit has forced the U.S. to search for other sources to arm Ukrainian forces, including tapping into overseas stockpiles, until American manufacturers can scale up production.

"Based on a U.S. request, certain equipment was transferred" to the U.S. Defense Department, an Israeli military spokesman said.

According to the report, the U.S. stockpile in Israel originated following the Yom Kippur War in 1973, when significant amounts of ammunition were delivered to support Israel. It was later decided by the U.S. government that the stockpile should remain in Israel permanently in cases of emergencies.

A senior Israeli official said that the move was coordinated between U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin with then Defense Minister Benny Gantz in a talk the two had. The request was then motioned to Israel's security cabinet and was approved by former Prime Minister Yair Lapid.

U.S. officials said Washington promised Israel it will replenish the stockpile and will send emergency shipments of ammunition in case of an emergency.

Israel has been hesitant in supplying Ukraine with weapons, worried about Russia's response. The Jewish state sees maintaining diplomatic ties with Moscow as a national interest, both for the large number of Jews living in Russia and for the military coordination in Syria.

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Jordanian ambassador would not wait to enter al-Aqsa, sparking diplomatic row

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Jordanian envoy blocked from entering al-Aqsa, sparking diplomatic row

Rasan al-Majali prevented from entering mosque compound by officer unaware of visit; Amman summons Israeli envoy for clarification; ambassador returns to site hours later, prays uninterrupted

Einav Halabi, Daniel Salami, Haim Goldich|Updated:Yesterday | 10:07

The Jordanian ambassador to Israel on Tuesday was prevented from entering the al-Aqsa mosque compound on the Temple Mount, sparking a diplomatic tempest between Jerusalem and Amman.

Jordanian television said Israeli security personnel had asked ambassador Rasan al-Majali to leave the premises after demanding he presents a permit.

Israel denied the report at first but the Israeli envoy in Jordan was summoned to the foreign ministry in Amman for clarification.

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Israel Police said the Jordanian head of the Waqf, the site's Muslim endowment, and the ambassador arrived without advance notice. "An officer on duty did not recognize the gentlemen and was not aware of any planned visit and informed his commander. While he was waiting for instructions, he held the two men at the entrance to the compound," the police said in a statement.

"Contrary to misleading reports, their entrance was not prevented and the ambassador himself decided to leave on his own accord.

Had he waited just a few seconds longer, he would have been allowed in. Coordination in advance would have prevented any delay and we are sorry for the false reporting about the incident."

The police's account of the incident, however, did not assuage the outrage of the Jordanians who were quick to summon the Israel ambassador Eitan Sorkis for clarification.

Hours after being intercepted at the entrance to the al-Aqsa mosque compound by Israeli security personnel, Jordanian Ambassador Rasan However, Al-Majali returned to the Jerusalem site about three hours after the incident a prayed there uninterrupted.

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Speaking during weekly cabinet meeting, PM tells his ministers that millions of Israelis who voted for the right-wing on November 1 elections knew 'about the intention to reform the judicial system' comprehensively'

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday brushed off mass anti-government protests that took place across the country hours earlier, saying his controversial and much-criticized reform of the justice system was what the people voted for in November 1 elections.

"Two months ago, there was a huge demonstration in Israel, the mother of all demonstrations," Netanyahu said during weekly cabinet meeting. "Millions of people took to the streets to vote in the elections. One of the main issues they voted for is reforming the judicial system."

On Saturday night, an estimated 80,000 in the central city of Tel Aviv and many thousands in Jerusalem turned out to protest against reforms to Israel's judicial system proposed by a minister. The November 2022 elections - the fifth since 2019 - saw some of the highest voter turnout in recent Israeli history. The result saw the Netanyahu bloc outpoll the so-called "anti-Netanyahu" bloc by roughly 30,000 votes.

"In recent days, I have heard an attempt to claim that the public did not know what they were voting for," Netanyahu continued. "So here is a quote, one of many, from my friends from the election campaign and me: 'We will make the necessary corrections in the judicial system out of consideration and responsibility. We are going to fix the system, save it and not destroy it.'

"My friends and I, many of whom are here around the table, have said this countless times, and millions of citizens who voted for the right-wing camp knew about the intention to reform the judicial system comprehensively," the prime minister added.

"More than that, they demanded it from us. Anyone who was at our election rallies, in the city centers, in the neighborhoods, we heard the voice rising from the crowd."

"And many of those who did not vote for us knew and agreed that it was necessary to make fundamental corrections in the judicial system," he added. Netanyahu then noted that when other governments - both on the right and the left - called to reform the judicial system, no one called it the "end of democracy."

Israel's new government has made overhauling the country's legal system a centerpiece of its agenda, working to weaken the Supreme Court and allowing lawmakers to pass laws the court has struck down with a simple majority in parliament. Other reforms include politicizing the appointment of judges, reducing the independence of government legal advisors or ignoring their counsel.

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Police deploys some 1,000 officers in Tel Aviv, as precinct chief says main goal is everyone who comes to the demonstration will be able to arrive and leave in an orderly safe manner; protests also take place in Jerusalem and Haifa

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Tens of thousands of Israelis were gathering in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem on Saturday to stage twin rallies against the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Expecting disruptions to public order, the Israel Police deployed some 1,000 personnel in Tel Aviv, as several roads near the city's Habima Square were also closed.

Prior to the demonstration in Tel Aviv, the chief of Israel Police's Tel Aviv precinct, Ami Ashad took a preliminary tour and said that "the main goal is that everyone who comes to the demonstration will be able to arrive in an orderly manner and leave here in an orderly and safe manner."

"Our only goal is to deal with people who are committing vandalism or violence. We don't deal with things that are trivial," Ashad added in an apparent reference to National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir's ban on raising the Palestinian flag.

Despite the inclement weather, no less than 50,000 Israelis are expected to take part in the demonstration. The crowds arrived despite the weather forecast, and despite the rain that already started to drop in Tel Aviv, as many of them came equipped with umbrellas.

Meanwhile, a smaller protest rally was also held in the northern city of Haifa, and hundreds of people gathered at the Horev Center to protest against Benjamin Netanyahu's government.

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Three dead today, in PA clashes with IDF; total 9 in 2<sup>nd</sup> week of 2023

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Palestinians report three dead in one day, in clashes with IDF

Palestinian Health Ministry confirms the third fatality identified as 18-year-old Abdel Hadi Nazal shot earlier in the day at Qabatiya near Jenin after two other deaths reported Agencies |14:51

Palestinian health officials said three Palestinians were killed by Israeli troops during West Bank raids to arrest terror suspects on Thursday,

The military, which has been carrying out near-nightly raids in the territory since early last year, said soldiers who entered the Qalandia refugee camp before dawn were bombarded by rocks and cement blocks. In response, the military said troops opened fire at Palestinians throwing objects from rooftops, killing one person who the Palestinian Health Ministry identified as Samir Aslan, 41.

Aslan's sister, Noura Aslan, said security forces broke into their house at 2:30 a.m. to arrest his 18-year-old son, Ramzi. As Ramzi was being hauled away, his father sprinted to the rooftop to see what was happening, she said. Within moments, an Israeli sniper shot him in the back.

The IDF also raided the northern West Bank on Thursday, entering the village of Qabatiya south of the flashpoint city of Jenin and surrounding a house in the town. The Palestinian Health Ministry reported that Israeli forces fatally shot 25-year-old Habib Kamil and 18-year-old Abdel Hadi Nazal.

The military said security forces entered Qabatiya to arrest Muhammad Alauna, a Palestinian suspected of planning militant attacks.

The army said soldiers shot at a number of Palestinians during the raid, including a man who tried to flee the scene with Alauna, a gunman who fired at the forces from inside his car as well as a group of Palestinians throwing rocks at Israeli troops. It was not immediately clear what Kamil was doing when he was shot.

In a separate incident on Wednesday, in the southern West Bank, a Palestinian who stabbed a Jewish settler at a farm was shot dead, Yochai Damri, the head of local settlements, told Israel's Army Radio. It was not clear whether the wounded settler or someone else fired the shots.

In the first two weeks of 2023, nine Palestinians have been killed in the raids, including three teenagers, according to Palestinian officials. No Israeli soldiers have been killed in the operations.

The heightened violence comes as Israel's new ultranationalist and ultra-Orthodox government — the country's most right-wing ever — is charting its legislative agenda,

one that is expected to take a tough line against the Palestinians and drive up settlement construction in the West Bank.

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EU deliberates funding for PA as terror victim's family speaks out

1.12.23 – Th- - - News   Placed in January 10 spot – Tuesday  
Seven ex-top Israeli legal officials oppose Netanyahu's judicial reforms

1.12.23 – Th- - - News   Placed in January 09 spot – Monday  
Brazil's new leader Lula ousts Israel envoy appointed by predecessor Bolsonaro

1.12.23 – Th- - - News   – Thursday  
Rancher attacked by Palestinian at West Bank settlement, assailant killed by passerby

1.11.23 – We- - - News   – Wednesday  
Report: Iran building air defenses in Syria in wake of Israeli strikes

1.11.23 – We- - - News   – Wednesday  
Lapid & Gantz ignited the streets with insurrection; Ben-Gvir held back arrest

1.11.23 – We- - - News   Placed in January 11 spot – Wednesday  
All flight departures grounded in the US for 3 hrs Wednesday morning by FAA

1.10.23 – Tu- - - News   – Tuesday  
Herzog dubs Netanyahu's judicial reforms 'violation' of Israel's 'moral compass'

1.10.23 – Tu- - - News   – Tuesday  
Man detained after attempting to drive into crowd of protesters

1.10.23 – Tu- - - News   – Tuesday  
Netanyahu tells AIPAC the world now sees Iran as a repressive, terrorist regime

1.09.23 – Mo- - - News   – Monday  
Israel vote in two weeks to revoke citizenship and residency of convicted terrorists

1.09.23 – Mo- - - News   Placed in January 08 spot – Sunday  
Israel security minister Ben-Gvir bans any PLO terrorist flags flying in public

1.09.23 – Mo- - - News   – Monday  
Israel need of 24,000 new teachers brings unqualified staff to class