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Since then, Netanyahu hasn't lost

an opportunity to speak disparag-

hissing, or 'small,' equating it with

weakness and treasonous conduct,

and accusing it of loving

Palestinians while hating religious

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#RELEASE

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appreciative of the fact that

Brigades were not confirmed

to be staging a formal 'hostage

release ceremony' in Khan

Yunis on Monday morning,

despite social-media images

that appeared to show a chair

or platform at a potential han-

outlets covering the transfers

reported the timing, loca-

tions, and International

Committee of the Red Cross

(ICRC) role, without confirm-

reports on Monday morning

described an operation begin

ning in southern Gaza under

the broader exchange frame-

work, with the ICRC facilitat-

ing the pickup of hostages

and transfer to designated

reception points. Coverage

emphasized that the handover

would take place at several

locations under tight security

and international oversight.

Editors and commentators

cautioned that Hamas could

still film or otherwise exploit

moments of the handover for

propaganda, a pattern seen in

Israeli and international

ing any ceremony.

As of publication, major

dover point.

"I'm very excited, but

finally back," said one.



Visitors at Hostage Square in Tel Aviv

ears and pride filled Hostage Square in Tel Aviv as all 20 living Gaza hostages were released after over two years of captivity. with praise for President Trump

that they're all back. It's like and boos for Netanvahu. thev're family." Another of Press from the world over the girls said it is so much betwas present for this occasion, ter being in Israel than in and the Israeli people present America at this moment: "In at the spot were held out the America, not everyone is mike to register their reac tions, some of which were you're coming home, but you shocking. One lady present really feel it in the atmosdid not have the usual expectphere here that everyone just ed reaction for the moment. wants them to. But not every-While she does not know any one in the world wants that, of the hostages personally. and that's a harsh reality. But she said it feels like she does. here you really feel like you're a part of your family" 'We feel like we all know

Excited but scared

* xcited but scared" was L how another woman described how she was feeling. She noted that the fate of some of the hostages is still uncertain, and also stressed that the suffering of the families right now is 'unimagin-

She thanked Donald Trump for his efforts to secure the deal. In fact, praise for Trump was one of the standouts of the first release. When the President's name was mentioned on the livestream, the crowd erupted into mass

cheers and woops. Similarly, when Air Force One landed. the crowd cheered. No love was lost for Israel's Prime Minister in Hostage Square: his name was met with boos and jeers, bar a

group of about three women yelling 'Bibi.' "Do they not know it's the wrong forum for that," whispered a man in front of me. echoing the general anti-Netanyahu sentiment at the Terrorists from

Hamas hostage ceremonies in previous release

Uring earlier exchanges this year, some handovers in Gaza were conducted in highly visible settings that

Hamas's Izzadin al-Qassam

drew criticism for appearing staged. That experience is driving caution among officials and newsrooms.

Key conditions

he handover follows the over the weekend, a key condition for activating the first tranche of the agreement. The government had simultaneously prepared a parallel list of Palestinian prisoners for release, with final approvals confirmed just ahead of implementation. Disputes over specific names and timing were resolved in recent

days as part of finalizing the schedule. The hostages were abducted during the October 7, 2023 attacks and held for approximately 737 days as of nated assault, which included infiltrations and widespread rocket fire on communities in southern Israel, triggered the war and set the stage for the current ceasefire and exchange framework.



Hamas appears to set up chair for a hostage handover ceremony, October 13, 2025.

'So why does the Left hate Netanyahu so much?'

When one dares compare the transformation that he (Netanyahu) has undergone with that of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, he is insulted, failing to see the similarities. Speaking of myself, I can say that since 1988, when Netanyahu first entered politics as a young, dashing and impressive novice, who seemed to bring a breath of fresh air into our rather staid political arena, I have progressively turned from an impressed observer into an increasingly worried one, with growing negative personal feelings. The first event that left me feeling disgusted and personally offended was in 1997, when Netanyahu was recorded whispering to the old Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri: "The left-wingers have forgotten what it means to be Jews." My immediate reaction was: "I have not forgotten what it means to be a Jew - you, sir, have forgotten what it means to be a mensch."

Bulbul Joshi

ay before yesterday saw what the world had been waiting to witness with bated breath. It should happen, the rest of us thought, even if a major operator in this effort is our hated 'Trump.' This one we

are ready to appreciate! But lo and behold! Israel has an opposition! And just like any opposition that any government has! Operative, sometimes any which way. While the Israeli parliament was congratulating each other on a tough win, almost tearfully, and all could appreciate it, they were not fighting just the Hamas, they were fighting a huge part of the world to stay in command of their land, at least till 'the large portion of the world' wisely acknowledged that this is the correct truth. That sanctified moment saw what the world is made up of, and some of it is opposition. So, we need to know what they had against this win, rather Natenyahu.

'Though I do not deny Netanyahu's many economic and political achievements, I shall be happy to see the Netanyahu era

comes to an end.' The above headline is the title of an article that appeared in the most recent issue of Ha-Umma, an intellectual right-wing quarterly edited by Yossi Ahimeir, written by one of the coeditors of Maariy, Doron M. Cohen, in Israel. Cohen argues that

he second, because while Netanyahu has spoken of the two-state solution (under certain conditions), he has, in fact, acted to ensure that such a solution will become impossible. According to Cohen, the Left hates Netanyahu for killing the two-state solution, and for causing the assassination of he who bore the message of this solution, Yitzhak Rabin. In Cohen's view, Netanyahu is, in fact, an anti-messianic leader, a true realpolitik leader, whose main concern is Israel's survival and

religious messianics, who strive for Greater Israel, and left-wing secular messianics, who strive for the Two-State Solution. Both groups of messianics hate Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, each for its own reason. The first, because while Netanyahu talks of annexing Judea and Samaria, he has in fact given the Palestinians large chunks of Eretz Yisrael and has failed to annex any of the territories liberated/occupied in 1967.

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state solution, and accuses him of rather Yossi Beilin, who brought responsibility for much of the antithe outline of a plan to Peres first Rabin incitement leading up to and Rabin second, which he and some colleagues had worked out November 4, 1995, these are certainly not the reasons why the hates or detests

Netanyahu. First of all, for the Left, the two-state solution is not a messianic dream, but rather a pragmatic evaluation that in the absence of some sort of two-state arrangement, the only alternative, long-term solution annexation by Israel of the whole western Yisrael, in which case Israel will cease to be a Jewish state with a Jewish majority, or cease to be a democratic state according to all the parameters of a democracy (majority rule, equal human and civil rights for all, etc.). The advocacy of the two-state solution is simply the less objectionable between two imperfect solutions, for both and Palestinians. Furthermore, the Left never considered Rabin a messiah. In fact, he did not advocate the two-state solution, and he certainly did not initiate the Oslo process. It wasn't even

Left

with several PLO personalities. It was adopted by both Labor leaders, who did not necessarily believe that it was feasible, but rather an opportunity that ought to be given an honest chance. In fact, history

they had not given this option a chance. Whether the attempt failed because of Netanvahu, the Palestinians or a certain naiveté of the Left, is difficult to tell.

> And incidentally, though in his earlier days as a leader, one may have count ed Netanyahu as a neoliberal realpolitik pragma tist, in the last three to five years, he is much more of an opportunist, whose first and foremost concern is how to avoid standing trial and fac ing justice over three serious charges bribery, fraud and breach of trust. His prime purpose has been to preserve his rightwing religious bloc, which he believes will save his neck. If he were to believe that a left-center bloc would serve his interests, he would have acted com-

Netanyahu bears at least some of

pletely differently. The hatred/ detestation of Netanyahu originates elsewhere It has to do with his personality and modus operandi: his stinginess and sponging on wealthy acquaintances and the state. It has to do with troubled relations with employees, both by his wife and

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himself. It has to do with his inclination to manipulate facts, both past and present, well before the term 'fake news' was invented by US President Donald Trump in 2016, and with increasing frequency he simply lies. It has to do with his total lack of respect for and libelous comments about his rivals. who he is inclined to view as personal enemies, as well as enemies of the state. At some point, he start ed to assume a Louis XIV stance. "l'etat, c'est moi." Now, he has gone on to depicting his rivals as mentally unstable crooks, even though it is he who has been indicted on serious charges, and mental instability is no stranger to his closest environment. Especially in the last few years, since his criminal investigations turned into charge sheets, and then indictments, his former support for the rule of law, effective gatekeepers and well-functioning democratic institutions seem to be

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cally elected prime minister of my state, has progressively turned into disgust and detestation. No. I do not hate Netanyahu. hate Yigal Amir, who assassinated Rabin, the antithesis of Netanyahu in most respects. I had the honor of meeting Rabin on several occa sions, and had a lot of faith in and respect for the man. I detest Netanyahu for his personal traits, his audacity, and his pretension to as a liberal Jew, when I reject much what he says, does and stands for. Though, I do not deny Netanyahu's many economic and







extracts and oils have been used for centuries to promote hair growth, prevent premature graving, and condition the scalp naturally. Its applications in skincare are equally notable with traditional preparations used to moisturize, heal minor wounds, and reduce signs of aging. Internally, red hibiscus supports digestion, improves liver function, and may help regulate blood sugar levels, offering both preventive and restorative health benefits.

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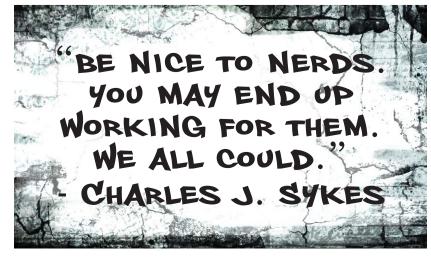
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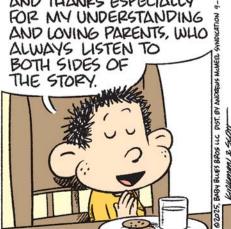
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