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Summary

The International Criminal Court's (ICC) decision to issue arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant has been met with widespread condemnation and allegations of anti-Semitism from across the political spectrum. s 33(a)(iii) opposition political figures have joined the government in criticising the decision as an unjust persecution of Israel, s 33(a)(iii)

The ICC's decision to issue arrest warrants against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity was met with widespread condemnation across the political spectrum. Netanyahu's and Gallant's allies and opponents alike united to reject the court's jurisdiction and its 'anti-Semitic' decisions.

2. **Netanyahu's** office said 'The anti-Semitic decision of the International Criminal Court is equivalent to a modern-day Dreyfus trial - and will end like it. Israel rejects with disgust the absurd and false actions and charges against it by the International Criminal Court, which is a biased and discriminatory political body... There is nothing more just than the war that Israel has been waging in Gaza.' For his part, the recently-ousted **Gallant** stated that he was proud of the privilege he had in leading Israel's security and defence systems during a time of war.

3. **President Isaac Herzog** claimed the decision was 'absurd', and 'has turned universal justice into a universal joke... It ignores the fact that Israel is a vibrant democracy, operating in accordance with international humanitarian law and making great efforts to meet the humanitarian needs of the civilian population in Gaza.' Similarly, newly-appointed **Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar** said the ICC had 'lost all legitimacy for its existence and activity. It acted as a political tool in the service of the most extreme terrorists working to undermine peace, security, and stability in the Middle East'.

4. Far-right National Security Minister, **Itamar Ben-Gvir**, s 33(a)(iii) arguing that, in response the arrest warrants, Israel should 'apply sovereignty over all areas of Judea and Samaria [the West Bank], Jewish settlement throughout the entire land'.





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5. The opposition echoed the government in condemning the warrants. **Opposition leader Yair Lapid** described them as ‘a reward for terrorism’, while Chairman of National Unity **Benny Gantz** called the decision an ‘historical disgrace that will never be forgotten’.

6. Only **Yair Golan**, leader of the Democrats s 33(a)(iii) he accused Netanyahu of abandoning the international arena and refusing to allow the judiciary to examine systemic failures that could have curbed ICC involvement. But ultimately he, too, rejected the court’s ‘shameful’ decision and reiterated Israel’s right to defend itself.

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7. While Israel and the US are not members of the ICC, many of its European—and other— allies are. s 33(a)(iii)

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