



The Trump peace plan as Benjamin Netanyahu's last chance

Benjamin Netanyahu's political fate is closely linked to the 20-point plan pushed by Donald Trump, which envisages a possible end to the Gaza war and the release of hostages, writes Richard C. Schneider in the *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*.

Many Israelis suspect that Netanyahu prolonged the war in order to delay his corruption trial and remain in power. Now he has to present himself as a pragmatic statesman who guarantees Israel's security and achieves progress.

Elections are due in fall 2026 at the latest, and polls point to a defeat. The release of the hostages would be a decisive political victory for Netanyahu. However, if the plan fails, there is a risk of a massive loss of trust, both among the population and internationally.

At the same time, his dependence on Trump is risky – if Trump's stance changes, Netanyahu will be isolated. The coming weeks and months will decide whether Netanyahu survives politically – or fails for good.

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