

# Israel PM Netanyahu fires defence minister Gallant

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has fired defence minister Yoav Gallant, saying there is a "crisis of trust" between them.

Netanyahu said in a statement his trust in Gallant had "eroded" in recent months and Foreign Minister Israel Katz would replace Gallant.

Gallant posted on social media that the "security of the state of Israel was and will always remain the mission of my life".

The sacking has already prompted protests on the streets of Tel Aviv and political opposition leaders have called for wider public demonstrations.

Netanyahu and Gallant have long had a divisive working relationship, and over the past year there have been reports of shouting matches between the two men over Israel's war strategy.

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