

# Smotrich's remarks to erase Hawara town 'inappropriate,' says Netanyahu

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RAMALLAH: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday said the remarks by a key Cabinet ally calling for a Palestinian town to be erased were inappropriate, after the US demanded that he reject the statement.

In a Twitter thread posted in English shortly after midnight, Netanyahu did not appear to condemn the remarks outright and implied that the ally, Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich, misspoke.





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## [Yemeni military commander killed, another wounded in Houthi attacks](#)

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AL-MUKALLA, Yemen: A Yemeni government military commander was killed and another injured in separate clashes with Houthi forces over the weekend.

Col. Shadi Al-Mejzi, commander of Brigade 63's First Battalion, was fatally wounded on Sunday morning during an assault by the Iran-backed militia in the Baqum district of Saada province, Saada Gov. Hadi Tarshan told Arab News.



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## [Palestinians cautiously watching anti-Netanyahu protests in Israel](#)

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RAMALLAH: Palestinians in the occupied territories and inside Israel are cautiously watching the escalation of angry mass protests by Israelis.

Tens of thousands of Israelis are demonstrating against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's contentious plan to overhaul the country's legal system, as the government presses on with the proposed changes.



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## [Egyptian president and visiting Iraqi PM seek to deepen ties](#)

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CAIRO: Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi held talks Sunday with Iraq's prime minister in Cairo as the two countries seek to deepen ties and reinforce a regional alliance with Jordan. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani landed in the Egyptian capital and was greeted at the airport by his counterpart, Mustafa Madbouly. Al-Sudani and Madbouly inspected an honor guard and bands played the national anthems of the two countries.





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## [Israel's controversial finance minister will not meet US officials after Palestinian village comment](#)

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LONDON: The White House has announced that Israel's finance minister, who called for a flashpoint Palestinian town to be "erased," will not meet officials from the Biden administration during his visit to the US next week, Israeli media reported.

Bezalel Smotrich, who will be making his first trip to Washington since taking up his ministerial position, will not meet US Treasury Secretary Jen Yellen or any other government officials, the White House told a press briefing on Friday.



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