

# *Seven members of Israeli prime minister's inner circle arrested as corruption probes widen*

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Tel Aviv, Feb 22 (RHC)-- In Israel, seven members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's inner circle have been arrested amid a widening series of corruption scandals that threaten to bring down Netanyahu. Among those arrested were Netanyahu's close friend and former communications director, as well as the former director general of the Communications Ministry.

Netanyahu's inner circle has been accused of intervening with federal regulators to benefit communications giant Bezeq Group in order to secure more favorable media coverage for Netanyahu and his family. This comes after the Israeli police recommended charging Netanyahu with bribery and fraud over two separate corruption investigations.

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