

# *Netanyahu orders immediate enforcement of UNRWA ban*

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Tel Aviv, February 18 (RHC)-- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued a directive that the ban on the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), must be “enforced immediately” with “no restrictions.”

The Israeli parliament, the Knesset, passed two bills targeting the agency in October last year, which were meant to come into effect at the end of last month.

However, UN officials and humanitarian organisations have warned that UNRWA’s role cannot be replaced, especially in recovery efforts in the Gaza Strip.

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