

Attorney General Announces Indictments Against Netanyahu on 3 Corruption Cases



Tel Aviv, February 28 (RHC)-- Israel's attorney-general has announced that he intends to indict Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in three corruption cases pending further hearings, Israeli TV said Thursday, citing the Justice Ministry.

The reported decision, ahead of Israel's April 9 election, deepens uncertainty over Netanyahu's prospects in a tight race.

The actual filing of the reported charges, which include bribery, fraud and breach of trust, will depend on the outcome of a required hearing. At that hearing — likely after the election — Netanyahu can try to persuade the attorney-general not to indict him.

Netanyahu, who is seeking a fourth consecutive term, denies any wrongdoing. In the long-running investigations, he is suspected of wrongfully accepting gifts from wealthy businessmen and dispensing favors in alleged bids for favorable coverage by a newspaper and a website.

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