

# *Thousands of Israelis rally against Netanyahu*

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Tel Aviv, August 2 (RHC)-- Thousands protested against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu across Israel on night, demanding he resign over alleged corruption and a resurgence of coronavirus cases.

Protests took place at scores of intersections and bridges, where people held banners accusing Netanyahu of "failure" and calling for his resignation, as well as outside his private residence in the northern town Caesarea.

The main event took place outside the prime minister's official residence in Jerusalem, where organizers said thousands demanded Netanyahu step down.

Though Netanyahu has tried to play down the protests, the twice-a-week gatherings show no signs of slowing. Israeli media estimated at least 10,000 people demonstrated near the official residence in central Jerusalem.

Demonstrators hoisted Israeli flags and blew loud horns as they marched. Many held posters that said "Crime Minister" and "Bibi Go Home" or accused Netanyahu of being out of touch with the public.

Anti-riot forces moved into the area and began clearing out people. As of early Sunday morning, most of the remaining people appeared to be leaving peacefully, but police were seen dragging some activists away.

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