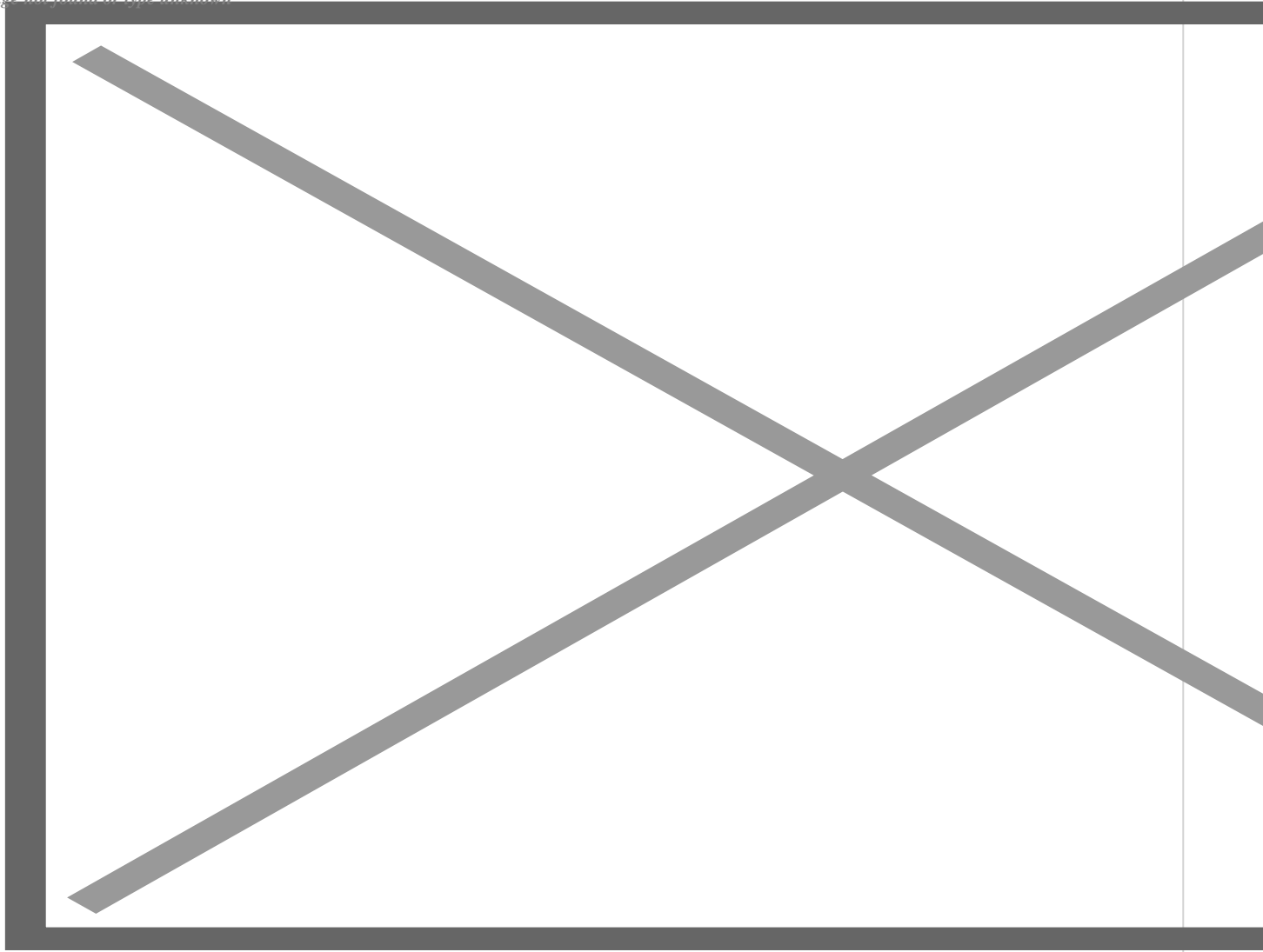


Israel's Ben Gvir to Netanyahu: Bomb aid deliveries into Gaza

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Israel's right-wing politician Itamar Ben-Gvir, center, holds a press conference in occupied al-Quds on January 16, 2025.

Tel Aviv, March 5 (RHC)-- Israel's Itamar Ben Gvir has called for the "complete shutdown of electricity and water" alongside the bombing of aid in the besieged Gaza Strip.

The ultra-right wing Israeli politician said in a recent post on X that the cabinet of Benjamin Netanyahu should “order the bombing of the aid stocks that accumulated in Gaza in huge quantities during and before the ceasefire, along with a complete shutdown of electricity and water.”

Ben Gvir further suggested that such measures should be taken to "starve" the Palestinians “so that we can later crush them easily.” “If Hamas threatens to harm our captives, it should know that it will be met with the execution” of Palestinian abductees, he said.

Bezalel Smotrich, another far-right politician whose party is crucial to keeping Netanyahu in power, urged the prime minister on March 2 to “completely halt humanitarian aid to Gaza until Hamas is destroyed.”

Describing Tel Aviv's move as the “threshold of the gates of hell,” Smotrich said, “Now we need to open those gates as quickly and lethally as possible on the cruel enemy, until absolute victory.”

Netanyahu's office said over the weekend that the prime minister had decided to stop the entry of all goods and supplies into Gaza until Hamas agrees to a US-backed extension of the first stage of the ceasefire deal.

Israel's decision to block humanitarian aid delivery to Gaza has drawn sharp condemnations from around the world and international organizations.

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