

Israeli PM eyes slim majority for new freeze: Press

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's government is deeply divided over a US proposal for a new ban on West Bank settlement building, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu looks likely to accept it, commentators said yesterday.

Details of the plan, which would involve a new 90-day moratorium in exchange for US political and security guarantees, were put before Netanyahu's inner circle late Saturday and to the cabinet on Sunday in a move, which won him praise from US President Barack Obama.

"I commend prime minister Netanyahu for taking, I think a very constructive step," Obama told reporters in Washington. "It is not easy for him to do, but I think it is a signal that he is serious."

Netanyahu said details of the proposal were still being hammered out but he has promised to put the final draft to his 15-member security cabinet for approval.

Speaking late on Sunday, a political source said Netanyahu still hadn't reached an agreement with the Americans over the exact terms of the freeze and was "holding out" over a number of conditions.

"Only when these conditions are accepted will there be an understanding about the subject and the issue will be



PHOTO: AFP

Palestinian women and children take part in a protest rally held at the Red Cross offices in Gaza City yesterday to call on the international community to help free Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

brought for the cabinet's approval," the source said.

Although Netanyahu faces an uphill battle to garner support for the plan, press reports suggested he was likely to get the proposal through the security cabinet with a wafer-thin majority of seven to six, with two abstentions.

A head count conducted by all the mainstream Israeli papers seemed to agree that Netanyahu can count on the

support of three ministers from his Likud party, as well as two Labour Party members, including Defence Minister Ehud Barak, and an independent.

Leading the opposition is Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman with two others from his ultra-nationalist Yisrael Beitenu party, and three Likud hardliners.

Two ministers from the ultra-Orthodox Shas party have agreed to abstain during the

vote.

Behind the American proposal is a desire to bring Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas back to the negotiating table so the two parties can begin discussing borders, an editorial in Haaretz said.

"At the heart of the American proposal is the demand to demarcate the borders of the Palestinian state that Netanyahu has promise to see established," it said.

Gadkari should disclose his assets: Congress

PTI, Lakhimpur

Accusing BJP of indulging in hypocrisy over the issue of corruption, Congress today demanded that BJP president Nitin Gadkari should disclose his assets and sources of income. "Gadkari should disclose where are the properties he had acquired in the last 10 to 15 years and his source of income."

"Contrary to Congress, which had always been very sensitive on corruption, BJP has played a mute spectator to the corruption among its own high rank and file," party general secretary Digvijay Singh told reporters.

"The BJP talks about corruption but its own leaders were indulged in corruption, including CM Yedurappa, who allotted land to his own two sons, Sudhanshu Mittal who was involved in CWG corruption, Reddy Brothers, Kirit Somaiya who was accused in stock exchange scam or former BJP president Bangaru Laxman and Dilip Singh Judev, who were caught on camera taking cash," he alleged.

4 ministers set to resign from Italian govt

AFP, Rome

Four ministers were set to resign from the Italian government yesterday in a move that confirms a break with the coalition but will not automatically topple Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's coalition.

The four -- Europe Minister Andrea Ronchi, Deputy Economic Development Minister Adolfo Urso and two junior ministers -- are supporters of speaker of parliament Gianfranco Fini, a former ally of Berlusconi turned rival.

"We propose a new government, a new majority, a new agenda for reform... Berlusconi is holding himself up in his palace like in a bunker," Urso said in an interview on the news channel SkyTG24 ahead of the announcement.

The resignations are expected to be announced at around 1200 GMT.

Italo Bocchino, a spokesman for Fini's Future and Freedom movement, said in an interview with La Stampa daily that there should now be a national unity government without Berlusconi that could include the centre-left opposition.

"We have to look without prejudice and an open mind to the opposition, which should be brought into a national unity government," he said.

Berlusconi "is the least qualified to be the head of a national unity government. He always needs an opponent to unify his forces," he added.

A fifth -- a junior minister for transport -- has also said he will join the defection by Fini's ministers from the Berlusconi government.

Fini called on Berlusconi to resign earlier this month and threatened to pull ministers loyal to him out of the government if he did not.

Voters enlist for S Sudan referendum

AFP, Juba

South Sudan president Salva Kiir appealed to southerners to sign up en masse as registration kicked off yesterday for a January referendum that may lead to the partition of Africa's largest country.

After a three-month delay, the registration process began with an air of celebration in the south while it was marked with indifference in the mainly Muslim north where stores were closed for the Eid Al-Adha holiday.

Kiir appeared early at a Juba registration centre outside a memorial to John Garang, who led the mostly Christian south to a 2005 peace deal that ended a 22-year war with the north before he died in a helicopter crash.

"A referendum happens only once. People must come out en masse otherwise it would mean people fought and died for nothing," the leader of the autonomous south said, as hundreds lined up outside the office.

Loudspeakers fitted on cars that were driven around the southern capital's streets blared appeals to voters against the backdrop of a song with the refrain: "We are heading towards the promised land."

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