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Situation in the State of Palestine: ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I Issues Warrants of Arrest for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant

The International Criminal Court seeks to address the arrest warrants to relevant political figures of Israel, particularly of Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant. Considering the current events in Palestine, the accusation of war crimes inflicted by Benjamin Netanyahu (Prime Minister of Israel) has led to a series of arrest warrants. For instance, the Pre-Trial Chamber's prosecutor opened an investigation on the situation in Palestine in 2021. It was not until 2024 that the Chamber deemed it fitting to issue arrest warrants regarding war crimes and alleged crimes against humanity to Netanyahu and five other collaborators. The Chamber concluded that Mr. Netanyahu deprived the Gaza civilian population of essential resources such as food, water, and medical supplies, obstructing humanitarian aid and violating international humanitarian law.

Israel is appealing for the withdrawal, or at least temporal suspension, of the warrants, including arguments of respect for the human rights of the suspects, the lack of jurisdictional findings that support the case and the possible internationally wrongful acts toward Israel by other States. This discussion is yet to be concluded, making it a crucial point in international politics.