

## Israeli leadership in crisis amid Gaza conflict and community violence

*The Gaza conflict and violence between Arabs and Jews puts spotlight on Israel's divided leadership*

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With sirens wailing amid daily fire from Gaza, rockets launched from Lebanon and intercommunal violence raging on the streets, Israel's political leadership is beset by divisions and facing a deepening crisis.

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"We are in a very dire situation," **Meir Elran**, head of the homeland security programme at Israel's **Institute for National Security Studies**, said on Wednesday in Lod, which suffered consecutive nights of violence.

"This whole political structure in Israel is under question, we have a major problem of stability ... we have a major problem of trust, of public trust in the government."

While Mr Netanyahu is serving as caretaker prime minister and facing a corruption trial, his opponent Yair Lapid is trying to form a coalition.

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