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Netanyahu: Israel Listens to U.S. Input, but Will Make Final Decisions on Iran Strike

Following remarks earlier this month in which U.S. President Joe Biden [said he would not support](#) an Israeli strike on Iranian nuclear sites, [The Washington Post reported](#) that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informed Biden [during a conversation last week](#) that he is willing to consider only striking Iranian military targets. Netanyahu’s office responded to [The Washington Post](#), stating on X, “We listen to the opinions of the United States, but we will make our final decisions based on our national interests.”



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Benjamin Netanyahu

Prime Minister's Office statement:

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<https://t.co/lwT1VaPe9W>

— Prime Minister of Israel (@IsraeliPM) [October 15, 2024](#)

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant spoke about the impending Israeli strike against Iran, stating it will be “deadly, precise and surprising,” [posting on X](#):

Together with the intelligence soldiers in unit 9900 who watch what is happening all over the Middle East through visual intelligence. In my conversation with the soldiers I emphasized — our attack in Iran will be deadly, precise and surprising. Those who try to harm the State of Israel will pay a price.

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— Yoav Gallant (@yoavgallant) [October 9, 2024](#)



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