

The proposed Judicial Overhaul by Netanyahu:

Israel: Netanyahu bows before mass protests

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March 27, 2023: Jerusalem: Thousands of Israelis had been protesting against the judicial overhaul plan of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for about three months. After Netanyahu fired his defence minister, who spoke against the judicial overhaul, on Monday, workers from many areas of economy joined the strike. This would have paralysed the economy.



Tel Aviv, Israel: Police uses a water cannon to disperse demonstrators

In response to the accretion of strength to the protests, Benjamin Netanyahu declared that he would delay his contentious judicial overhaul plan to avoid civil war. He said that he would work for obtaining a compromise with his political opponents during the summer session of parliament, which begins on April 30.

Netanyahu has been facing corruption charges in courts. The right-wing government felt that the judiciary had started becoming interventionist to implement a liberal agenda. So, the government said that its plans for judicial overhaul will restore the balance between the executive and judiciary. The demonstrators say that the proposed overhaul will undermine Israel's system of checks and balances.

Israel has a large number of parties and to have a coalition with a majority in the Parliament requires many compromises, which keeps the democracy at knife's edge.

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