

# Israel Discusses Denying ICC Staff Entry into Israel

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*Israel is considering preventing the entry of officials from the International Criminal Court (ICC) in response to the chief prosecutor's decision to investigate its possible war crimes in the occupied Palestinian territories, the Middle East Monitor reported.*

Israel Hayom published, on Monday, that representatives from the Israeli ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice and National Security, have discussed practical ways to respond to the ICC chief prosecutor's decision to investigate Israeli actions in the occupied Palestinian Territories.

The paper said representatives from the three ministries met, on Sunday, in the office of Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, and discussed the possibility of preventing the entry of ICC staff into Israel.

Israel is considering taking steps similar to the ones taken by the US administration, which refuses to grant entry visas for ICC employees, in response to the court's intention to investigate American soldiers who participated in the war in Afghanistan.

Netanyahu is to transfer all deliberations on the matter to the Israeli security cabinet, and impose a gag order to prevent the disclosure of Israel's future actions on the issue, the paper said.

On Friday, ICC chief prosecutor [Fatou Bensouda](#) announced her intention to open a full investigation into possible Israeli war crimes in the Palestinian territories.

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