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Here's why he was forced to resign (Article 1 below, from last May). Today, Bibi trying to dismiss the latest Arad story in Yedioth Ahronoth with a story published by the Jerusalem Post, right-wing Likud organ (Article 2 below). Yedioth has not posted its piece on its English language website, YNet. Haaretz news story lacks many details of the original Yedioth story, including on internal dispute over Iran policy (Article 3 below).

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Report: Uzi Arad leaked secret info to media

National Security Council head leaked information to media, then quit to avoid indictment, Channel 10 reports

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Former National Security Council head Uzi Arad leaked sensitive information to the media, and then resigned to avoid being indicted, Channel 10 reported Tuesday evening.

Resignation

Uzi Arad quits National Security Council / Attila Somfalvi

Prime minister announces national security advisor has asked to end his term, says he is reviewing an overseas capacity for him together with Foreign Minister Lieberman, who blocked Arad's appointment as London ambassador

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According to the report, Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** and senior Shin Bet officials informed Attorney General Yehuda Weinstein that Arad was responsible for the breach.

Weinstein asserted that Arad's disclosure of the confidential details was a slip of the tongue, and decided not to prosecute him.

In July 2010, the Shin Bet was requested to investigate a leak of sensitive security information that originated in the Prime Minister's Office. In addition to Arad, who failed the lie detector test, communications advisor Nir Hefetz and Cabinet Secretary Zvi Hauser were also investigated. Both Hefetz and Hauser were found to be speaking the truth.

Leak damages ties with ally

The investigation came to a close, and in February Arad announced his resignation and intention to return to the academic sector. But new evidence uncovered by the Shin Bet paint a new picture: Arad was the one responsible for the leak that damaged Israel's ties with a significant ally.

It remains unclear which national security information was leaked. Elements involved in the case said after the investigation was exposed that "apparently it wasn't a one-time event, but a series of sensitive leaks." Other sources linked the Shin Bet query to the leak that touched upon a meeting between Netanyahu and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev regarding the sale of Russian missiles.

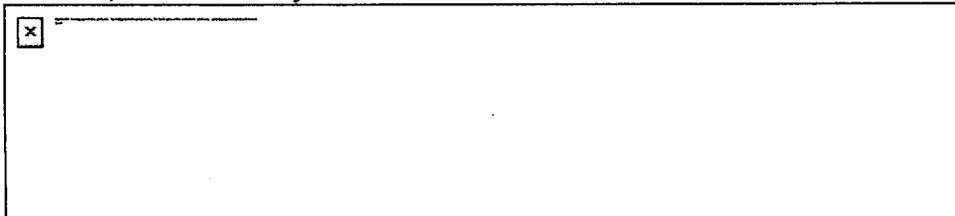
When the investigation became public knowledge, the Prime Minister's Office said that Netanyahu did not instruct the Shin Bet to use a lie detector, but asked to find out how the national security data was leaked.

"We are not in the habit of addressing investigation matters, even when the claims are fundamentally false and full of inaccuracies," the Prime Minister's Office responded in a statement. "As it was previously stated, Dr. Uzi Arad has asked of his own accord to resign at the end of his second term.

"Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accepted the request, and acknowledged his significant contribution to Israel's National Security Council... and his strict devotion to its rules and policies."

The Justice Ministry said in response that Arad took responsibility for the events leading to the publication of secret information but denied doing it deliberately and later announced his retirement.

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PM counters former confidant Arad's criticism

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Netanyahu says Uzi Arad shouldn't be judged "in his time of distress" after slams him in interview.

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OTTAWA - Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his longtime but now erstwhile ally and confidant Uzi Arad went head to head over the week-long giving a searing interview of Netanyahu to *Yediot Ahronot*, and Netanyahu responding to Arad with a one line put-down during a press conference.

"You don't judge a man during his time of distress," Netanyahu said, when asked to comment on Arad's interview.

Arad, who served as the head of the National Security Council until Netanyahu fired him in May 2011 for leaking sensitive security information – something Arad denies, charged that Netanyahu believes it is acceptable to lie to the state comptroller because he feels the comptroller, Micha Lindenstrauss, wants to destroy him.

Sources close to the prime minister, in an explanation of Netanyahu's comment, said that Arad – who was in contact with Netanyahu on a regular basis before he was dismissed from his position – was interested in serving as an envoy for Netanyahu, but that the plan did not materialize.

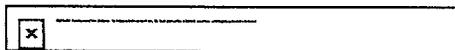
The implication was that Arad chose to air dirty laundry from the Prime Minister's Office publicly because of frustration at not getting a job he wanted.

"The true test of Israel's government," Netanyahu said to Arad's criticism at the press conference with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, was the country's security, the economy and the diplomatic field.

Netanyahu said the country is strong and its deterrence is working, its economy is prosperous, and Israel has succeeded diplomatically in convincing world leaders that a nuclear Iran is a danger to the entire world.

"Those are the true tests by which the government I head should be judged," he said.

Arad's interview detailing in uncomplimentary terms the workings inside the Prime Minister's Office comes as the office is still reeling from the firing of former chief-of-staff Natan Eshel for unbecoming behavior toward a female subordinate.



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Former top aide: Netanyahu thinks state comptroller wants to destroy him

Netanyahu's former national security adviser Uzi Arad was fired from his post in May 2011, after allegedly being caught in a serious security leak

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The former national security adviser of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Uzi Arad, leveled heavy criticism at the Prime Minister on Friday, saying that Netanyahu believes it is acceptable to lie during audits.

In an interview to *Yediot Ahronot*, Arad said that Netanyahu is convinced that The State Comptroller Micha Lindenstrauss "wants to destroy him" and consequently the prime minister believes it is acceptable not to tell the truth during audits as a consequence.

Asked about his departure from his former post, Arad maintained, "I never leaked." "About Bibi [Benjamin Netanyahu] you can say that whoever he is in the past, easily accepts such an accusation when it is leveled at somebody else," Arad added.

Arad also blamed Netanyahu's military secretary, Yohanan Loker, for making up stories against him, and said Netanyahu criticized him and made up stories that he leaked information to journalists.

According to Arad, Sara Netanyahu also criticized him over the alleged leak, asking, "Why did you go to the comptroller?"

The Prime Minister decided to fire Arad from [his post in May 2011](#), after he was caught in a serious security leak, which Arad now denies. The end of which Arad was forced to resign, was opened after a request from the Obama administration, after details of classified conversations between Arad and the U.S. related to the civil nuclear issue in June 2010.

The case began in the summer of 2010, when confidential security information was published in one of the Israeli news outlets. As a result, Netanyahu ordered the Shin Bet to investigate the matter and locate the source of the leak. Most of Netanyahu's closest aides were questioned and under suspicion. Arad, who during his tenure routinely urged the prime minister to locate whistleblowers and punish them, was also questioned and was initially one of many other government officials.

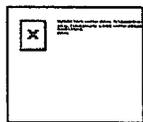
Meanwhile, the Shin Bet investigation had secretly carried on, and it was ultimately found that Arad was indeed the one responsible for the leak of the information during a conversation with a reporter. The Defense Ministry later came to the conclusion that the leak caused significant security.

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Holy Moly! What more can you find out about this and why Arad had to resign?

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Is Netanyahu misleading his ministers on Iran?

Former National Security Advisor Uzi Arad claims Prime Minister Netanyahu ordered him to refrain from providing ministers with contradictory data.

Yedioth Ahronoth's weekend supplement published a very long and equally stunning interview with disgraced National Security Advisor Uzi Arad. Arad, who was forced to resign last year, was interviewed by Nachum Barnea and Shimon Shiffer, and told them about the Byzantine court surrounding Netanyahu, and exposed the shocking fact he was interrogated by the Israel Security Agency for hours in the Ben Gurion Airport as he came back from a mission in the US. But there's one point which should trouble every Israeli, which was not emphasized enough.

During the interview, Arad – a long-time Netanyahu follower - says twice that he lost favor with the prime minister when he began contradicting his position on Iran during discussions. Even worse from Netanyahu's point of view, he provided the government with a different assessment about Iran and the way to thwart it. After one of those occasions, says Arad, Netanyahu took him aside and ordered him to refrain from contradicting him in the presence of others. According to Arad, Netanyahu was particularly worried that Arad's documents may serve the investigative committee which will follow the Israeli attack on Iran. Netanyahu's bureau did not deny those accusations.

This is a point which must be investigated. Neither the PM nor the Minister of Security command the army; the commander is the government, a collective body. A prime minister who refuses to divulge contradictory information to his ministers is a prime minister who sabotages their ability to make an informed decision on that issue.

The government's control of the armed forces in Israel has a chequered history. To make a long story short, as long as the government controlled the army, it succeeded or at least managed to avoid disaster. When it let slip of that control – particularly when it allowed factions within the government, with the minister of security always a participant, take control –

calamity was often the result. The process' lowest point was probably in 2006, when Shimon Peres, then a minister of something or other, opposed the decision to begin the Second Lebanon War – but voted for it anyway, telling the Winograd investigative committee that “you don't vote against the prime minister in a time of war.” Such abdication of responsibility is hardly surprising when you're familiar with Peres' history; yet we must not allow it to repeat itself. Now we are being told by Arad that Netanyahu is blinding his ministers from seeing the full picture. One can hardly think of a better reason for an investigatiive committee, which, should it find Arad told the truth, send Netanyahu home, and irrevocably tarnish the careers of ministers who agreed to be turned into marionettes. One Shimon Peres is more than enough.

This is particularly important as Israel and Iran **are not, and have never been, in a state of war**. The two countries, testified Foreign Minister David Levi a decade ago, never declared war on each other. Earlier wars and operations were declared by the governments against countries with which Israel was at war; this is not the case with Iran. This war should be debated by the Knesset – particularly if it is true that Netanyahu is misleading his ministers.