

Netanyahu Boasts Of Years-Long Effort To Convince US To Launch War Against Iran

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has boasted of his efforts to convince the US to launch a war against Iran, **crediting his frequent appearances on US television networks and his "intimate knowledge" of US leaders.**

Netanyahu made the comments Sunday night on Israel's Channel 14, and a clip of his appearance was [posted on X](#) by the account Clash Report, which Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi [later shared](#).



via Associated Press

The Israeli leader said that he had been against Iran for "nearly 40 years" and that it took him a long time to get the Israeli security establishment and the US on board.

"It took a long time to bring the US in," he said, [according](#) to Channel 14. "I was able to do this because I had close to a thousand hours on American television, influence in the United States, and intimate knowledge of all its leaders – both those who support us and those who do not."

The New York Times [reported in April](#) that 17 days before the US and Israel launched the war on February 28, Netanyahu presented President Trump with an intelligence briefing at the White House

and **made a "hard sell" for the war.**

The report said that Netanyahu had been "pressing for months" for the US to agree to a major attack on the Islamic Republic.

Sources told the *Times* that during the briefing, **Netanyahu made a series of predictions about the potential war that proved to be wrong**, including the idea that Iran was **ripe for regime change**, that its **ballistic missile program could be destroyed within weeks**, that it would be **too weak to close the Strait of Hormuz**, and that Iran's missile strikes on US interests in regional countries would be minimal.

Responding to Netanyahu's comments about his influence on the US, **Aragchi said that the Israeli leader was openly bragging about how he "suckered" the US** into the war.

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"In Hebrew, Netanyahu openly crows that he suckered the US Administration into a war on Iran on behalf of Israel."

"Netanyahu explicitly laughs about how he 'influenced' America through 1,000 hours of airtime on US networks," the Iranian diplomat wrote on X. "In English, he praises POTUS' leadership. Serpent."



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