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ISRAEL RUNS PENTAGON

• Insiders allege Netanyahu, Mossad determine who gets bombed

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Shortly after assuming office in 1961, then-president John F. Kennedy approved a U.S. invasion of Cuba. The subsequent Bay of Pigs debacle, during which almost all of the U.S. forces involved were killed or captured, is still considered one of the worst-ever American military defeats.

Following the disaster, Kennedy ordered the construction of the White House Situation Room, a 5,000-square-foot secure intelligence and communications complex in the West Wing basement that never shuts down. Dedicated to crisis management and high-level national security meetings, it allows the president to securely monitor events, communicate with world leaders, and command U.S. forces worldwide.

On Feb. 11, 2026, at 11 a.m., President Donald J. Trump summoned his top advisors to the Situation Room. That meeting resulted in the ill-fated decision to attack Iran.

But the decision was not driven by Trump, nor by any of his American advisors. According to a *New York Times* account, based on insider sources who were present, the boss in the White House situation room that day was none other than Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu:

Mr. Trump sat down, but not in his usual position at the head of the room's mahogany conference table.



Does David Barnea, head of Israel's Mossad, hold more sway in the president's Situation Room than Trump's own Cabinet members?

Instead, the president took a seat on one side, facing the large screens mounted along the wall. Mr. Netanyahu sat on the other side, directly opposite the president. Appearing on the screen behind the prime minister was David Barnea, the director of the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency, as well as Israeli military officials. Arrayed visually behind Mr. Netanyahu, they created the image of a wartime leader surrounded by his team.

Netanyahu delivered a hard-sell pitch demanding that the United States attack Iran. He claimed, absurdly, that Iranians would love having America attack them, so desperate were they for "regime change." Even more bizarrely, Netanyahu insisted that the son of Iran's dethroned

U.S.-puppet Shah—who in reality is despised by virtually all Iranians—would be acclaimed as Iran's new, U.S.-backed, Israel-friendly leader.

Netanyahu's sales talk was wildly divorced from reality, but Trump knows little about Iran, and what little he knows is wrong, because it comes from Netanyahu.

Indeed, Trump decided to run for president in 2016 primarily because Netanyahu's billionaire friends incited him against President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran, promising lavish funding in return for embracing Israel's Iranophobia.

On Feb. 11, in the Situation Room, Trump swallowed Netanyahu's nonsense hook, line, and sinker. The result—an immoral, unwinnable, economically and strategically disastrous U.S. war on Iran—may go down in history as the worst decision ever made by a U.S. president ... except that it really wasn't made by a U.S. president but by an Israeli prime minister.

The White House Situation Room isn't the only American national security institution dominated by Israel.

The Israelis also apparently have free run at the Pentagon. Popular conservative commentator Tucker Carlson, who has high-level sources in the Trump administration, told economist Jeffrey Sachs, during the June 2025 12-day war on Iran:

Ask anyone who worked at the Pentagon. They enraged American Pentagon staff by barging into meetings, giving orders, making demands, and no one did anything.

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