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International Cooperation in the Israeli Prime Minister Corruption Cases

Synopsis:

Over the past decade, Israel has investigated and tried a number of high-level corruption cases involving a wide range of senior Israeli public officials.

International cooperation has become an integral part of sophisticated corruption investigations. I shall discuss a number of ongoing corruption investigations against Israel's sitting Prime Minister Netanyahu, all of which required a significant amount of international cooperation.

During these high-profile investigations, the Israeli authorities sought to obtain statements from various key witnesses and a suspect who were located in different locations abroad, within narrow timeframes.

One critical tool that contributed to Israel's success was the willingness by Israel, and its international counterparts, to employ formal and informal methods in their efforts to execute these requests.

Through creativity and institutional knowledge, the Israeli authorities, with vital assistance from their international partners, succeeded in meeting the challenges, particularly those stemming from natural differences between respective legal systems