
Breaking and important: Injunction lifted, the Givat Hamatos tenders can be awarded

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Dear Friends,

Today, the Jerusalem District Court reversed its decision prohibiting the opening of the Givat Hamatos bids, and the tender process may now be concluded, even over the next 24-48 hours. The Court ruled that the concerns over illegal discrimination may be redressed at a later date, and need not hold up the tender process.

The result is disappointing but not at all surprising.

There is one important takeaway from this: Netanyahu could have made this "go way" at ZERO political cost to himself. He could have said truthfully: I tried, but the Court didn't let me. Instead, he pulled out all plugs and instructed the State Attorney to aggressively pursue the rescission of the injunction. He went out of his way to make this happen.

The tender process may now be completed, after which construction is virtually inevitable. This is happening because Netanyahu wants it to happen. This is happening now, because Netanyahu wants it to happen now.

We will monitor events in order to see if there may yet emerge some way which will halt or delay the award of tenders and the construction at Givat Hamatos. The prospects look bleak indeed.

Best,

Danny