

A nephew of Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's finance minister and former prime minister, faces a three-year prison sentence for refusing to serve in the army.

About 20,000 ultra-Orthodox teenagers are exempted each year under special laws that cover students who attend yeshivas, or religious schools. Officials have recently expressed concerns that increasing numbers of Israeli men may try to opt out of military duty.

About 520 reservists recently declared that they would refuse to serve in the occupied territories for moral reasons.

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