

# Israel's Netanyahu Thanks Russia for Mediating Syria Prisoner Swap

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Israel exchanged two Syrian shepherds for an Israeli woman with Russian mediation. **Andrei Gryaznov / TASS**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has [thanked](#) Russian President Vladimir Putin for mediating a secretive prisoner swap with Syria, Moscow's ally in Damascus' ongoing military campaign against rebels and terrorists.

The Israeli government announced early Friday that it exchanged two Syrian shepherds for an Israeli woman with Russian mediation.

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