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Israel and Russia held intensive contacts in last few days over humanitarian issues related to Syria. Via ■@WallaNews■

2-Over last two days, talks between Netayahu and Putin, Israeli DM Gantz and Russian DM, Israeli FM Ashkenazi and Russian FM Sergey Lavrov. Israeli DM team says Gantz spoke to counterpart about "advancing humanitarian issues in the area." https://t.co/Xt9qIynoah

3-Israel and Russia held intensive talks on Syria in last few days

4-Last Wednesday, on day of call between Gantz and Russian DM, Israeli ambassador to Russia Alex Ben Tzvi met w/Russian FM, Putin's Syria envoy Mikhail Bogdanov. IDF attache in Moscow attended. Russian MoD confirmed meeting in statement. Bogdanov and Ben Tzvi met again today

5-Meanwhile, Israeli cabinet convened today at 6:00 PM Israel time. Senior officials called meeting "urgent" to deal w/issue defined as "security-related and classified."

6-@YediotAhronot: Secret Cabinet meeting held in wake of talks w/Russia on Syria humantiarian issue. Minister summoned to secret meeting, under censorship, amid intense Israel-Russia contacts. https://t.co/uHl4DKvh7H

7-Israeli ambassador to Russia Alex Ben Tzvi met earlier today w/Russian Deputy FM Mikhail Bogdanov. Russian MFA said conversation on key regional issues, w/emphasis on resolving Israeli-Palestinian conflict, current issues on Russia-Israel bilateral agenda.

8-Last week, Netanyahu spoke w/Putin. Netanyahu's office said PM spoke to Putin about regional issues and continued Russia-Israel coordination in light of regional security developments

9-Tonight's cabinet meeting, held via secure video call , coordinated between Netanyahu, Israeli DM Gantz. Last week, Amb. Ben Tzvi met w/Russian DM Sergey Shoygu, who also spoke w/Gantz, agreed on "continuing Russia-Israel talks on force security, promote humanitarian measures."

10-@newsisrael13: Israel requested aid from Russia on humanitarian issue in Syria; Cabinet convened https://t.co/84QAiQbSQY

11-Netanyahu held cabinet meeting on political-security issue. IDF censorship prohibiting publication of details. Invitation to Ministers was surprise, mere hours before meeting. @YediotAhronot says Gov't Secretariat intentionally misled Cabinet Ministers on meeting's purpose

12-Meanwhile, revealed in recent days Israel turned to Russia to use its influence in Syria to help on humanitarian matter. PM Netanyahu, DM Benny Gantz, FM Gabi Ashkenazi spoke to their Russian counterparts on this matter.

13-@kann_news also reporting that days before today's secretive cabinet meeting, "Israel turned to Russia to assist, vis-a-vis Syria, on humanitarian issue." https://t.co/1HsNafM0D2

14-Invitation to cabinet meeting issued this afternoon. Official involved in details said it would deal w/ matter he described as "security-related."

15-@N12News: During today's urgent cabinet meeting, Ministers discussed "matter connected to Israeli citizen and Syria. During recent days, Israeli and Russian officials discussed this same matter." https://t.co/cCzbQBDLMi

16-Today's urgent Israeli cabinet meeting coordinated between Netanyahu, Gantz. Held after Israel recently turned to Russia to help vis-a-vis Syria w/humanitarian issue related to Syria, given Moscow's influence on what's happening in Syria.

17-Cabinet meeting held after reports 10 days ago in Syrian media that Russian troops in Syria have begun digging in Yarmouk Camp cemetery, reportedly to find remains of IDF soldiers missing since 1982 Lebanon War

18-@MaarivOnline: In recent days, contacts held between Russia and Israel, initiated by Israel, for the Russians to help w/humanitarian issue through their influence in Syria https://t.co/JCk6yGnsaQ

19-@IsraelHayomHeb: Vote held at end of today's urgent, secret Israeli cabinet meeting. IDF censorship allowing report that Israel asked Russia to help w humanitarian issue, which Netanyahu, Gantz, Ashkenazi discussed w/Russian counterparts https://t.co/mfozuYyqbz

20-@GLZRadio: Cabinet has finished discussing "sensitive security issue." Matter under IDF censorship (requested by Gantz), but GLZ says "we'll be able to report exactly what was discussed soon...this evening, we'll be able to report on full details" https://t.co/OhD3Nt4yE9

21-@GLZRadio reporter says Cabinet discussion not about "military operation, security operation, or anything dramatic happening now...this wasn't about war or an operation...could be matter that would grant points to someone during this election cycle."