

# Has Netanyahu pleaded guilty?

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As the [FT reported](#) yesterday:

*Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel planned to take over all of Gaza as the country escalated its offensive in the war-torn enclave, pounding the strip with air strikes and issuing an evacuation order for one of its largest cities.*

The FT added:

*The expanded military operations came as Israel began re-allowing limited quantities of aid into Gaza, which the Israeli premier said was necessary to maintain international legitimacy.*

*He acknowledged for the first time that Gazans were on the brink of starvation.*

In his defence, it is reported he said:

*“We’re quickly getting close to the red line [of starvation], to a situation where we can lose control and then everything crumbles,” said Netanyahu on Monday, adding that international pressure — including from the US — had forced the country to ease its blockade.*

I think that should be taken as a plea of guilty to war crime charges. He has clearly always known precisely what he has been doing when using starvation of a civilian population as a weapon of war.