Netanyahu Leading Effort to Thwart Obama Bid for U.N. Chief

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Israeli Prime Minister [Benjamin Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/) reportedly is planning payback for President Obama’s dismissing [Mr. Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/)’s objections to the [Iran](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/iran/) nuclear deal last year. [Mr. Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/) is said to be rallying moderate Arabs to thwart Mr. Obama’s bid to become the Secretary-General of the United Nations after he leaves the White House next year.

Mr. Obama has already discussed the issue with Republican, Democratic and Jewish officials in the United States, according to Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Jarida.

[Mr. Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/) recently is said to have gotten wind of Obama’s plans which he calls the Obama Project. “Wasn’t eight years of having Obama in office enough?” [Mr. Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/) is quoted in the Kuwaiti daily as telling associates. “Eight years during which he ignored [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/)? And now he wants to be in a position that is liable to cause us hardships in the international arena.”

“Obama is the worst president [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) has had to deal with and the worst president for the Middle East and its allies, the moderate Arab states,” the paper quotes a [Netanyahu](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/benjamin-netanyahu/) aide.

Another source close to the Prime Minister said “his presidency was characterized by [Washington’s] moving closer to the Muslim Brotherhood, toppling the regime of Hosni Mubarak, and attempts to ally itself with political Islam.”

“Obama’s term is ending with him forging an alliance with [Iran](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/iran/), coming to an agreement with it on its nuclear program which in the end will result in a similar scenario that took place with North Korea. [Israel](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/israel/) will not allow this to happen … It will take all of the necessary steps to prevent [Iran](http://www.washingtontimes.com/topics/iran/) from manufacturing a nuclear weapon either covertly or overtly.”