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Last month, *Calcalist*, a business newspaper in Israel, [reported that](#) police in the country had used Pegasus, a potent spyware tool made by an Israeli company, to warrantlessly surveil cellphones belonging to political figures who were not under formal criminal investigation. Further reports about the surveillance dripped out in the weeks that followed; then, on Monday, [Calcalist dropped a bombshell](#), publishing a list of individuals whose phones were targeted. Mayors and anti-government protesters, including disability-rights activists, were on the list, as were journalists and senior government officials suspected of leaking to the press. Media advisers to Benjamin Netanyahu, the former prime minister, were named. So was his son.

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