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Coalition deal signed, swearing in expected Wednesday

Following a night of last-minute negotiations, Likud and Bayit Yehudi (Jewish Home) signed a deal, completing the formation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition government; swearing in is expected on Wednesday. According to The Jerusalem Post, in a statement released Thursday morning, Bayit Yehudi confirmed that the agreement had been signed. "Bayit Yehudi received the education and diaspora affairs portfolios for its leader Naftali Bennett, justice minister for MK Ayelet Shaked, agriculture minister for MK Uri Ariel, and the position of deputy defense minister," the statement read. Ayelet Shaked also confirmed the signing of a deal after a sleepless night. "Now, we're off to work," she said in a statement. Opposition and Zionist Union leader Isaac Herzog reacted to the news on Thursday, reiterating that his party went to the opposition as promised from the beginning.