

Israel: PM Netanyahu Not Interested in Cultural Diversity, Says African Migrants Worse than Jihadists

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the electrified fence along its border with Egypt is necessary to ward off African migrants who are a greater threat than Islamic terrorists. Why? His answer is that they threaten the Jewish state's national character. [The people of a nation have every right to desire to maintain their national or cultural character. Control over immigration is a right of national sovereignty just as much as we have the personal right to keep strangers out of our homes. Europe and America would do well to pay closer attention to this concept.] -GEG
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu defended an electrified fence along the Israel-Egypt border Tuesday, saying it was needed to ward off a wave of African migrants who are a greater threat than Islamic terrorists.

If it weren't for the controversial border barrier, Israel would be in danger of losing its national character, Netanyahu said.

"Were it not for the fence, we would be faced with ... severe attacks by Sinai terrorists, and something much worse – a flood of illegal migrants from Africa," the prime minister's office quoted him as telling a development conference in the southern Israel.

Before Israel completed a barrier along its border with Egypt in 2013, about 60,000 African migrants – mostly from Sudan and Eritrea – crossed the desert frontier and settled in the Tel Aviv area. Many of the illegal immigrants say they fled violence and persecution, but Israel treats them as economic migrants.

About 38,000 African migrants are still living illegally in Israel, immigration officials say. Israel has granted asylum to fewer than 1 percent of those who have applied, with the aim of getting most of the migrants to return to their home countries.

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