

Prime Minister Ehud Barak has filmed an elections advertisement aimed at the Arab sector in which he expresses regret for the killing of 13 Arab demonstrators by police during protests in the Galilee in October last year. Barak considered a full-blown apology, but in the end settled for an expression of regret.

The Likud intends to continue ignoring the issue of the Lebanon War, during which Ariel Sharon was defense minister, in its advertisements. Sharon's central role in the Lebanon War is a key feature in Labor's election commercials. On Tuesday, the day after the first ads were aired on television, Likud officials strongly attacked what they called the "aggressive and excessive" use of bereavement in Labor's ads which included footage from the 1982 war.

The High Court of Justice rejected a petition Tuesday to disqualify Likud candidate Ariel Sharon from running for prime minister. Lawyer Shmuel Saadia, a member of the Labor central committee, submitted the petition on the basis of the Kahan Commission report into the 1982 Sabra and Shatilla massacre of Palestinians, which found Sharon unfit to continue as defense minister, and a 1998 court ruling in dismissing Sharons libel suit against Haaretz . A panel of three High Court judges ruled there was no reason to review the decision by Justice Mishael Cheshin confirming Sharons eligibility to run for prime minister.

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Prime Minister – ראש הממשלה	strongly – באופן חזק/חריף	judges - שופטים
elections - בחירות	attacked – תקפו	reason – סיבה
advertisement – פרסומת	aggressive – אגרסיבי	review – לבדוק שנית
aimed at - המכוונת אל	excessive – מוגזם	decision – החלטה
expresses – מביע	bereavement – אבל/שכול	confirming – מאשר
regret – חרטה	included - כלל	eligibility – אי חוקיות
demonstrators – מפגינים	footage – צילומים	
during – תו"כ	war – מלחמה	
protests – מחאות	High Court of Justice – ביהמ"ש העליון	
considered – שקל	rejected – דחה	
apology - התנצלות	petition – עצומה	
end - בסוף	disqualify – לפסול	
settled – הסתפק	candidate – מועמד	
intends – מתכוון	member – חבר	
continue – להמשיך	committee - ועדה	
ignoring – להתעלם	submitted – הגיש	
issue – נושא	commission – ועדה	
defense - הגנה	report – דו"ח	
minister – שר	massacre – טבח	
central - מרכזי	unfit – בלתי מתאים	
role – תפקיד	continue – להמשיך	
key feature – נקודת מפתח	court ruling – פסיקת ביהמ"ש	
after – אחרי/לאחר	libel suit – תביעה על הוצאת דיבה	
officials - נציגים	against - כנגד	