Ministers from the Arab League met to discuss an Arab proposal on moving the stalled peace process in the Middle East forward today. Arab League Secretary General Amr Moussa also discussed the plan with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan yesterday. Under the proposal, the United Nations would take a lead role in making sure any peace agreement is implemented.

Quote: *"Details about it remain sketchy, but according to a document obtained by The Associated Press, Arab nations are proposing an international conference under the sponsorship of the Security Council that would initiate direct negotiations between Israel, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians by the end of 2006.*

But Israel and the US aren't so keen on the Arabs dictating peace, especially seeing its these nations that refuse to even recognize Israel's right to exist. The Arab peace plan only guarantees recognition after Israel withdraws from all territory taken in 1967, including East Jerusalem. Also, as a European leader is to confirm this agreement, I don't believe the UN can make the deal. But events in Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian Authority - all Israel's immediate neighbours, do seem to be converging together, with Israel being pressed to resolve issues in south Lebanon, the Golan and Gaza all at the same time. And the timing of these talks, slated for the end of 2006, is another significant sign that a covenant of peace with many nations could soon be confirmed. After Hamas was elected into the Palestinian Authority, President Abbas stated he believed he could have a peace agreement signed with Israel within 6 months . That was in February of this year, but it still looks like an agreement could be on the table before 2007 begins.

Israel must soon choose which "covenant of peace" they are willing to accept. Prime Minister Olmert's "covenant of peace" with Israel's enemies, who they were told never to seek the peace of, and which will lead to the division of the land and the near destruction of the nation during the tribulation period, or the Lord's "covenant of peace"...

Ezekiel 37:25
And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, [even] they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David [shall be] their prince for ever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

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