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Link from my friends Darrell and John...

Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, has stated that an international peacekeeping force in the Gaza Strip is a possibility, but that Egypt might not like it. He makes the comments 40 years after Egyptian President Nasser formally asked a UN peacekeeping force to leave Sinai, in order to commence an attack upon Israeli forces during the Six Day War. The European Union has already made several calls for such a force to be stationed in Gaza. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was originally opposed to such a plan, but later stated that if EU soldiers were willing to put their lives at risk engaging terrorists on a daily basis, Israel would be willing to accept.

Quote: *"Solana said two groups in the Israeli parliament had said it may be the moment to call for such a force, at least to start with, in the south of the region where the Rafah border crossing to Egypt is located. "We are working on that," he said. "The Israelis are also considering that possibility, the Palestinians are considering that possibility, the Egyptians are considering that possibility." Solana said it would probably be difficult for Egypt as deployment of such a force might give the impression it was not able to control that part of the border. However, he added: "I think we can still get into discussions on these issues and maybe eventually get a solution."*

I think Egypt will be willing to consider such a force, for they won't want the power struggle between Hamas and Fatah spilling over the Egyptian border. President Abbas of the Palestinian Authority needs a third party to prevent the region descending into civil war, and Israel needs a way of controlling the Kassams without having to launch constant incursions into Gaza. The Bible states that during the tribulation period, the Antichrist will mount an invasion of the Middle East in order to stabilize the region. As we can see, the European Union is the ideal third party to launch such a force, being trusted by all sides and having a regional interest in the Middle East.

Daniel 11:23

And after the league [made] with him he (Antichrist) shall work deceitfully:

for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.