President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority is in Rome, as his tour of European nations draws to a close. He met with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi and Pope Ratzinger at the Vatican. The Pope and President Abbas hailed the new initiatives aimed at reviving peace in the Middle East, but even as they spoke, Hamas members were declaring an end to their five month "truce". The truce, as HonestReporting reveals, exists only in the minds of those who want to believe it - namely the mainstream media. Kassam rockets are still fired into Israel on a daily basis, and several attacks including a suicide bombing were recently thwarted by the IDF and Egyptian intelligence. Yesterday's attack it seems was intended as a cover for a botched kidnapping attempt on Israeli soldiers operating near the Gaza Strip. Abbas and Prodi exclaimed that they hoped the outbreak of violence was only temporary, while Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, urged all sides to show restraint...

Quote: *""This is very bad news and we hope very much that this is not an end of a process that has been maintained with peace and moderation for a long time," Solana said. "I plead with everybody on both sides to really behave in a constructive manner because there is a window of opportunity in which things that are positive may take place," he told journalists in Luxembourg. "Everybody has a responsibility not to contribute to make difficult or impossible these movements in the right direction."*

Javier Solana had stated that the resumption of aid to the Palestinian Authority would be based on deeds and not words. But so far Abbas and Haniyeh have shown little interest in ending the attacks against Israel, despite promises to the contrary. Abbas had called for an end to rocket attacks earlier in the month, as had Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal. But despite Hamas declaring an end to their "ceasefire", it seems the EU is bent on pressing ahead with its devilish plan to hand yet more land to the Palestinian terrorist organizations...

Quote: *"Despite Tuesday's incident, Prodi said he had assured Abbas that the Italian government favoured the "resumption of financial aid to Palestinians" and that it would raise the issue with the European Commission. After a meeting in Luxembourg on Monday, EU foreign ministers expressed the hope that Israeli-Palestinian negotiations would lead to "an end to the occupation that began in 1967 and the creation of an independent, democratic and viable Palestinian state, living side-by-side with Israel and its*

other neighbours in peace and security."

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