Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, landed in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, this morning to attend the annual Arab League summit. The summit is of particular importance this year, due to the proactive role Saudi Arabia is taking in the Middle East peace process, with the recent formation of the Palestinian unity government brokered in Mecca. Solana said he hoped Arab leaders would seize the " window of opportunity " for peace in the region. He also stated that the next few meetings of the Quartet (EU, US, UN, Russia) could take place in the region, and hoped that the momentum created in recent months could be built upon.

Quote: " Solana, who flew in from Brussels to address the annual Arab League summit in Riyadh, was hoping that a meeting of the international Middle East peace Quartet — EU, Russia, UN and United States — with key Arab players can be swiftly arranged to further the peace process. "We plan for the next Quartet meeting to take place in the region and if possible another one bringing together the he said. European sources said that initial plans were so-called Arab Quartet," being made for a Quartet meeting at the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh in the second half of April. Eventually it is hoped to get Israel involved in the talks.

On the Israeli front things are also "progressing", with
Minister Ehud Olmert agreeing to hold bi-weekly talks with
President Mahmoud Abbas. US Secretary of State Condoleezza
to attend the talks from time to time to ensure progress
be held between Olmert and Abbas on the
Palestinian state

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quot;. Rice called the meetings a confidence building measure, but the question is for who? The meetings on the formation of a Palestinian state will give confidence to terrorist organizations like Hamas and Fatah, that the goal is in reach - the ultimate destruction of Israel.

**Quote:** ""In their discussions together, the parties will also begin to discuss the development of a political horizon consistent with the establishment of a Palestinian state in accordance with the road map," she said. Rice stressed these were "initial discussions to build confidence between the parties." The visiting secretary of state went on to say that "Palestinians must know that their state will be viable. Israelis must know that a future state of Palestine will be a source of security, not a threat to it. & guot; She was not sure whether the negotiations would yield a breakthrough before the U.S. presidential elections next year.

The Gaza Strip was once Israel's most productive region. It's hard to imagine that this piece of land was once home to over 8000 Israelis. But the Gaza Strip is no longer "viable", it is used as a base for carrying out terrorist attacks against Israel. If the Palestinian terrorist organizations cannot make a tiny strip of land a few miles long viable, what chance have they of making the West Bank viable? None whatsoever. So while Israel attempts to make peace, Palestinian terrorists and Islamic nations in general are bent on making war against the Jewish state. Today, Saudi Arabian Al Faisal stated that if Israel rejects Saudi Initiative, that offers Arab recognition in return for land captured during the Six Day War, that it will be the equivalent of asking for war.

Quote: "The Telegraph quoted al-Faisal as saying that Israel could choose whether to accept the proposal or reject it. "What we have the power to do in the Arab world, we think we have done, " he said. "So now it is up to the other side because if you want peace, it is not enough for one side only to want it. Both sides must want it equally." He predicted a gloomy reality in the event that would reject the initiative: "If Israel refuses, that means it doesn't want and it places everything back into the hands of fate. They will be peace putting their future not in the hands of the peacemakers but in the hands of the lords of war.

" " It has never been proven that reaching out anything, " he told the Telegraph. " Other Arab countries have recognized Israel and what has that achieved? The largest Arab country, Egypt, recognized Israel and what was the result? Not one iota of change happened in the attitude of Israel towards peace. " \(\text{\pi}\)

My spirit says Israel should reject the Saudi Initiative outright for the devilish deal that it is, and fight these nations that have attempted to destroy Israel at least half a dozen times. But in my heart I know that Israel cannot fight their enemies without God on their side. God is for Israel, but He can't give them the victory while they walk in their sins. And this is why it will go so hard for Israel during the tribulation as is prophesied, the Antichrist will divide their land and the nations of period, the world will seek to destroy Israel at the battle of Har Megiddo. Only when they come to the end of themselves and look to Him whom they pierced (Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ), will God save the nation.

## Joshua 7:11-12

Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put [it] even among their own stuff.

Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, [but] turned [their] backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you.

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