Bishop Raymond Field, Chair of the Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs, Rev Dr Eoin Cassidy of the same organization, and Bishop John Kirby, Chair of the Irish charity Trócaire, met with the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Republic Dermot Ahern, to urge the Irish government to impose a "just peace" in the Middle East. The " just peace " these Catholic leaders are calling for includes the revocation of the EU-Israel association agreement, divestment from Israeli companies working within the territory captured during the Six Day War, the removal of security checkpoints throughout the region and the demolition of the peace wall that protects Israel from the deadly suicide bombings carried out by President Abbas' Al-Aqsa Brigades.

Quote: *"Bishop Field said: "Today we shall meet with Minister Ahern and raise with him the issue of the EU-Israel Association agreement. While we welcome cooperation between the EU and its neighbouring countries, nevertheless such cooperation should not be at the expense of a large segment of the indigenous population - in this case the Palestinians. Where there is evidence of systematic abuse of human rights on a large scale as in the Occupied Territories there are questions that must be asked concerning the appropriateness of maintaining close business, cultural and commercial links with Israel.*

The Catholic Bishops said that they believed the Gaza Strip was little more than a large prison, due to heavy restrictions imposed by Israel on the borders to prevent terrorists crossing into the Jewish state, and to prevent the smuggling of weapons into Gaza. And about the daily terrorist attacks against Israel, which have continued since the day Israel left Gaza, the Bishops had this to say...

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Yes, according to the Catholic Bishops, turning a blind eye to Palestinian atrocities while condemning Israel for the entire situation, is a "just" solution to the conflict in the Middle East. As I said before, if you are against Israel you must justify terrorism. Either the violence will not be mentioned at all, or it will be said there is a moral equivalence and both sides are to blame for the violence, or the killing will be justified as legitimate resistance against the "evil Israeli occupation". In this case the Bishops did not mention the killing at all, and in doing so they condone murder. And the Bible says that anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and does not have eternal life in him

(1st John 3:15).

Joel 3:2-4

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and [for] my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink. Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon (Lebanon), and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly [and] speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

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