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Usually it's Northern Ireland that is on the receiving end of Prime Minister Blair's peace visits. But with the Prime Minister facing increasing criticism from home over Iraq and the cash-for-honours inquiry, he has decided to take a trip abroad to improve his "legacy", hoping that we will all remember him for helping achieve peace in the Middle East. Yesterday the Prime Minister met with Palestinian President Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Olmert, who both pledged to meet each other in the near future. And no wonder Abbas was so pleased to see Prime Minister Blair. He promised the terrorist organization at least £13 million to help them continue their struggle against Hamas and Israel. And this money will be paid direct to Abbas to fund his "security team", also known as the Al-Aqsa Brigades.

Quote: *"THE British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, has proposed a controversial plan to bolster the Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas, in his battle against Hamas by funnelling millions of dollars in aid* ***directly to security forces under Mr Abbas's control****. The risky plan has been agreed with the US and is designed to break a deadlock that has held back progress in the Middle East for months. The plan also introduces a proposal for a new framework for talks on a Palestinian state to be agreed in a matter of weeks.*

It seems the Prime Minister is in the habit of funding terrorism. He gave Sinn Fein IRA a sizeable sum when £23 million was stolen from the Northern Bank last Christmas. Nobody was ever imprisoned for that robbery, despite a manager's family being held at gunpoint by the IRA for over 24 hours. The Prime Minister is finishing his Middle East tour today, with a trip to the United Arab Emirates. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Olmert is visiting Jordan in a bid to help relaunch the peace process.

Quote: *"During the meeting, the King said it was important for the Israelis to hold negotiations with the Palestinians to re-launch the peace process. His Majesty said solving the Palestinian-Israeli conflict will come once the two sides are convinced that they are partners in a process that would not have results except through negotiations and the implementation of international commitments.*

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