Qatar recently called for a resolution to be passed condemning the Beit Hanoun tragedy. The UN resolution has been adopted in a vote yesterday by the General Council, 156-7 with 6 abstentions. The draft was amended to include condemnation of the Kassam rocket attacks on Israel, and "expressed regret" over the 19 deaths in Beit Hanoun last week. All the European nations voted for the document, which will launch an investigation into the incident. The resolution also stated the UN would "look into the possibility" of sending peace keeping forces to Gaza. Both the US and Israeli ambassadors to the UN expressed their disgust at the ruling.

Quote: *""The problem of anti-Israel bias is not unique to the Human Rights Council. It is endemic to the culture of the United Nations. It is a decades-old, systematic problem that transcends the whole panoply of the UN organizations and agencies," Bolton charged. Earlier, Israel's Ambassador to the UN Dan Gillerman slammed the resolution, saying that the General Assembly has been hijacked by the evil forces. He added that the session was a cynical use and abuse of the UN. "This bloodshed can stop in one second. If terror stops, there will not be one single victim, Israeli or Palestinian. End the violence, and Israel never again needs not engage in self-defense," the ambassador said.*

The United Nations is one of many groups that have been calling for an end to the conflict in the Middle East this past week. Javier Solana , the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, British Prime Minister
Tony Blair
and the
Alliance of Civilizations
all stated this month that the root cause of Islamic terrorism is the conflict in the Middle East, and the best way to help end that is by finding a lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. My friend David pointed out that to "confirm" means to strengthen something that is already in place. Daniel states that the Antichrist will confirm, or make strong an existing covenant between Israel and the surrounding nations. We seem to be getting ever closer to that day when a covenant will be drawn up that will be acceptable to all nations, and will be confirmed by the Antichrist for a period of seven years.

Daniel 9:27
And he (Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many (nations) for one week (seven years): and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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