Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, wrapped up his 6 day tour of the Middle East this week. Reports suggest Solana is s keptical that a peace agreement could be made between Israel and the Palestinians at the current time, but that a breakthrough here would increase the chances of an agreement in other areas such as Iran.

Quote: *""The Middle East is going through a very crucial moment (and) in several directions," he told reporters as he headed home. Solana said he focused on giving a push to the Palestinian-Israeli track", adding that "without solving that, there is very little chance" of making the Mideast more secure and stable.*

Solana will return to the region for more talks late next month. The Zionist Organization of America slammed Solana over his recent comments that Hamas is not seeking to destroy Israel, only to liberate the Palestinians - this despite the Hamas charter calling for the destruction of Israel by Islam...

Quote: *""Given the published, known facts about Hamas and its activities, how does Javier Solana have the gall to say with a straight face that Hamas does not seek to destroy Israel but merely liberate Palestinians? Since Hamas sees the liberation of Palestinians as consisting of the elimination of Israel, that is a distinction without a difference. This is not only ZOA's interpretation -- it is what Hamas itself says. As its Charter clearly shows, Hamas is dedicated to nothing less than a genocidal war against the Jews. It can bring no stability except that of the grave.*

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