A group calling itself SOS Israel is launching a new advertising campaign calling on Israel's leaders to end the disengagements which have resulted in a national catastrophe. Under the heading "This is the sin (the disengagement) and this is its punishment", the advertisement shows several Israeli leaders, all who have apparently suffered various disasters of their own since the disengagement from Gaza one year ago. SOS Israel believes all these events, former Primer Minister Sharon's stroke, and investigations into President Katsav's alleged rape case, IDF Chief of Staff Dan Halutz' financial irregularities, former Justice Minister Haim Ramon's sexual harassment case, Minister Tzachi Hanegbi's political misconduct, etc. are Divine judgement for the sin of dividing God's land. There is a blank space for a final photograph, with the words "to be continued...", a possible reference to Olmert's convergence plan.

Quote: *"The Head of the organization Rabbi Shalom Dov Wolfe said: "As we all know, we are now in the month of Elul – a month of self-examination. And the national self-examination of the people of Israel today is how and why did such a disaster of the security situation take place? By rummaging through the events of the past year, we can see that whoever approved and carried out the destruction of Gush Katif and northern Samaria, thus assisting al Qaeda, Iran and the Hizbullah, is punished by God, including the president who during the disengagement remained quiet and called on the settlers to leave their homes.*

Prime Minister Olmert has since decided to "shelve" his convergence plan for Judea and Samaria, after the disastrous results for Israel in Lebanon. But I suspect if Olmert's government does not fall before 2010, that his plan will be "resurrected" after public dissent over Lebanon abates.

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