British Prime Minister Tony Blair is considering the proposal of US President Bush, in becoming the next Middle East envoy for the Quartet (EU, US, UN, Russia). EU leaders meet to discuss constitution, now with a lesser role for Solana as "Foreign Minister". As EU nations gather today to thrash out the details of the new EU "constitution", divisions between European nations seem to be hindering Javier Solana's rise to power. Under the new treaty, Javier Solana - the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, was slated to become Europe's first Foreign Minister. German Chancellor Angela Merkel is pushing for as much of the constitution to be preserved as possible, but Euro-sceptic states such as Britain fearing EU meddling in their foreign affairs, it is unclear how much of a mandate Solana will get to represent EU foreign policy abroad.

Quote: *"The German paper proposes that the new treaty is called "The Reform Treaty", accepts that the EU will not have a "foreign minister", and provides countries with a chance to opt out of EU policies in the area of policing and criminal law.*

And as has already been reported, Solana's role in the Middle East may also be swallowed up by Britain, with the proposal of US President Bush to make Prime Minister Tony Blair the new Middle East peace envoy for the Quartet. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has announced that he would be supportive of Blair filling the position, and according to the BBC report, President Abbas has also expressed his approval...

Quote: *"The White House officials told the BBC that the talks were preliminary, and did not have any comment on Mr Blair's reaction to the suggestion. But later, the administration sources told the BBC's Jonathan Beale that both Israel and the Palestinians had signed up to the proposal. Beale said: "Most important of all Tony Blair, or aides of Mr Blair, have signed up to this. "It looks like this is going to be Tony Blair's next job and it looks like Tony Blair wants this job... that is the message I am getting from officials in Washington."*

I wrote to the Prime Minister several years ago, during a time of violence between Israel and the Palestinians, asking him to press for peace in the Middle East. I also begged him not to make Britain a partaker of those nations that will divide God's land, and explained to him the reason why these things are happening according to Scripture. I also explained the Gospel to him. Whether he read the email or not, I don't know. Of course one thing that will go against the Prime Minister filling this role will be the US-UK "war on terror". The Arabs may not see Blair as a truly independent negotiator, having pressed for the war in Iraq. According to Daniel's prophecy, we believe it will be a leader of the EU that will strengthen a peace agreement in the Middle East. And perhaps the EU, which is still seen by Israelis and Palestinians as having a balanced approach to the region, may still be the one to make that "peace". Whether that will be Solana or not, remains to be seen.

Isaiah 40:1-2
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

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