European Union External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner has called on Israel to lift travel restrictions in Judea and Samaria, in an effort to help boost the troubled Middle East peace process. Her comments came as the stand-off between Israel and Hamas deepened today. Palestinian terrorist organizations have fired over 110 Kassam rockets into Israel over the past three days. Earlier in the week a Palestinian sniper shot dead a foreign worker on a Kibbutz close to the Gaza border. And for the first time in many months, Hamas claimed responsibility for a salvo of Kassam rockets that struck the town of Sderot, injuring four people including a baby girl. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert promised that Hamas would pay a heavy price for the attacks. And today Israel destroyed the Hamas Interior Ministry building in a missile strike. A Palestinian woman was killed in the attack, and around a dozen people were injured. The building was unoccupied at the time.

Quote: *""It felt like an earthquake," said Umm Fahmi, a woman who lives across from the blast site. "My house did not only shake, it jumped from its foundations and back down. How could they drop such a bomb in a residential area on top of people's heads?" she said, peering through the dust at the concrete and steel remains of the security complex. It was the first Israeli bombing of a Palestinian government building since Hamas Islamists seized control of Gaza in June after routing secular Fatah forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas.*

...and yet Israeli citizens must face the threat of bombs landing on their heads on a daily basis. Palestinian terrorists belonging to President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah organization have also renewed their pledge to attack Israel, following the recent escalation in the Gaza Strip. And if that wasn't bad enough, now the European Union is calling on Israel to remove security checkpoints in Judea and Samaria, in an effort to strengthen Palestinian support for the Annapolis agreement. Benita Ferrero-Waldner also questioned why the European Union couldn't be given a greater role in monitoring the peace process...

Quote: *""It would be good if we Europeans could have a monitoring role, together with the Americans ... Because we have credit with the Palestinians just as the Americans have with Israel. Why can't we be there alongside them?" she asked.*

As the article states, the European Union has already committed itself to the establishment of a Palestinian state. Over $7.6 billion has been raised to help realize this vision, following the Palestinian Donors conference in Paris last December. The European Union is also aiding the creation of institutions necessary for the day to day operatiion of a future Palestinian state. These institutions will be funded through a new international mechanism set up by the EU, codenamed PEGASE
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Quote: *"Benita Ferrero-Waldner said "With PEGASE we will shift progressively from emergency assistance to a sustainable Palestinian development process widening the range of activities supported by us." PEGASE replaces the Temporary International Mechanism (TIM) which will be phased out in March 2008.*

It's ironic, isn't it? That they should name a mechanism for funding the establishment of a Palestinian state after a flying horse. In my country we have another saying, "pigs fly". Just as nobody has ever seen a flying pig, so nobody will ever see a functioning Palestinian state. In case anybody gets any ideas, the flying "pig" is not an insult to Islam or Judaism, it's just a saying we have. God has promised in His Word that following the regathering of the Jewish people to the land, the nation of Israel would never again be divided into two peoples (Ezekiel 37:22). This "vision" of two states living side by side in peace and security is just a mirage that will never become reality. Concerning the division of the land and the battle of Har Megiddo, Psalm 2:1-3 states, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us
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But horses do fly. As the armies of the nations surround Jerusalem, so the armies of heaven will prepare for the battle. The Apostle John states in Revelation 19:11, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse
". And upon this horse sits a rider, who's name is the Word of God (Jesus Christ - John 1:1, 1:14). Men crowned Him with thorns at His First Coming (John 19:2), but at His Second Coming He will be crowned with many crowns. Men once mocked His claim to be King of the Jews (John 19:23), but upon His vesture will be written "King of Kings and Lord of Lords". Jesus Christ is coming again, with ten thousands of His saints (Jude 1:14). Will you be at the Lord's side on that day? Will you be numbered among the righteous? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31).

Revelation 19:14-16
And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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