Sorry I haven't updated the site. Yesterday I was out at a missionary report meeting, which was very encouraging. But last night I failed to do right and I let the devil get the victory, and today I have struggled with the Sunday School work and I am still feeling low.

Javier Solana, the High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, is expected to arrive in Cairo this evening to discuss the deepening crisis in Gaza. He will be joined by Quartet Special Envoy Tony Blair next week, in a bid to try and resolve the stand-off over the breach of the Rafah border. There have been contradictory reports in the press of Hamas' stance in regard to this issue. Shortly after this present situation developed, the BBC had initially stated that Hamas was in favour of co-operating with Egypt in resealing the border. The BBC are of course portraying Hamas as the victors in all of this, in openly defying Israel's unjust blockade of the poor Palestinian people.

Quote: *"What is clear is that, at least for now, Hamas has emerged triumphant, striking a blow against Israeli pressure, but equally thumbing its nose at the Fatah-dominated Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and precipitating a problem into the laps of the Egyptians which they certainly do not want. By opening the way for a surge of Palestinian people-power into Egypt, Hamas has at a stroke made itself a player again in the diplomatic game despite the efforts of virtually all sides to marginalize its influence.*

But it's the Palestinian people that are the losers in all of this. For an illegal terrorist organization is literally holding the entire Gaza Strip to ransom, in refusing to recognize Israel's right to exist and continuing its guerrilla war against the Jewish state. The Palestinians of Gaza are just the pawns in Hamas' game. In reality Hamas has been openly opposing the resealing of the Rafah border. Egyptian soldiers came under attack from Hamas terrorists last week, after they attempted to prevent Palestinians from crossing the border into Egypt. The soldiers were forced to withdraw from the area, and Hamas terrorists took their place. Hamas are now calling for a prime role in monitoring the Rafah border, and a senior advisor to Ismael Haniyeh is even calling for the severing of Gaza's economic ties with Israel.

Quote: *"The organization has already generated plans, likely presented to the Egyptian government during a Hamas delegation visit to Cairo last week, whereupon Egypt can supply the Gaza Strip with fuel and electricity, as well as opening the Rafah Crossing for commerce with Gaza. "Several Arab countries have already expressed marked willingness to trade with Gaza and to fund energy export projects should Egypt prove willing," said Yousef, noting that Hamas wants to bolster Gaza's economy by ending its nearly absolute economic*

reliance on Israel. When asked whether Hamas is also considering abandoning the use of Israeli currency in the Strip, Yousef indicated that this "might be possible in the future. Residents of Gaza can always trade in American Dollars, Jordanian Dinars or Egyptian Pounds at a later point."

But that is extremely unlikely to happen, even if Israel wanted it. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas opposes it, for it would undermine his authority over Gaza. And the international community is not going to accept it, for giving Hamas access to Egypt would only strengthen the terrorist organization and help further its goal in the destruction of Israel. And so Hamas is opposing the visit of Javier Solana and Tony Blair to the region next week, believing they will shut the door on their demonic agenda.

Quote: *""This is a new plot to keep the blockade on Gaza Strip," said Hamas' spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri. He explained that the visit aims at "cutting the road before Hamas' attempts to reopen Rafah crossing with new arrangements bypassing the Israeli occupation's intervention in monitoring the crossing."*

The situation on the Rafah border seems to have completely overshadowed peace talks between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Mahmoud Abbas. But as we can see, the European Union is becoming actively involved in the region, just as the Bible prophesied. And soon the Lord Jesus Christ will come, and take those who have trusted in Him for salvation, to be with Him where He is. Have you trusted in Him for salvation? He died for you. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31).

Revelation 22:6-7
And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

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