This link from my friend Andy...

According to sources in Israeli military and political circles, Israel is planning for a war with Iran they now deem as inevitable . President Ahmadinejad has openly defied the UN Security Council, telling Kofi Annan his country would not halt enrichment, while Javier Solana, the Six Nation representative for the nuclear incentive package, states that there is now no deadline for Iran in regards to the nuclear issue. These recent developments may mean Israel will have to face a war with Iran in the not too distant future, or risk facing a nuclear war with Iran in a few years time. Military officials in Israel previously stated that any strike on Iran would have to be carried out within months, in order to be effective in halting progress on the nuclear programme.

Quote: *""The challenge from Iran and Syria is now top of the Israeli defence agenda, higher than the Palestinian one," said an Israeli defence source. Shortly before the war in Lebanon Major-General Eliezer Shkedi, the commander of the air force, was placed in charge of the "Iranian front", a new position in the Israeli Defence Forces. His job will be to command any future strikes on Iran and Syria. The Israeli defence establishment believes that Iran's pursuit of a nuclear programme means war is likely to become unavoidable. "In the past we prepared for a possible military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities," said one insider, "but Iran's growing confidence after the war in Lebanon means we have to prepare for a full-scale war, in which Syria will be an important player."*

Amid all this talk of war, the talk of peace continues. The Arab League has been holding special sessions aimed at achieving a consensus among Arab nations on how the Middle East peace process should proceed. The Arab League is planning to meet in New York on September 19th, before presenting their document to the UN Security Council. President Abbas is also engaged in talks with Hamas regarding the Palestinian prisoners' document, a separate issue, but one that has already been publicly lauded by the European Union.

Quote: *"The Palestinian Authority, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the Arab League are holding intensive talks in recent days in an attempt to formulate an "Arab vision" for advancing the peace process. The final document is to be delivered to the United Nations Security Council at the end of the month, according to the east Jerusalem-based al-Quds newspaper. Hisham Yousef, head of the office of the Arab League's director-general, said that the Arab League's plan would include a schedule for the*

revival of the peace process and the renewal of the Arab-Israeli negotiations.

And while the Arabs are doing their best to ensure they get a fair deal in any forth-coming peace agreement, our friend Javier Solana, High Representative for the European Common, Foreign and Security Policy, has been given a mandate to act on behalf of the European Union to push the Middle East peace process forward.

Quote: *"Ministers agreed that united action by the EU over the summer had made a positive impact on efforts to stabilize the situation in the Middle East. Tuomioja said that EU foreign policy chief* ***Javier Solana already has the mandate of the member states of EU to work to move the peace process forward and to be in contact with all the parties involved*** *. He particularly emphasized the importance of cooperation with the United States and Arab nations.*

Could Javier Solana be our "prince"? He certainly has the backing of Europe to do the job in any case.

Daniel 9:26
And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people (Romans) of the prince that shall come (Antichrist) shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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