

In a Nearby Universe ...

The President makes a statement on the latest Palestinian terrorist attacks

President Bush: Today's terrorist attacks in Israel and the disputed territories remind us of the reason why we are fighting this war: we are in danger from an evil enemy who takes pleasure in the deaths and suffering of good people.

These crimes come at an important moment in Middle East history, the moment when the United States' own vital interests require the war between Israel and the Arabs to be brought to an end. That is why we have published the Road Map for peace and have announced that we are going to be fully engaged in ensuring that it is followed. The first step on the Road Map is that the Palestinian Authority take effective steps against terrorism. So let there be no mistake: that is the standard against which we are going to judge the Palestinian Authority's new Prime Minister.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

[Turns to leave, but there is a hail of questions and he stops to answer one:]

Reporter: Are you going to put pressure on Israel as well?

President Bush: Israel is a country with which we have not only a close alliance but shared, deeply held values. I am certain that without any pressure from us, Israel will respond to these attacks in exactly the way the United States would.

[Ignores further questions and leaves.]

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That must have been a very _far away_ Universe.

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President Bush and Prime Minister Blair today issued a joint statement in which they announced that forces from the US and Britain will be dispatched to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, the world's last remaining terror strongholds, to work with IDF forces. "I once said that if you're not with us, you're against us. We have waited for too many years for the Palestinian Authority to crack down on terrorists in their jurisdiction. They have failed. Now, we will act. I say to the people of Israel: soon you will be liberated from this menace."

Blair added: "I must admit that it is now clear that I was wrong in the past on this issue. I want the people of Israel to know that I am now fully behind them."

[Yeah, hiding behind them for cover when the suicide bombers come.]

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