Subject: Re: Refreshing Posted by Manualblock on Sun, 29 Jan 2006 00:52:15 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I gotta find these specials on James Adams you guys keep mentioning. Your point regarding the difference between Hamas and Fatah illustrates a simple example of the Taliban method of creating nation-states. Provide the people with the basic needs; food; shelter; then offer a ideology of hope and see them support you. Not a hard call considering the alternative. But what about taming the tiger through the demands of satisfying a constituency? Hamas has two wings; one outside Palestine headquartered in Damascus. With that bi-lateral control they have no real incentive to address ideology as much as to solidify their power base and use their prescence in the Muslim World to spread their philosophy. Regarding the Oslo accords Hammas never recognised them anyway. As far as whether Israel can survive the Palestinian elections; no-brainer, they aren't going anywhere.But I see that the general malaise infecting the Israeli's will to continue this endless siege state has our policy planners worried somewhat. The trend forming throughout the Muslim nations might create opportunity for our continuing occupation of the mid-east but at what cost?Tell me; disregarding my point that the Road to Peace is becoming a dirt path, even if our military could withstand the demands of a long and serious deployment you know the people won't tolerate it. When the congress is cutting the student loan program while building schools in Muslim Nations there will at some point be a reckoning. So to reiterate; what kind of planning produced this mess? What approach will we be able to muster in South America? Now that the military is behind in recruitment/lacking basic equipment repair facilities and any kind of real credibility with the world community. Thats the drawback to establishing a platform of ideas that don't work; and don't work in front of the whole world. Reagarding Kerry; he's another failure, couldn't get the job done. Hillary carries too much baggage and has tipped her hand in favor of policies that would benefit the middle class; a death knell in todays political climate.So what happens if during this upcoming election in Mexico that Vinceze Fox is deposed? Now we have real problems on our doorstep.

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