Palestinians call for UN monitors on border

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The similarities between the conflict with Hizbullah and this latest   conflict with Palestinian terrorist organizations continues, as Palestinians   call on the United   Nations to intervene after the deaths in Beit Hanoun. Palestinian UN   observer
Riyad Mansour
called on   the body to press for a full Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, station   peace keepers along the border and negotiate a cease fire.

Quote: *"The Israeli occupying forces have committed   another massacre this morning in Beit Hanoun," Mansour said. "The   Security Council has to react and to react immediately in order to stop this   aggression and these crimes against the Palestinian people." According   to Mansour, the Palestinians demand that the Security Council calls on   Israel to immediately withdraw from Gaza, to agree to the presence of   international observers at the border with Gaza, and to reach a ceasefire   agreement with the Palestinian government.*

With Lebanon, a UN peace keeping force was already stationed in the   region, so an expansion of the UNIFIL force was seen as a natural   consequence of the war between Israel and Hizbullah. But in Gaza, the European   Union has been the main organization dealing with the Israelis and   Palestinians, as we have seen with the Rafah border and in training the   Palestinian Authority police force. Whether the international community   responds to this incident in Beit Hanoun or not I cannot tell, but an   incident such as this provides the perfect pretext for some sort of external   peace keeping force to intervene in the conflict, as
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Quote: *""The idea of sending UN   troops to the Gaza Strip is currently being aired. But I think that if   things go well in Lebanon, a similar positive process could also begin in the Gaza Strip: the release of [kidnapped soldier Gilad] Shalit, a   Palestinian unity government that meets the criteria set by the   international community, and the presence of a UN force to bolster the   Palestinian government."*

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