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Bush Outlines Road Map to Peace
TOM BROKAW, anchor:
President Bush is set to declare an end to the fighting phase of the war in Iraq tomorrow night. Today, the subject was peace in the Middle East and the plan to achieve it, what the US and Britain call the "road map."
It was delivered today. NBC's Campbell Brown joins me now from the White House. Campbell:
CAMPBELL BROWN reporting:
Tom, the president announced today he is sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to the region next week to convey that the president is willing to put his prestige on the line for movement toward real peace. The road map to peace, a document outlining steps to a Palestinian state by 2005, was formally delivered today to the new Palestinian Prime Minister Abu Mazen and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. President Bush tonight said success in Iraq makes conditions ripe for progress if both sides cooperate.
President GEORGE W. BUSH: It is important for all parties to assume the necessary responsibilities to achieve the conditions so that peace can happen. That starts with fighting off terror, to prevent killers from disrupting that which most citizens want in the Middle East and that is a peaceful, hopeful world.
BROWN: But just today, a pledge from the Islamic militant group Hamas that bombings like the one last night in Tel Aviv will continue. For weeks now, administration officials have been quietly meeting with Arab leaders, urging them to help reign in violent attacks. But many in the region remain skeptical about the president's willingness to demand Sharon dismantle settlements in the Palestinian territories. Privately, though, senior officials say the president has put the word out to his national security team that he wants them to give the same focus and attention to Middle East peace that they gave to the war in Iraq.