

# This Week's Developments

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# Russia chases British destroyer out of Crimea waters

Reuters, June 23, 2021



## EVENT

Russia said on Wednesday it had fired warning shots and dropped bombs in the path of a British warship to chase it out of waters Moscow claims in the Black Sea off the coast of the Crimea peninsula. Britain rejected Russia's account of the incident, saying it believed any shots fired were a pre-announced Russian "gunnery exercise", and that no bombs had been dropped. But it confirmed that its destroyer, HMS Defender, had sailed through what it described as waters belonging to Ukraine. Military experts said that whether or not the details of the Russian or British accounts were accurate, the incident appeared to represent an escalation in confrontation between the West and Russia over disputed sea lanes. Russia's foreign ministry called the passage of the British warship through the area an act of "blatant provocation" and said it would summon the British ambassador over the incident.

## COMMENT

Russia seized and annexed the Crimea peninsula from Ukraine in 2014 and considers areas around the peninsula's coast to be Russian waters. Western countries deem Crimea part of Ukraine and reject Russia's claim to the seas around it. Britain is testing Russia's resolve over Crimea by sending a warship into the area. A maritime security specialist and a retired colonel with Britain's Royal Marines, told Reuters, "the Russian response is extraordinarily robust, a tad undiplomatic and way over the top." Russia's defence ministry said that a Russian bomber dropped 4 high explosive fragmentation bombs in the path of the British warship. In Daniel 11:40 we read that the king of the south (US/UK) will "push" at Gog (the king described in verses 36-39) – the leader of the king of the north (Russia). The word "push" is to "gore" it is a military provocation....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push [military provocation] at him [Gog – Russian leader]: and the king of the north [Russian forces] shall come against him [king of the south] like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. *(Daniel 11:40)*

# Russia launches drills in Mediterranean after HMS Defender incident

The Times, June 25, 2021

Top picture locust solitary phase,  
bottom picture gregarious phase



## EVENT

Russian fighter jets, warships and submarines launched military exercises in the Mediterranean today while tracking Britain's aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth. The drills came days after Moscow said that one of its patrol ships had fired warning shots and a jet dropped bombs in the path of the Royal Navy's HMS Defender as it sailed about 12 miles (19km) off the coast of Crimea, the Ukrainian peninsula annexed by Russia. MiG-31K fighters were being deployed in Syria for the first time in the war games in the Mediterranean, and Tu-22M3 bombers for the second time. MiG-31K aircraft are capable of carrying the Kinzhal hypersonic missile, one of the new-era Russia weapons lauded by President Putin. The ships and warplanes were to practice defending Russia's Khmeimim airbase and Tartus naval facility, both in Syria.

## COMMENT

HMS Queen Elizabeth, is on its maiden operational voyage in the eastern Mediterranean operating with British and American F-35B strike fighters. Commodore Steve Moorhouse said this week that the carrier was already "rubbing up against Russian activity". In response Russia has launched its own exercises in the Med. In Joel we read of the northern army (Russia) that invades Israel. The army is also described as being like locusts. Locusts start off as solitary green grasshoppers. But in certain conditions they morph into the gregarious stage. There is a physical and behavioural transformation. They stop being solitary and swarm together in billions, devouring all vegetation in their path. No one quite knows how the transformation begins and why. But one theory is that as they rub up against each other it starts a chemical reaction in their bodies. We are witnessing the "rubbing up" against Russia right now.....

## BIBLE QUOTE

What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten. Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine; wail because of the new wine, .... A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number;

( Joel 1:4-6 NIV)

# Russia threatens to bomb warships off Crimea

A 1791 cartoon held by the British Museum, entitled *Boys Bait the Russian Bear*, shows George III whipping the Empress Catherine the Great

The Times, June 24, 2021



## EVENT

Boris Johnson today said it was “entirely right” for a British warship to travel through the waters off Crimea as Russia threatened to drop bombs directly on foreign vessels that enter the disputed area. The prime minister spoke as Britain pledged to defy the Kremlin and continue sailing through the region to defend international waters. When asked today how Russia would respond to any future “incursions” by British ships Sergei Ryabkov, Russia’s deputy foreign minister, said: “We can appeal to common sense and demand respect for international law. If this does not help, we can bomb, not just in the path [of the ship] but also the target. Dmitry Peskov, the Kremlin spokesman, called the presence of HMS Defender in the waters off Crimea a “deliberate and prepared provocation”. He said the use of force could not be ruled out.

## COMMENT

In 1783 Russia annexed Crimea and Britain sent warships into the Black Sea. In 1791 a cartoon was published in a London newspaper showing Britain whipping the Russian Empress Catherine the Great - who is depicted as a bear. The cartoon is entitled “Boys Play – The Russian Bear Bait”. Britain once again is jousting with the Kremlin. As The Times newspaper said this week “Britain has a long history of winding up the Russians, and also of misjudging their response.” Moscow’s furious reaction with threats to bomb a Britain warship entering what it sees as its waters is part of this long antagonism between the two nations. Russia calls it a “provokatsiya”. Which literally means an act of provocation which is designed to embarrass or discredit someone. There is no doubt this is part of the “push” on Daniel 11:40 –there could be more “pushing” to come....

## BIBLE QUOTE

If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit.

In Daniel 11:40 the word for “push” is the same word translated in these verse as “gore”. The king of the south will “gore” Gog. It is a military provocation. (Exodus 21:28)

# Israel PM warns world of Ebrahim Raisi

BBC, June 23, 2021



## EVENT

Israel's Prime Minister has said the international community should "wake up" to the election of Iran's next president, Ebrahim Raisi. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said Iran's "regime of brutal hangmen" wants nuclear weapons - something Iran has repeatedly denied. Ebrahim Raisi was declared the winner of Iran's presidential election on Saturday. He is Iran's top judge and holds ultra-conservative views. In an Israeli cabinet meeting on Sunday, Mr Bennett told colleagues this was "the last chance for world powers to wake up... and understand who they are doing business with". "A regime of brutal hangmen must never be allowed to have weapons of mass destruction." Mr Raisi's win has come on the same weekend as negotiations to try and revive the 2015 Iran nuclear deal continue in Vienna. At his first news conference since his victory in Friday's election, Ebrahim Raisi promised he would not allow the talks in Vienna to be dragged out. He also insisted that Iran's ballistic missile programme was "not negotiable"

## COMMENT

Iran and Israel have been in a long-running "shadow war", which has resulted in both countries taking part in tit-for-tat actions. So far they have avoided all out conflict however hostilities between them have escalated again. The new president of Iran is almost the final straw for Israel. Raisi wants the destruction of Israel and is known for his links to mass executions and brutal murders. Putin sent a message to Raisi on his election, "This fully meets the interests of the Russian and Iranian peoples, goes in line with the strengthening of regional security and stability." Of course Raisi's election does neither and brings us closer to conflict. The Bible says that Iran will use its missiles and it has no pity on the young or old. We see this attribute in the new Iranian president..

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

# Drone attack on suspected Iranian nuclear production plant

The Times, June 24, 2021



## EVENT

A drone attack on a suspected nuclear facility in Iran has caused substantial damage, it was claimed today, despite reports from Tehran that the “sabotage” attempt had been foiled. Overnight reports from Israel and America suggested that the strike on a suspected production plant for nuclear centrifuges involved one or more small rotor-powered drones, which were flown into the building from a short distance away. The factory near the city of Karaj, 30 miles northwest of Tehran, is said to produce aluminium blades for use in the country’s two uranium enrichment facilities at Natanz and Fordow. An unnamed US intelligence official and an Iranian said to be familiar with the attack told The New York Times that at least one small quadcopter drone had targeted the Iran Centrifuge Technology Company’s factory in Karaj. Israeli media made similar claims, with some reports stating that the attack had involved several drones.

## COMMENT

Days after Raisi (Iran’s new brutal president) was “elected” a drone attacked a nuclear facility in Iran. The factory was reportedly on a list of potential targets presented to the Trump administration last year by Israel. Earlier this week Iran’s only nuclear power plant, at Bushehr on the Gulf coast, was temporarily shut because of a “technical fault”. It is clear to all that Israel is stepping up its sabotage attacks on Iran as the nuclear talks near a conclusion. The Bible says that there will be a deal with Iran but it will be treacherous. The treacherous dealer deal treacherously we are told. And following this there comes a besieging of the Persian Gulf and great conflict. All this is foretold in a few verses in Isaiah 21. On top of this of course is Iran’s backing of Hamas and Hezbollah which it will activate and launch a terrible assault on Israel. Israel will overcome this - and reach a peace agreement – only for Russia to descend.

## BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam [Iran]: besiege, O Media [Iran]; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

(Isaiah 21:2-3)

# Tens of thousands attend Pride parade in Israel's Tel Aviv

Associated Press, June 24, 2021



## EVENT

Tens of thousands of people attended a Pride parade in Tel Aviv on Friday in one of the largest public gatherings in Israel since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. The vibrant parade and beach party are held on the seafront promenade in the Israeli city, a rare hub of gay culture in the conservative Middle East. Elsewhere in the region homosexuality is widely considered taboo and is outlawed in many countries. Some 250,000 people attended the Tel Aviv parade honouring the LGBTQ community in 2019, before it was called off last year because of the pandemic. Organizers estimated the turnout at Friday's event at 100,000, saying it's one of the largest worldwide since the pandemic struck.

## COMMENT

Israel's new Foreign Minister Yair Lapid instructed his ministry to raise an LGBT pride flag outside its Jerusalem headquarters in honour of Pride Month for the first time on Monday. Deputy Foreign Minister Idan Roll (Yesh Atid), who is gay, said raising the rainbow flag was "important news domestically and abroad." We know that to God homosexuality is a perversion. It is unnatural. God did NOT design a man to sleep with a man nor a woman with a woman. And yet here in God's land it is heralded as a beacon of freedom. It is not freedom it is slavery to sin. The Pride Flag has 6 colours – whereas God's rainbow has 7. Interestingly the creator of the Pride Flag originally wanted to have 8 colours but due to a manufacturing issue it was reduced to 6 colours. The number of 6 is the number of man. Eg man's ways not God's ways. The number 7 (colours of the rainbow) is completion and perfection. Let us follow His ways.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. It is no coincidence there are only 6 colours on the Pride Flag. Proverbs 16:18 says that Pride comes before destruction.

(Revelation 13:18)

TURKEY

I'll cut your tail off & Pluck you into the red sea before my Masters shall be  
P-t-a thus Turk ridden -

Ah! ah! ah! this is fine Sport -  
Ride upon her - pray do - never  
fear her - this is my expedient Treat-y

Why Bill Boy when's your  
Tail why dont you try to do  
something - she shall find me  
equal to a Bashaw with three Tails

A TARTAR BASHAW  
of Three  
Tails

I think I can put in  
a good Stroke or two.

I'll give her a precious Stroke  
even if it should break my back,  
and cause a partition of my Parts.

PO-LAND.

I'll give it you  
home you degrades  
Thing.

BRITAIN.

I'll give her a Stroke  
that shall turn to  
some account.

RUSSIA.

I'll have a knock at her Co and Co  
I dont like to be too hasty in a Thing  
where nothing is to be got by the Spue  
of the Matter.

HANOVERIAN HORSE.

PRUSSIA.

HOLLAND

I suppose in the end I shall be  
baited with Taxes

SUPPL  
-I.S.

BOYS' PLAY, OR, THE RUSSIAN BEAR BAIT

Printed by W. Dent, 1794

DEBKA  
Special Map



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