

This Week's Developments

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Iran vows revenge for scientist assassination as Israel braces for possible terror attacks

Newsweek, December 4, 2020



EVENT

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has again vowed revenge for the assassination of top nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh last week, an operation for which Tehran blames Israel. Rouhani made the comments during a call with Turkish President Recep Tayyipp Erdogan on Thursday, Iran's state-run Mehr News Agency reported. "The assassination of this scientist was a great crime and inhumane act," Rouhani said of Fakhrizadeh's assassination. "Undoubtedly, this terrorist act shows the helplessness and inability of the sworn enemies of the Iranian nation against the scientific and research movements of our scientists and it is the right of the Iranian government to take revenge on the blood of this martyr from the perpetrators at the right time," Rouhani said.

COMMENT

The assassination last week of Iran's top nuclear scientist will undoubtedly lead to some kind of retaliation by Iran. As one report put it *"The assassination on Friday of Iran's leading nuclear scientist has heightened suspicions that Donald Trump, in cahoots with hardline Israeli and Saudi allies, may be trying to lure the Tehran regime into an all-out confrontation in the dying days of his presidency. Trump's four-year-long Iranian vendetta is approaching a climax – and he still has the power and the means to inflict lasting damage."* We do know with Bible in hand that Iran has a major role to play in the coming conflict – and it could be these events are about to happen. Isaiah 21 speaks of a treacherous deal that brings about a rising up of Elam – Elam is south west Iran. At this time the chapter says there is pain like a woman in labour. It also talks of Media (Iran) besieging the Gulf. These things are still to happen – maybe soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; 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:
(Isaiah 21:2-3)

Israel urges citizens to avoid Gulf, cites Iran threat

Associated Press, December 4, 2020



EVENT

The Israeli government on Thursday urged its citizens to avoid travel to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, citing threats of Iranian attacks. Iran has been threatening to attack Israeli targets since its chief nuclear scientist, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, was assassinated last Friday near Tehran. It accuses Israel, which has been suspected in previous killings of Iranian nuclear scientists, of being behind the shooting. Israel has not commented on the killing. But Fakhrizadeh has long been on Israel's radar screen, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu saying at a 2018 news conference about Iran's nuclear program: "Remember that name." Israel accuses Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons — a charge Iran denies. In recent months, Israel has signed agreements establishing diplomatic relations with Gulf Arab states of the UAE and Bahrain — its first normalization deals with Arab countries in a quarter century.

COMMENT

Iran will seek to revenge the death of its leading nuclear scientist. Israel's security officials have issued a warning of possible terrorist attacks by Iran. The Lebanese Hizballah (Iran's proxy army) which maintains a clandestine global network, would be the foremost candidate for this operation. The timing of the next potential terrorist outrage by Iran is a matter of speculation. Israeli security experts suggest a time frame before Joe Biden's swearing-in as president on January 20, but too close to that date to give President Donald Trump time for retaliation. We know that Israel at some point will get dragged into conflict and that there will be an initial inner ring conflict between Israel and her immediate neighbours. Iran could well be the trigger to bring this about...

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

(Zechariah 12:1-2)

Iran rejects Biden's terms for reviving nuclear deal

BBC, December 4, 2020



EVENT

Iran will not accept preconditions from a new Biden administration over its nuclear programme and the US must return to a 2015 deal before talks can take place, its foreign minister says. Javad Zarif said the US had its own "commitments" that must be implemented. President-elect Joe Biden has said he will rejoin the nuclear deal and lift sanctions if Tehran returns to "strict compliance with the nuclear deal". Both sides appear to want the other to readopt the agreement's terms first. In May 2018, US President Donald Trump pulled out of the deal negotiated under his predecessor, Barack Obama. He then reimposed strict economic sanctions against Iran, targeting the country's oil and financial sectors. Tehran has since exceeded limits to its nuclear activities set under the deal, raising suspicions that it could be using the programme as a cover to develop a nuclear bomb. Its government insists, however, that its nuclear ambitions are entirely peaceful.

COMMENT

Mr Biden, who is due to be sworn in as the 46th US president on 20 January, said he would prioritise returning the US to the agreement and look at lifting sanctions, but that it would require Iran to first comply with its terms. But Iran is saying that the US needs to lift its new sanctions first. This standoff therefore is unlikely to be resolved even if Biden is crowned as president. We know whatever happens that Iran will never be aligned to the king of the south as it forms part of the king of the north. The king of the south is made up of Saudi Arabia, other gulf nations, Britain and America and other English speaking nations like Australia and Canada etc. The king of the north is made up of Russia, Iran, Turkey, but also includes some countries in northern Africa.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him 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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:
(Daniel 11:40-41)

Jordan, Israel in rare meeting on Palestinian issue

Aljazeera, December 4, 2020



EVENT

Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi has held a rare meeting with his Israeli counterpart to press for the restart of stalled negotiations between the Palestinians and the Jewish state. Thursday's meeting came days after Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas visited Jordan as part of an Arab tour to raise support for the Palestinians after Joe Biden won last month's United States presidential election. During the meeting at the King Hussein (Allenby) Bridge crossing between Jordan and the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Safadi said the creation of an independent Palestinian state was key to ending the conflict with Israel. "There is no alternative to a two-state solution" between Israel and the Palestinians, he told Israeli Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi, quoted by the official Petra news agency. "It is necessary to return to the negotiating table according to international law in order to find a real solution to achieve a just peace," Safadi said.

COMMENT

Jordan and Israel have been bound by a peace treaty since 1994, but relations between the two neighbours have become more tense. Jordan is home to over 2 million Palestinian refugees who live in 10 official camps and 3 unofficial camps. In 1950 there were 750,000 Palestinian refugees in total - now there are over 5 million. This is because (uniquely) Palestinian refugees (and their families) are never assimilated into the country they have ended up in – but instead are kept in limbo. In fact the UN has 2 refugee agencies. One for the Palestinians and one for all other refugees around the world! Jordan is Biblical Edom, Moab. Psalm 83 speaks of the "tabernacles [tents / camps] of Edom" being in a confederacy against Israel....

BIBLE QUOTE

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;

(Psalm 83:4-6)

Turkey faces prospect of US sanctions over Russia arms deal

Financial Times, December 4, 2020



EVENT

US lawmakers have agreed defence legislation that will force the Trump administration to impose sanctions on Turkey for buying a Russian missile system and penalise companies linked to Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline. The House and Senate armed services committees reached consensus on a \$740bn defence bill that is expected to pass Congress this month. Donald Trump has threatened to veto the annual defence spending legislation, but he will face pressure to sign it because it funds the salaries of military personnel. **The National Defense Authorization Act would compel the White House to impose sanctions on Turkey over its purchase of the Russian S-400 air defence missile system within 30 days of becoming law. That would force Mr Trump to take action before he leaves office on January 20.** Ankara's purchase of the S-400 last year stoked tensions with Washington and should have triggered sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries through Sanctions Act. Congress has been frustrated by the president's reluctance to apply sanctions to the US ally.

COMMENT

The defence bill mentioned in this article requires Mr Trump to impose at least five sanctions, including a ban on US banking and property transactions, the denial of US visas and forcing US lenders to deny loans to any sanctioned companies. The other part though expands the list of sanctionable activities related to Nord Stream 2, the controversial pipeline that will carry natural gas from Russia to Germany. The Kremlin on Friday said that Russia would defend its interests and commercial projects. We see Turkey and Russia being impacted by these sanctions giving them both a common adversary the US. The Bible says Turkey will be allied to Russia when it invades....

BIBLE QUOTE

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togamah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. *(Ezekiel 38:5-7)*

UN Issues 'Bleakest And Darkest' Outlook Ever For 2021

Forbes, December 4, 2020



EVENT

After a year widely panned as **one of the worst in modern history**, the United Nations is warning **2021 could be even more awful**, with top officials saying the new year could be **the worst in terms of humanitarian catastrophes in the organization's 75-year history**. World Food Program head David Beasley said Friday that 2021 "is literally going to be catastrophic" and bring the worst humanitarian crises the organization has ever seen, saying **famine is "knocking on the door" of 12 countries**. Top officials also said they're concerned about a **"stampede for vaccines"** that could leave poorer countries **struggling to contain the Covid-19 pandemic**. On Tuesday, UN Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock said the UN was presenting **"the bleakest and darkest perspective on humanitarian needs in the period ahead that we have ever set out"** for 2021.

COMMENT

235 million. That's how many people around the world the UN estimated will need humanitarian assistance in 2021—a **40% increase over the 2020 amount**. The UN also warned a few weeks ago that there is an "obscene" chance of widespread famine in 2021, which could **fuel wars in impacted areas**. Covid-19 has impoverished millions from its economic impacts and the **full impact** of this has **not been felt yet**. Also there is warning that displacement from recent conflicts and the effects of climate change will bring **further negative impacts**. The world thinks that 2020 was the low and 2021 will see a recovery. In fact the world will continue to **decline in all areas** – **economically, spiritually and physically** – it is crying out for the **return of Christ** the King...

BIBLE QUOTE

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. **For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth**; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight.

(Psalm 72:11-14)

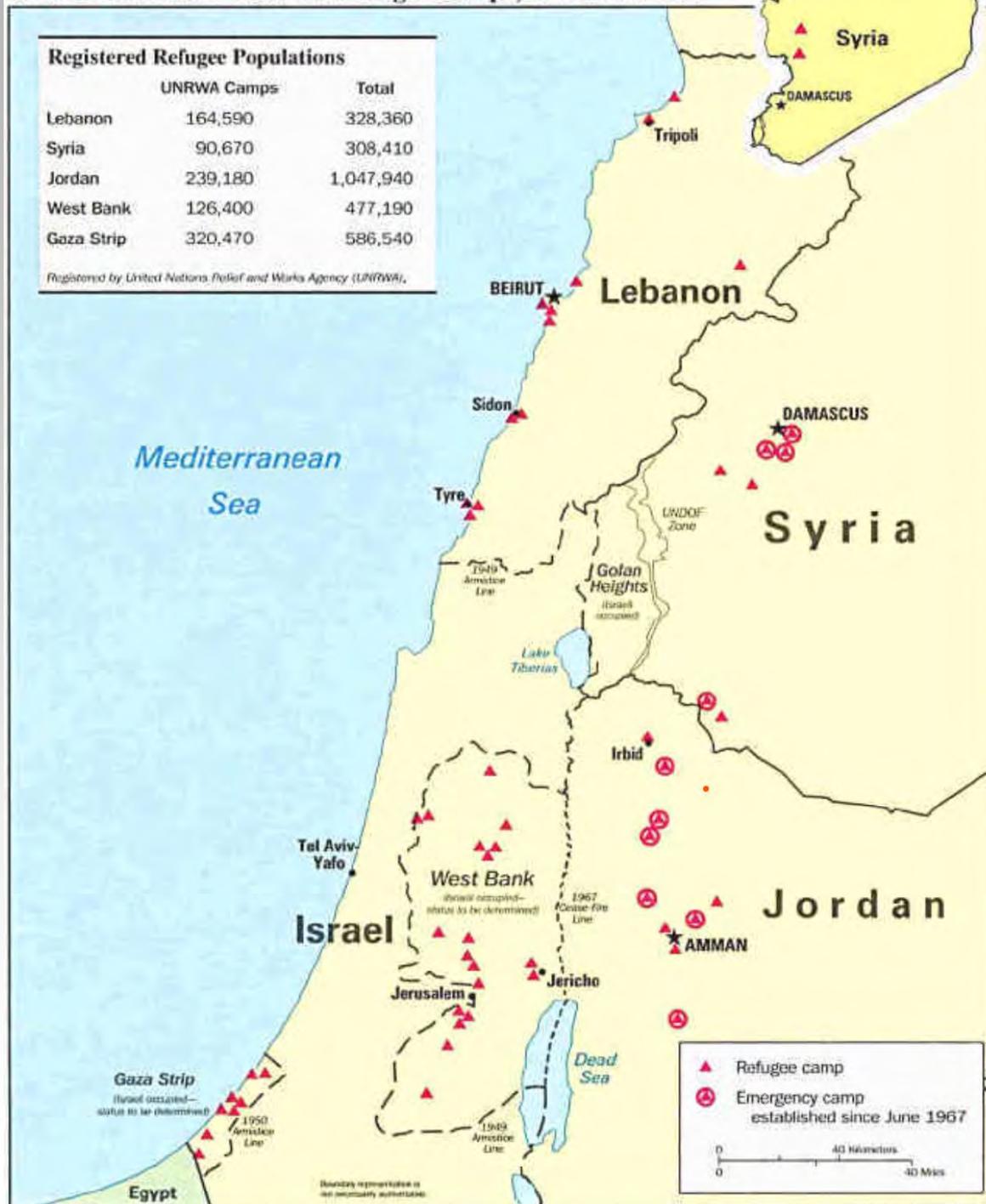
PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP #REFUGEES



Registered Refugee Populations

	UNRWA Camps	Total
Lebanon	164,590	328,360
Syria	90,670	308,410
Jordan	239,180	1,047,940
West Bank	126,400	477,190
Gaza Strip	320,470	586,540

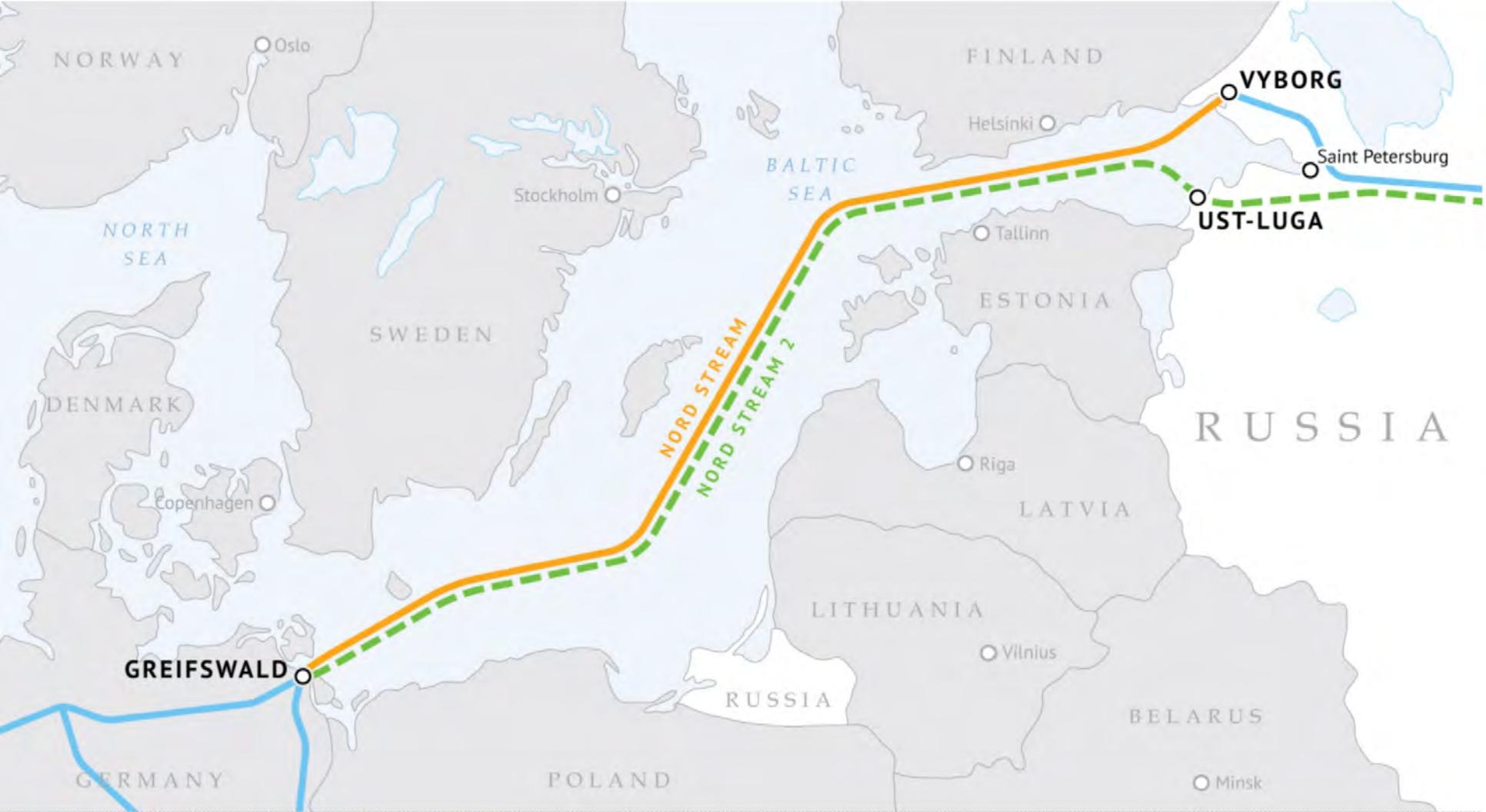
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▲ Refugee camp
 ⊕ Emergency camp established since June 1967

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- Gas pipelines in operation
- Nord Stream
- - - Nord Stream 2
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Nord Stream 2 runs parallel to the existing Nord Stream under the Baltic Sea, through Russia, Finnish, Swedish, Danish and German waters.

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