

This Week's Developments

February 28 – March 6, 2021

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Israel Developing Plans to Strike Iran over Nuclear Weapons as Joe Biden Deal Falters

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EVENT

Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz has warned that his country will "stand independently" against Iran if needed, as President Joe Biden pushes ahead with his plan to revive the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) despite opposition from American conservatives and Middle Eastern allies. Gantz—who is currently defence minister as part of a power sharing deal with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—told Fox News Radio on Thursday that Israel is constantly drawing up plans to attack Iran and deny Tehran nuclear weapons, with or without American support. Gantz's warning comes after weeks of rising tensions in the Middle East, with attacks on American and Iraqi troops by Iranian-backed Iraqi militia groups, American and Israeli airstrikes in Syria, an attack against Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Oman, and intensified operations against Saudi Arabia by Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen. The Biden administration appears to be trying to keep low intensity regional conflict separate from JCPOA talks, but Gantz told Fox News Radio that Israel was not.

COMMENT

Tension is very high in the Middle East at this time. Iran has expectations that President Biden will re-enter the nuclear deal but both sides seem unwilling to make the first move. To up the pressure Iran has increasingly broken the original deal agreement surrounding nuclear development. This in turn is worrying Israel who is openly talking about making plans to strike Iran with or without US support. The Israeli defence minister said "We are on very high alert at this time. The issue with Iran must be solved." Israel is in turmoil politically but all major parties are united on dealing with Iran. The Bible says Iran has a major role to play in the coming conflict over Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. Haman was an official in Persia (modern day Iran) - we see Iran today wanting to destroy all the Jews. Haman's plan was foiled. (Esther 3:6)

Russia and Iran Sign an Intelligence Pact

BESA, March 4, 2021



EVENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The Islamic Republic of Iran has experienced a number of serious counterintelligence failures over the years. Last month, Iran and Russia, a close ally of the Islamic regime, signed a pact that should assist it as it attempts to reform its counterintelligence. In January 2021, Iranian FM Muhammad Javad Zarif made yet another visit to Moscow to meet with his counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. Zarif has travelled to Russia more than 30 times, illuminating the Islamic Republic's great dependence on that country. What made his most recent visit significant was the signing by the countries of a security treaty. Lavrov told Russian News Agency TASS: "We [Russia and Iran] have signed an intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in ensuring information security." He did not provide further details. Iran, said that the agreement involved collaboration with respect to "cooperation for regional & international communities to guarantee national & international security."

COMMENT

The Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated in a press release that Iran and Russia had signed an "Information Security Cooperation Pact". The agreement aims to increase collaboration between the countries in the field of cyber security, focusing on the exchange of intelligence, interaction against threats, and joint defence. It is worth stopping a minute to ponder this relationship. Iran is considered by most civilised nations as a pariah state that is focused on terrorism. Russia however sees Iran as a strategic ally! It shows the moral compass of Russia - it supports antisemitic nations. The Bible says Russia will act as a protector of Iran – exactly like this agreement!!

BIBLE QUOTE

Be ready and keep ready, you and all the hosts that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. After many days you will be mustered; in the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war. Notice that when Russia attacks it is when Israel is restored from war. That is a reference to the initial inner ring war that Israel wins... (Ezekiel 38:7-8 RSV)

Israel minister accuses Iran-linked tanker over oil spill

BBC, March 5, 2021



EVENT

Israel's environmental protection minister suspects a tanker linked to Iran was behind one of the country's worst ecological disasters. Globes of tar washed up along much of Israel's Mediterranean shoreline last month, harming birds and sea turtles. Environmental Protection Minister Gila Gamliel said she believed the tanker spilled oil smuggled from Iran in Israeli waters and that Iran might be guilty of "environmental terrorism". Iran has not commented on the claim. Israel's military and intelligence agencies have also distanced themselves from Ms Gamliel remarks, with a local TV channel reporting that the defence establishment "does not share this assessment". Some marine scientists have meanwhile said the tar might be old and have been lifted from the seabed by a storm. It came a day after Israel blamed its arch-enemy for an explosion that damaged an Israeli-owned ship in the Gulf of Oman last week. There are fears it will take months, or even years, to clean up the tar that was found on more than 90% of Israel's 190km-long (118 miles) Mediterranean coastline.

COMMENT

On Tuesday Israel's environmental protection minister said "After limiting the number of suspects in the incident, we discovered that it was not just an environmental crime, but environmental terrorism. A pirate ship owned by a Libyan company that came from Iran is responsible for the environmental attack," she added. The oil has devastated the whole of Israel's coastline and estimates are that it will take years to clean up. If this allegation is true it is shocking and shows the lengths Israel's enemies will go to harm them. This is sadly just a small taste of the horrors to come on Israel as nations of the world are drawn to battle in God's land. It will take 7 months to bury the dead of that war

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will make a vast graveyard for Gog and his hordes in the Valley of the Travelers, east of the Dead Sea. It will block the way of those who travel there, and they will change the name of the place to the Valley of Gog's Hordes. It will take seven months for the people of Israel to bury the bodies and cleanse the land.

(Ezekiel 39:11-12 NLT)

ICC opens 'war crimes' investigation in West Bank and Gaza

BBC, March 4, 2021



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EVENT

The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor has opened a formal investigation into alleged war crimes in the Palestinian territories. Fatou Bensouda said the probe would cover events in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip since June 2014. Last month, the Hague-based court ruled that it could exercise its criminal jurisdiction over the territories. Israel rejected Ms Bensouda's decision, while Palestinian officials praised it. The US expressed disappointment and opposition to the move. The ICC has the authority to prosecute those accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes on the territory of states party to the Rome Statute, its founding treaty. Israel has never ratified the Rome Statute, but the court ruled that it had jurisdiction because the United Nations secretary general accepted the Palestinians' accession to the treaty in 2015. Israel occupied the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East war. Palestinians claim the territories for a future independent state.

COMMENT

In 1998, 123 nations setup the world's only International Court. It was signed in Rome and came into force in 2002. It was setup to investigate war crimes and genocide etc. Only 7 countries voted against - one of which was Israel (another was the US). The ICC can only investigate nations that are signed up. But in 2015 the Palestinians were recognised as a nation so also joined the ICC. Therefore the ICC say they can investigate the West Bank. Israel is furious about this and Netanyahu said the probe was an antisemitic attack on the world's only Jewish state. The ICC has no jurisdiction over God's land and this is surely a step towards all nations being gathered against Jerusalem to battle. Most nations want Israel divided, the rest want it destroyed...

BIBLE QUOTE

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

(Joel 3:2)

US coalition military base in Iraq hit by ten missiles

The Times, March 3, 2021



EVENT

A US coalition military base in Iraq has come under rocket fire, five days after President Biden retaliated for a previous strike with air raids on Iranian-backed Shia militias in neighbouring Syria. A volley of ten missiles this morning hit the Ain al-Assad base in Anbar, western Iraq. The Iraqi military and the US-led coalition, which share the base, were still assessing the damage early afternoon local time. The Vatican insisted that the rocket attacks would not deter the Pope, who is due to make his first visit to Iraq on Friday. Two contractors were killed in a strike two weeks ago against a similar combined base in northern Iraq, which was blamed on Iraqi Shia militias. In response, Biden ordered the bombing of warehouses belonging to what the Pentagon said were the same militias just over the border with Syria, where they are also operating. Iran denied direct responsibility for the attack, but the exchange has led to a worsening of relations between Washington and Tehran, which had been expected to improve after Biden said he wanted to re-join the 2015 nuclear deal.

COMMENT

After the US Syria strike last week on Iranian targets, Iran refused an offer to join preliminary, informal talks on the nuclear programme hosted by the European Union, saying the US had to lift sanctions before it would respond. This week we have seen another attack on a US base. Neither side want full blown war but as each week goes by there is an increase in rhetoric and an increase in action. The US has around 3000 troops in Iraq and they become a “local” and easy target for Iran to threaten. In January last year Iran fired numerous ballistic missiles at a US base in Iraq. The Bible speaks of Iraq becoming like Sodom & Gomorrah. Great fire and destruction is coming to Iraq.

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iran] 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. And Babylon [Iraq], the glory of kingdoms,shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. (Isaiah 13:17-19)

Francis the 'pilgrim of peace' makes history as first Pope to visit Iraq

The Times, March 5, 2021



Semiramis - Queen of Heaven
Semiramis - Mother of god

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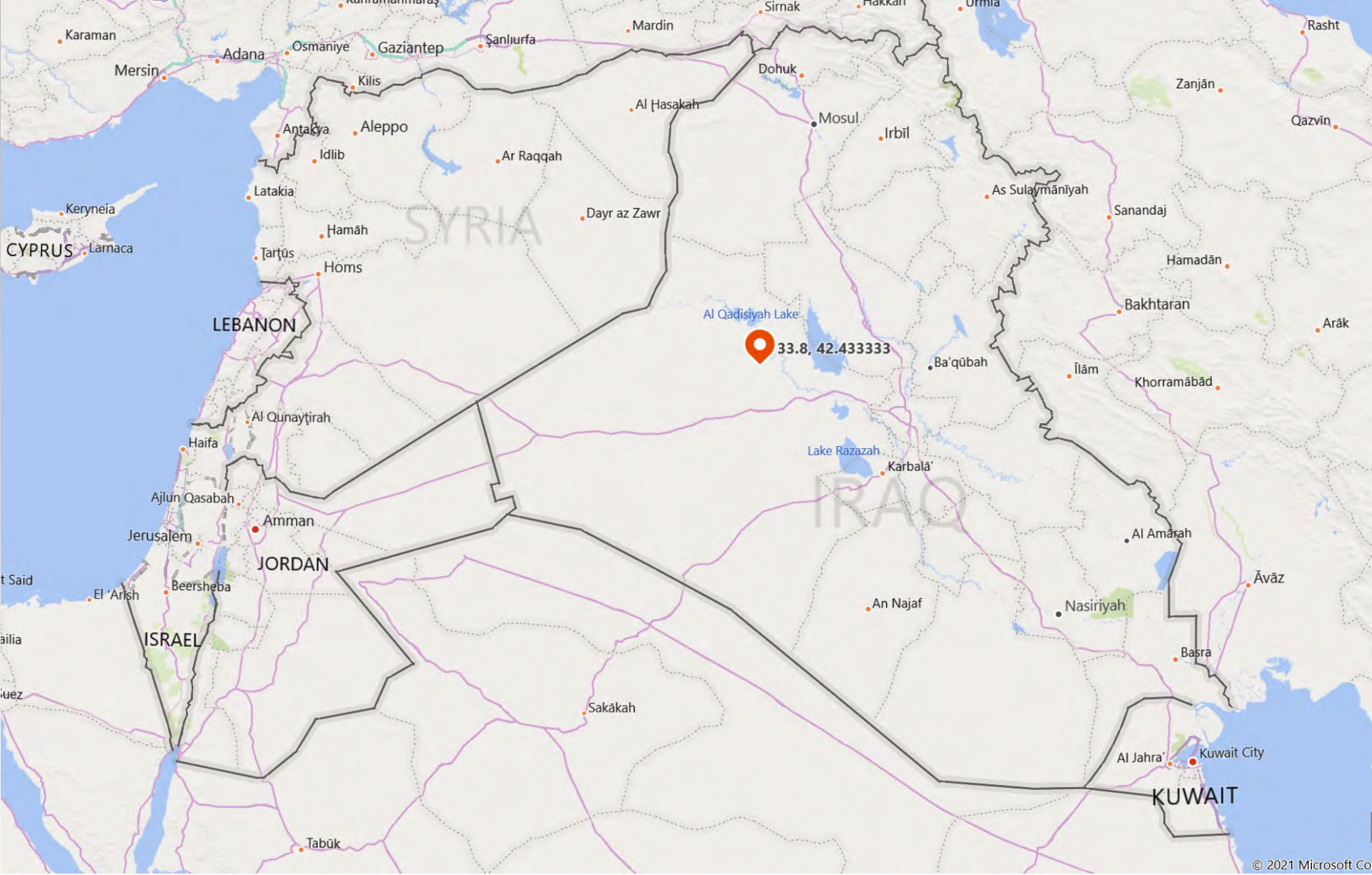
The Pope began a historic trip to Iraq today by visiting the Baghdad church that holds a **forbidding significance** for the country's Christians. **Eleven years ago six al-Qaeda gunmen stormed Our Lady of Salvation church, killing more than 50 worshippers**, the deadliest assault on the Christian community during Iraq's years of sectarian strife. The attack played its part in triggering **an exodus of hundreds of thousands of Christians**. Hours after landing in the city for the first papal visit to the country, Francis took to the church's altar. "We are gathered in this **Cathedral of Our Lady of Salvation**, hallowed by the blood of our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price of their fidelity."

COMMENT

This is truly historic and ties together Genesis and Revelation. In Genesis we read of **Nimrod whose kingdom was Babel**. When Nimrod died his wife Semiramis claimed that a child she bore after Nimrod's death was Nimrod himself reincarnated. The people of Babel worshipped Semiramis and her god incarnate son. They called her Baalti (My Lady) and her son they called Baal (My Lord). **Babylon** (same word as Babel in Hebrew) **also worshipped the Woman and Child**. Babel and Babylon were situated in modern day Iraq! Centuries later the **Catholic Church adopted exactly the same idol worship**. They worship Mary as Madonna (Latin for My Lady) and her god incarnate son. In Revelation 17 we read of a harlot woman with Babylon written on her head. This is speaking of the false religion of Rome that has its roots in Babel, Babylon. For the first time ever **the new Babylon is visiting the ancient Babylon....**

BIBLE QUOTE

And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of **his kingdom was Babel**, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, **in the land of Shinar**. **Shinar= Iraq. Abraham was called out of this area to setup God's kingdom (Israel) that would replace man's kingdom (Babel). Babel = confusion Israel = God prevails.** (Genesis 10:8-9)



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2021-01-16 - Iran Fires Test Missiles Over Indian Ocean Against Virtual Targets Within 100 Mi Of Nimitz-

Gantz- IDF updating military plans for potential strike on Iran nuclear sites - The Times of Israel

Israel said very pleased with US strikes in Syria- 'Biden is not Obama' - The Times of Israel

Netanyahu asked Biden to maintain US sanctions on ICC -- report - The Times of Israel

Official- Israel upgrading contingency plans for Iran attack - ABC News

Pope Francis on Iraq visit calls for end to violence and extremism - BBC News

US opposes ICC probe into Israel, Palestinians; weighs maintaining sanctions

Western envoys warn ICC its future is at risk over probe of Israel, Palestinians

The 'Great Reset,' world leaders' radical plan to transform the economy – The Hill