

This Week's Developments

September 5 - 11, 2021

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Terror threat rising since Afghan exit, warns MI5

The Times, September 10, 2021



EVENT

The risk of another 9/11-style terrorist attack has been heightened following the West's withdrawal from Afghanistan, the head of MI5 has warned. Ken McCallum, director-general of the Security Service, said there was "no doubt" that events in the country will have "heartened and emboldened" extremists. McCallum said that in addition to giving a "morale boost" to potential terrorists in Britain or elsewhere, there was a concern that they would be able to regroup and plot sophisticated attacks. In an interview on the eve of the anniversary of the attacks on America on September 11, 2001, he told Today on Radio 4: "The big concern flowing from Afghanistan, alongside the immediate inspirational effect, is the risk that terrorists reconstitute and once again pose us more in the way of well-developed sophisticated plots of the sort that we faced in 9/11 and the years thereafter." MI5, working with the police, has foiled 31 late-stage terrorist plots in Britain in the past four years, many of which were linked to Islamist extremists.

COMMENT

On September 11th 2021 we entered what the White House called "The age of terror". And so began the "war on terror". Jesus spoke of this time when he said that before he returned to the earth a key sign would be "men's hearts failing them for fear." The word "fear" is the Greek word "phobos" from where we get "phobias" of different kinds. But it actually means "terror". In fact modern versions translate it as such. A 3 year national study in America found that "Acute stress responses to the 9/11 attacks were associated with a 53% increased incidence of cardiovascular ailments over the 3 subsequent years." In other words "men's hearts began to fail them for terror." Twenty years later we are being warned that it could be about to start again.. And it will....

BIBLE QUOTE

upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 9/11 was only a foretaste of the time of trouble... (Luke 21:25-27)

Russia and Belarus start joint mass military drills

The Times, September 10, 2021



EVENT

Russia and Belarus have begun joint military drills as President Putin pushes President Lukashenko to agree to closer integration between the two former Soviet states. The Russian defence ministry said up to **200,000 military personnel, 80 aircraft and helicopters, up to 15 ships and nearly 300 tanks** would be involved in the exercises, which are taking place in western Russia and Belarus until next Thursday. The opening ceremony for the drills was held yesterday at a Russian training ground in the Nizhny Novgorod region, about 250 miles east of Moscow. The exercises take place every four years and this year's drills simulate an attack by a coalition of western forces. Mateusz Morawiecki, Poland's prime minister, said **the drills would be the biggest military exercises near his country's eastern border for 40 years**. They follow a **Russian military build-up on Ukraine's borders in April**.

COMMENT

Belarus is a landlocked country in eastern Europe. It is bordered by **Russia to the east and northeast, Ukraine to the south, Poland to the west**. It used to be part of the USSR but when the Soviet Union dissolved it became an independent nation in 1991. Back in 1994, Alexander Lukashenko was elected Belarus's first president in the country's first and only free election post-independence and incredibly has been president ever since. It is an authoritarian nation with a "poor human rights record." Belarus has formed close military ties with Russia. **Belarus is on the faultline between the EU and Russia**. Putin wants ever closer ties to Belarus - including a single currency. We see this military build up as part of Russia's preparation for war. It also **reminds us of the division into east and west first depicted in Nebuchadnezzar's image (Daniel 2) with its TWO iron legs**....

BIBLE QUOTE

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, **His legs of iron**, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. **The iron legs = Roman Empire which divided into two east and west** (Daniel 2:32-34)

Nothing will stop us sailing in South China Sea, US warns China

The Times, September 9, 2021



EVENT

The United States insisted that “nothing will deter” it from sending its navy through the strategic waterways of the South China Sea after China reacted angrily to the presence of a warship close to one of its island military bases. The USS Benfold, a guided-missile destroyer, sailed on Wednesday within 12 nautical miles of Mischief Reef, one of a growing number of rocks and islets to have been claimed by China and converted into stationary aircraft carriers with long runways, radar and the capacity to host missiles. It was the latest in a series of what the US calls “freedom of navigation operations” intended to demonstrate the US’s rejection of Chinese sovereignty over the South China Sea, parts of which are also claimed by Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. It was the first such exercise since China put into force a law that requires foreign vessels to get permission to sail through what it insists are its sovereign waters.

COMMENT

One-third of the world's maritime shipping passes through the South China Sea, carrying over \$3 trillion in trade each year. Beijing has spent years turning islands and reefs in the South China Sea into military bases and airstrips. These man-made artificial islands are heavily fortified with missiles, runways and weapons systems -- this has prompted America to sail past some of them with warships. These islands are thousands of miles from China and difficult for them to defend. However they will bank on the fact that any attack would be seen as tantamount to an act of war against a vast nuclear power. The time of trouble such as never was could well involve this as well.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. The time of trouble will include total financial collapse (Daniel 12:1)

Top Officers: IDF Building Military Power for Iran War

Israel Radar, September 7, 2021



EVENT Israel is **preparing military plans and capabilities for an all-out war against Iran**, the **commander of the army's Iranian front says**. The intensive military buildup was recently approved by the government, Major General Tal Kalman told Maariv daily. The IDF is preparing for a wide-ranging campaign against Iran that goes **beyond a strike on its nuclear sites**, the senior officer said. The army will aim to deliver a grave blow to the regime in Tehran by hitting key assets and military resources, he added. The IDF is also building and constantly improving the capacity to **destroy Iran's nuclear project**, Maj. Gen. Kalman said. Israel is speeding up the development of new capabilities and preparing a wide range of battle plans, he noted. Earlier, **IDF Chief Aviv Kochavi said that the IDF has greatly accelerated preparations for an assault on Iran.**

COMMENT Preparations for possible **action against Iran** are being intensified, Chief of General Staff Aviv Kohavi said in an interview published on Monday. The main objective is **"minimising Iranian presence in the Middle East with an emphasis on Syria ...** But these operations take place throughout the Middle East. They're **also against Hamas, against Hezbollah**", said Kohavi. The commander-in-chief of Iran's army, Abdolrahim Mousavi, replied to the escalating Israeli rhetoric by saying, **"It appears the heads of the Zionist regime have felt the deterioration of their** lifetimes and may want to commit suicide from fear of death," he told reporters on Wednesday. At some point the inner ring war will be triggered around Israel. This will involve Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria backed by Iran. It is interesting these exact people were singled out by the Israeli Chief of Staff this week. **We may be getting very close to stage 1 of Armageddon...**

BIBLE QUOTE

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee [Israel]: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur [Iran?] also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.
(Psalm 83:5-8)

Iran Blocking IAEA Access to Nuclear-Related Sites

Wall Street Journal, September 7, 2021



EVENT

Iran is refusing to allow inspectors access to nuclear-related sites and hindering a probe by the United Nations atomic agency while continuing to expand its nuclear activities, the International Atomic Energy Agency said in two confidential reports Tuesday, casting doubt on efforts to revive the 2015 nuclear deal. The reports leave the Biden administration and its European allies facing a choice between pushing for a formal rebuke of Iran—which Tehran’s new hard-line government has warned could scuttle the resumption of nuclear talks—or refraining from action, potentially undercutting the authority of the IAEA and its leadership. The future of the nuclear deal is already in the balance. New Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, pressed by European and U.S. officials to quickly resume the talks on restoring the deal, has said his government is prepared to return to the Vienna negotiations but refused to fix a date.

COMMENT

Iran has begun to block UN nuclear inspectors from servicing their monitoring equipment. The IAEA said that certain monitoring and surveillance equipment cannot be left for more than three months without being serviced. They rely on surveillance camera’s but at one key site 2 camera’s have been destroyed. Therefore they cannot know any longer what is happening. The report also said that Tehran has quadrupled its stockpile of 60 percent-enriched uranium since May. This is in open contravention of the agreement it signed in 2015. Iran’s total stock of uranium is estimated at 2441.3 kilograms as of August 30 – it is only allowed 202.8 kg. The Bible speaks of Iran doing a treacherous deal which leads to them besieging the Persian Gulf and starting a conflict that is like a woman in labour. This is recorded in Isaiah 21 – Isaiah 13-24 deals with several national nightmares the world has to contend with at the time of the end....

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 bowed down at the hearing of it; (Isaiah 21:2-3)

Russia Summons US Ambassador Over 'Election Interference'

Moscow Times, September 10, 2021



Russia's foreign ministry said Friday it summoned the US ambassador in Moscow over the **interference of US tech giants in elections in Russia**, which is set to hold parliamentary polls later this month. Russia has recently **ramped up control of its segment of the internet** and has been taking legal action against foreign tech companies for not deleting content banned by authorities. "There is one reason -- interference in Russian elections. We hope this is how American diplomats will report it to Washington," ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Telegram. In a separate statement, the ministry said ambassador John Sullivan on Friday held a meeting with Russian deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov. It added that **Sullivan was presented with "irrefutable proof" of US tech giants violating Russian laws in the context of the upcoming elections to the lower house State Duma.**

EVENT

COMMENT

America accuses Russia of interfering in its elections – and now **Russia accuses America** of doing the same. Russia said it may **treat as "election meddling" refusals by Apple and Google to remove Kremlin critic Alexey Navalny's app from their online stores.** This app tells Russian voters who best to vote for to stop United Russia (Putin's party) winning the election. This rising tension between the US and Russia comes on top of Russia formally designating the US an "unfriendly" state, barring its embassy from employing Russian nationals. **This is all to do with the king of the north v king of the south situation that exists at the time of the end.** This sparring will lead to the king of the north (Russia) coming down against the king of the south (Saudi / US) into Israel...

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 [Israel].**

(Daniel 11:40)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

2021-09-12 Why China is building islands in the South China Sea (2017) - Vox

2021-09-03 Israeli Airstrike on Iran Weapons Factory Near Damascus; Syrian Missile Response – YouTube 8:34 min

2021-08-25 Israel WARNS Iran Close to a Nuclear Bomb & Afghanistan Crisis Update - YouTube

2021-08-17 Timeline of U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan

2021-08-13 Israeli Archaeologists Find Evidence of Ancient Biblical Earthquake in Jerusalem – YouTube 8:20 min

2021-08-07 Israel’s Iron Dome BLOCKS Hezbollah’s Rocket “Response” to Israeli Airstrikes – YouTube 11:46 min

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2021-08-05 Rockets Launched at Israel as Tensions with Iran Reach Boiling Point - YouTube 13:41 min

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2021-07-31 Israeli Airstrikes in Syria Escalate Tension w- Russia; Prophetic Implications- - Watchman Newscast

2021-07-25 Iran 2.11 Water crisis spurs violence in Khuzestan, anti-govt protests rage - Oneindia News - YouTube

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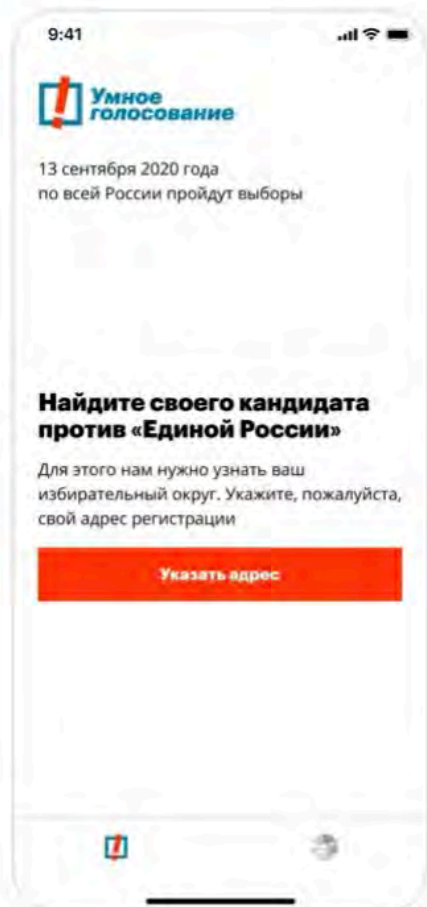


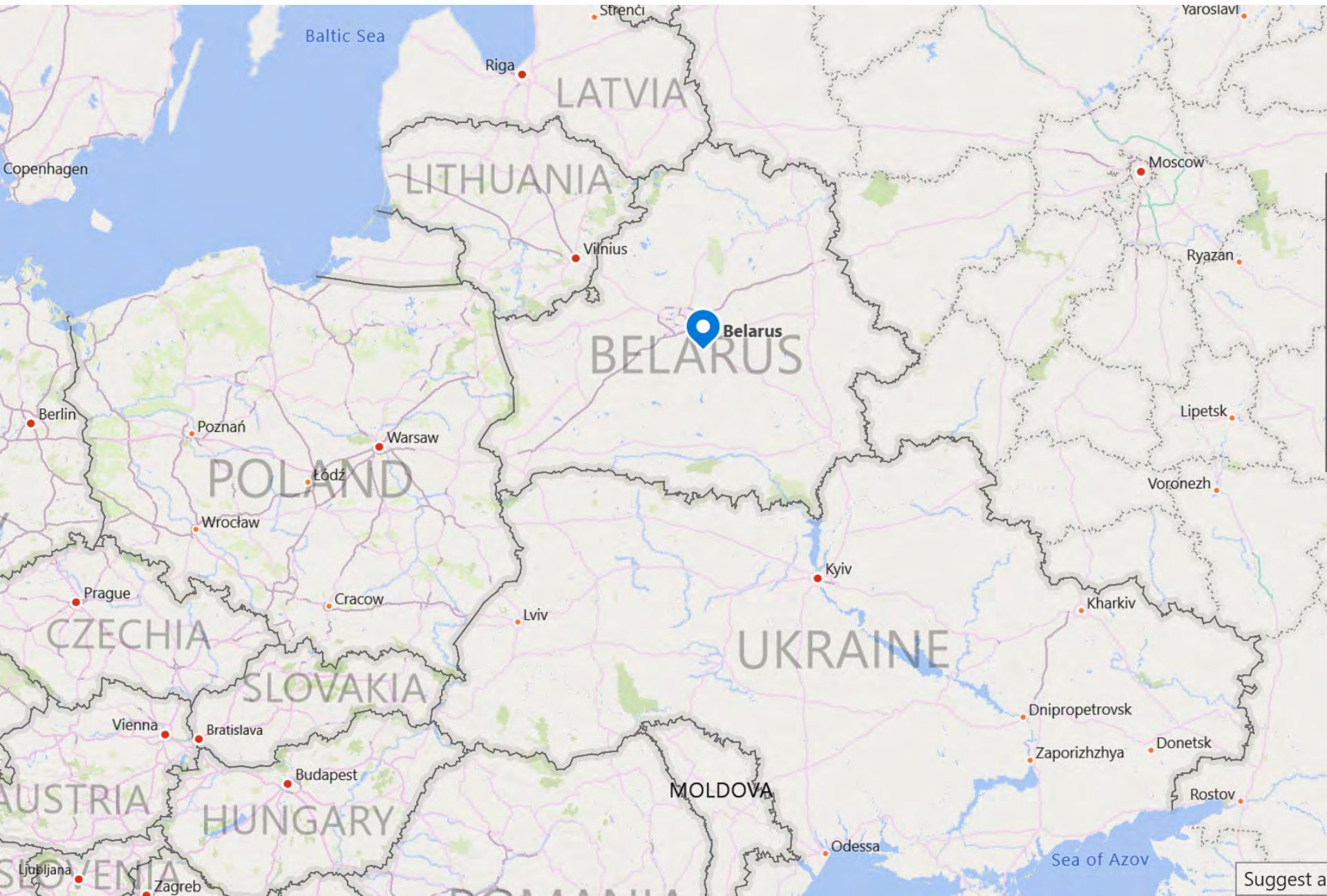
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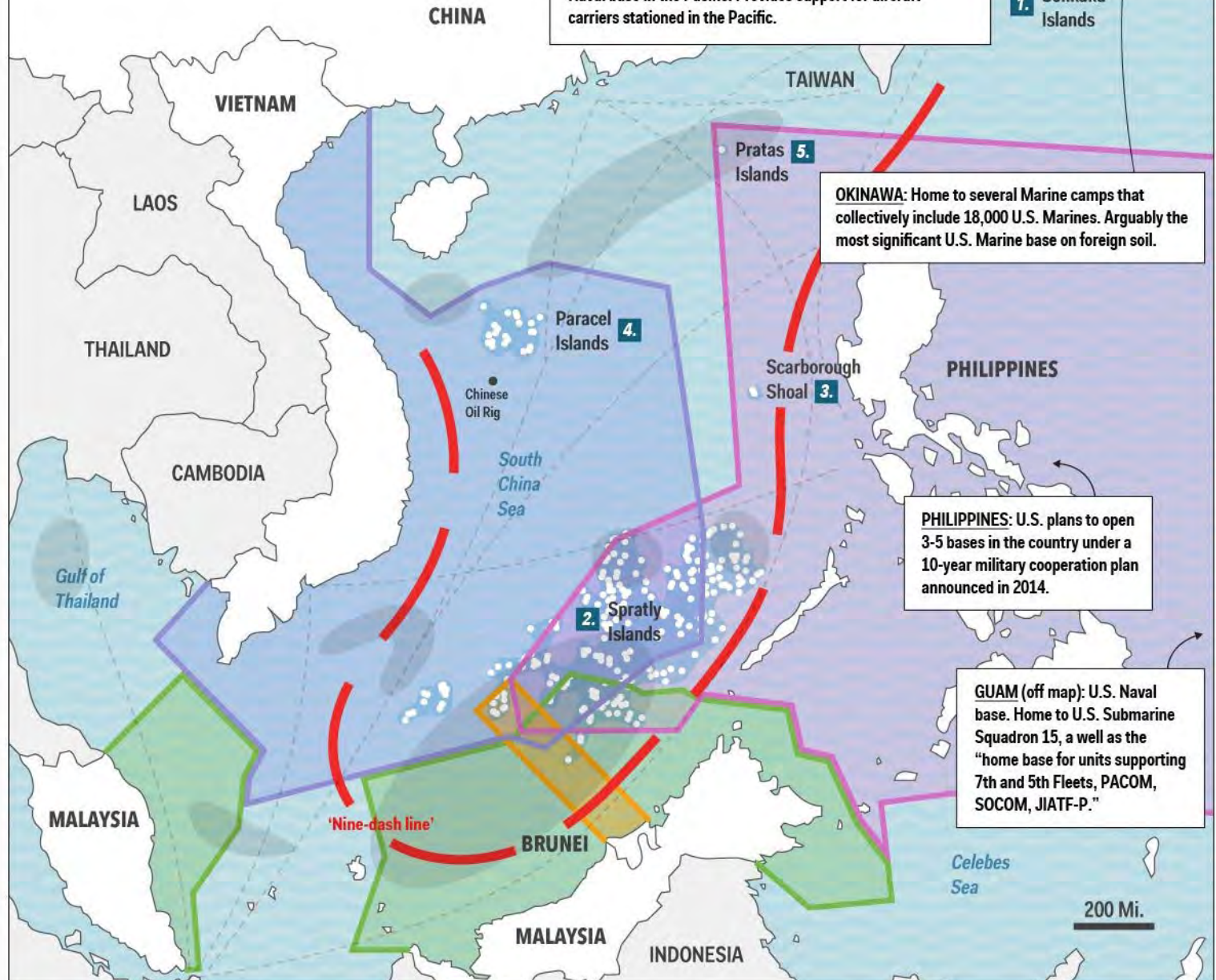
Mischief Reef

Oil/gas fields
International shipping routes

SASEBO (off map): Base for the U.S.'s Pacific fleet. The U.S. has four ships permanently forward-deployed there, including the USS Bonhomme Richard, a helicopter-carrying amphibious assault vessel.

YOKOSUKA (off map): Most strategically significant U.S. Naval base in the Pacific. Provides support for aircraft carriers stationed in the Pacific.

1. Senkaku Islands



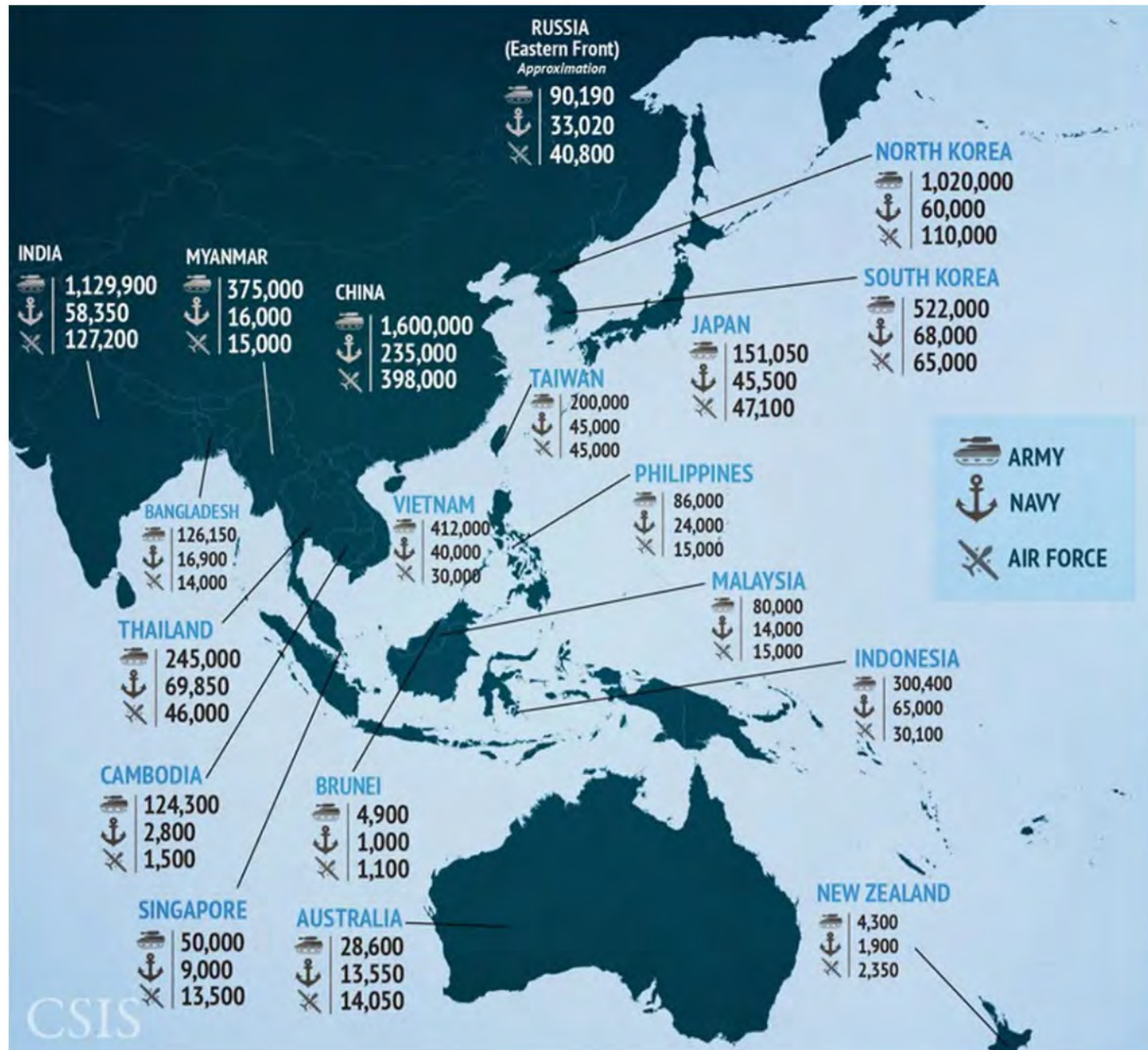
OKINAWA: Home to several Marine camps that collectively include 18,000 U.S. Marines. Arguably the most significant U.S. Marine base on foreign soil.

PHILIPPINES: U.S. plans to open 3-5 bases in the country under a 10-year military cooperation plan announced in 2014.

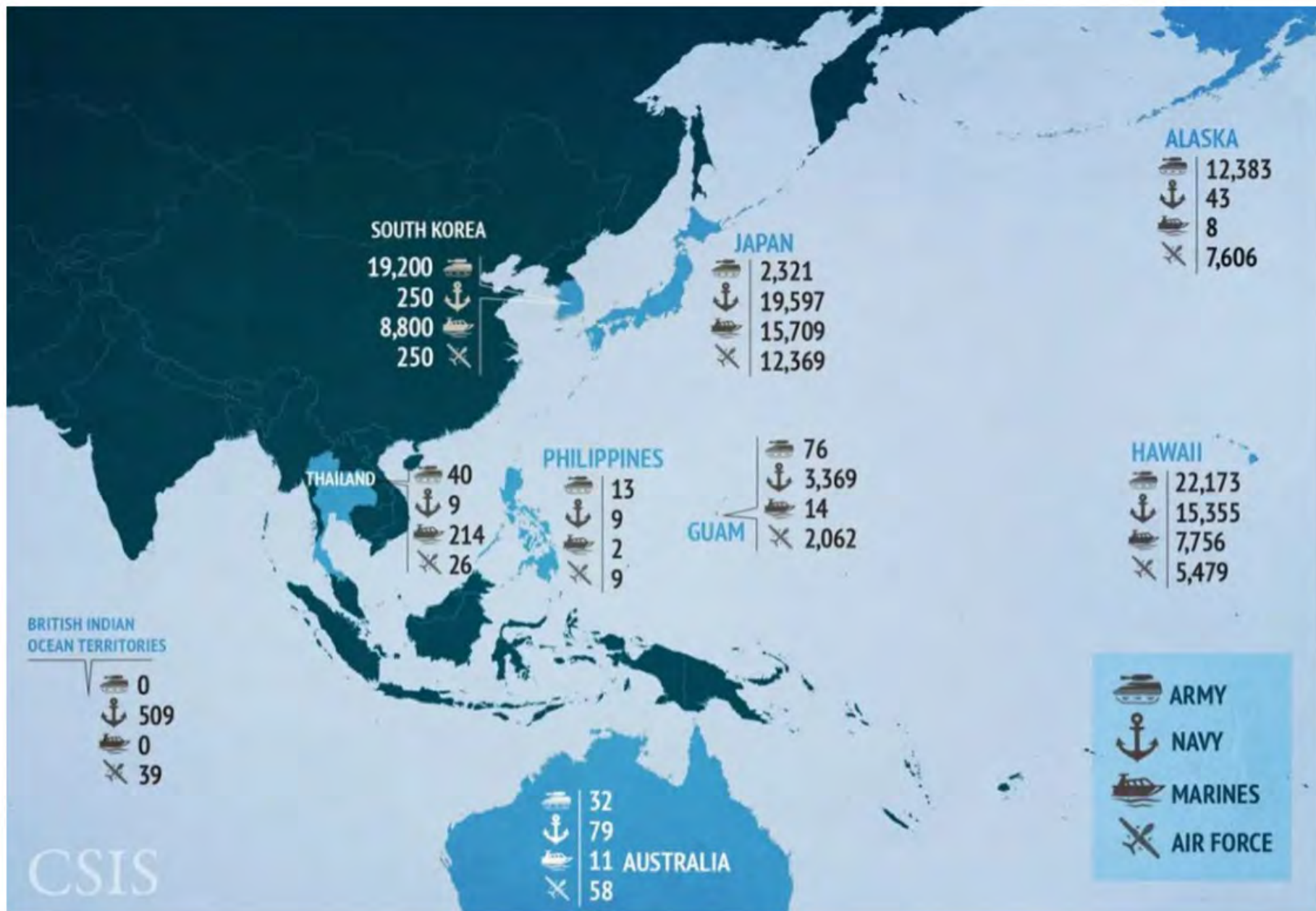
GUAM (off map): U.S. Naval base. Home to U.S. Submarine Squadron 15, a well as the "home base for units supporting 7th and 5th Fleets, PACOM, SOCOM, JIATF-P."

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16. Asian Military Personnel



17. US Military Personnel in East Asia





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