

# This Week's Developments

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# Trump's push for Greenland could destroy NATO

*The New Statesman, January 11, 2026*



## EVENT

Every now and then in Britain's relationship with America there come moments when the British government must stand its ground. What happens to Greenland has been correctly defined by Keir Starmer as one of these moments. Now that the Donald Trump White House appears to be considering the use of military force to acquire the territory, ... we could be facing the breakup of NATO itself. This issue cannot be handled in the same pre-emptory way as Venezuela. There is no question that NATO has not given enough attention to Greenland. It is highly possible enemies of NATO see Greenland as vulnerable and a highly desirable strategic target. Not just Russia: China too is taking an ever-increasing interest in the navigable Northern Passage as the ice melts for ever longer periods, opening up a strategic and profitable trading route. Slowly and almost haphazardly NATO has been upstaged by unilateralism or bilateral discussion among strategic thinkers in a few capitals. The world is getting smaller and issues like Venezuela have a far greater outreach than hitherto. The challenge is to rethink the world order and recognize that our forebears were right to forge effective international bodies for resolving the issues of peace and war in 1945. The US has not acted within that framework and that spirit.

## COMMENT

This is an interesting article in view of recent events having to do with Ukraine, Venezuela and now Greenland, of all places! For many years the observers of Bible prophecy have watched for the day when the K of N countries extricate themselves from NATO and its predominantly European make-up, and it is possible that we may be witnessing the beginning of that process. This is also almost forcing Britain/Tarshish to "stand its ground" among the "young lions" but eventually will need to accept the change as it did with the EU

## BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of **Tarshish**, with all **the young lions** thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

*(Ezekiel 38:13)*

# Trump's action could set precedent for authoritarian powers across globe

BBC, January 4, 2026

Global  
chaos is  
coming

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## EVENT

With the seizure of Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro, Donald Trump has demonstrated more powerfully than ever his belief in the power of his will, backed by raw US military force. The Maduro operation amounts to another serious blow to the idea that the best way to run the world is to follow an agreed set of rules, as laid out in international law. If the United States asserts the right to use military force to invade and capture foreign leaders it accuses of criminal conduct, what prevents China from claiming the same authority over Taiwan's leadership? **What stops [Russian President] Vladimir Putin from asserting similar justification to abduct Ukraine's president? Once this line is crossed, the rules that restrain global chaos begin to collapse,** and authoritarian regimes will be the first to exploit it. Donald Trump seems to believe that he makes the rules, and what applies to the US under his command does not mean others can expect the same privileges. But that is not how the world of power works. **His actions at the start of 2026 point to another 12 months of global turbulence.**

## COMMENT

This article in the BBC highlights what the future ramifications might be for Donald Trump's actions with effectively taking over Venezuela and kidnapping its corrupt president. How does this US action impact the thinking of Russia and China? It could lead to the collapse of the world order that has been in place since WW2 – an international rules based order that has held for 80 years. As the article says “the rules that restrain global chaos begin to collapse.” For the world to move towards Armageddon we surely expect destabilisation of the worldwide “order”. Armageddon is the greatest, final war which would see no one survive if Christ did not intervene.

## BIBLE QUOTE

14 For they are the spirits of devils [wicked thinking], working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ...16 **And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

(Revelation 16:14+16)

# US will control Venezuela oil for years, Trump claims

*The Guardian, January 8, 2026*

*The New York Times.*

*U.S. Will 'Run'  
Venezuela And  
Sell Its Oil,  
Trump Says*



## EVENT

Donald Trump has said Venezuela "will be turning over" up to 50 million barrels of oil to the US, after a military operation to remove President Nicolás Maduro from power. The oil - worth about \$2.8bn (£2.1bn) - will be sold at its market price, the US president wrote on social media, adding he would control the money raised and use it to benefit the people of Venezuela and the US. His comments come after he said the US oil industry would be "up and running" in Venezuela within 18 months and that he expected huge investments to pour into the country. Analysts previously told the BBC it could take tens of billions of dollars - and potentially a decade - to restore Venezuela's former output. China, which has been the biggest buyer of Venezuelan oil in recent years, has condemned Trump's announcement as well as the US's reported demands that Venezuela gives its oil exclusively to them. ABC News has reported that Trump had told Venezuela's interim leader Delcy Rodríguez to agree to an exclusive partnership with the US on oil production and sever economic ties with China, Russia, Iran and Cuba.

## COMMENT

Trump makes no secret of the way he covets the mineral wealth of other countries. He has already attempted to extract profit from Ukraine's natural resources in return for military assistance. Trump does not hide his desire to control Venezuela's huge mineral reserves, and his belief that US oil companies were robbed when the oil industry was nationalised. The US has not dropped its desire to absorb Greenland, for its strategic position in the Arctic as well as the natural resources that are becoming more accessible as its ice melts due to global warming. We know Putin thinks an "evil thought" to take a spoil from Israel – gas supplies? Could these events encourage Putin to think that....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, **and thou shalt think an evil thought**: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, **To take a spoil, and to take a prey**; (Ezekiel 38:10-12)

# How Trump humiliated Putin on the high seas

*The Telegraph, January 7, 2026*



## EVENT

Ever since coming to power more than a quarter of a century ago, Vladimir Putin has yearned for Washington to treat him as the leader of a great power, an equal of the United States, as it did during the Cold War. Instead, in the wintry waters of the North Atlantic, Mr Trump has treated Russia as a minnow, swatting aside its president in the most chastening way. Moscow had staked its reputation and geopolitical credibility on protecting the rusting oil tanker boarded and seized by US forces south of Iceland on Wednesday. It reflagged the vessel with Russian colours, added it to its official registry, issued formal diplomatic warnings to Washington and finally dispatched a submarine and other naval assets to shield it – all in vain. **In the process, Putin has once again demonstrated his inability to protect Russia's clients and dependents. He failed to save either Bashar al-Assad in Syria or Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, despite extending patronage to both men.**

**COMMENT** Putin has been humiliated at sea. There is a shadow fleet of ships carrying oil breaking international sanctions against Russia. Trump has begun to crack down on this. This particular ship was forced to register itself as Russian, with a Russian flag, registered to a Russia port. Putin sent a submarine and naval vessels to protect it. But Trump ordered its capture anyway. Russian partners will see as a further sign of weakness. Also Putin has neither condemned Mr Maduro's ousting nor commented on it at all – just as he was largely silent after the fall of Assad, despite Russia's substantial military presence in Syria. All this is "pushing" at Putin. It is provoking and humiliating him. The Bible says Gog [Putin] will be pushed and that he will be full of indignation. We see this happening.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the king [Gog] shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper **till the indignation be accomplished**: for that that is determined shall be done. And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south push at him**:  
(Daniel 11:36+40)



# UK and France commit to deploying troops in Ukraine

*The Times, January 7, 2026*



## EVENT

Britain and France have formally committed to deploying troops in Ukraine as part of a potential peace deal after President Trump agreed to defend Kyiv in the event of a future attack by Russia. Sir Keir Starmer said that an end to the four-year conflict was “closer than ever” after he signed an agreement for British forces to operate on Ukrainian soil in “military hubs across the country”. Under the plan British and French forces will help to train the Ukrainian army and oversee the construction of “protected facilities” to store weapons and military equipment that could be used to support Ukraine’s defence. The US has agreed to provide a security backstop to deter future Russian attacks and “defend” Ukraine. It said it would lead high-tech monitoring of any front line in Ukraine using sensors, drones and satellites to assess violations. Steve Witkoff, Trump’s envoy, said that the US was prepared to step in and defend Ukraine in the event of Russian attacks.

## COMMENT

At some point we believe there will be some forced stalemate, agreement, peace deal (however false) between Ukraine and Russia. After almost 4 years of fighting and incredible loss of soldiers - Russia has only managed to have invaded less than 100 miles into Ukraine! This is also a humiliation for Putin. The might of the Russian army has dramatically failed to achieve his objectives. Even the territory of the Donbas is still not under Russian control. We are watching events similar to what happened to the original king of the north – the Seleucid ruler – Antiochus Epiphanes. He was also humiliated when he tried to annex land. He was prevented from doing so by the Roman Empire. We see this happening now – the West is preventing Russian expansion... to Putin’s fury...

## BIBLE QUOTE

For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. *Historically, Roman envoys confronted Antiochus in Egypt (168 BC) and forced him to withdraw, humiliating him.* (Daniel 11:30)

# Iran activates 'missile cities' as Ayatollah faces gravest threat

*The Telegraph, January 10, 2026*



## EVENT

Iran's supreme leader placed the country's security services on their highest state of alert as protests threatened to topple the regime. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ordered his Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to take control of the crackdown amid fears of defections by the regular armed forces and police. Reports suggested security services were hunting down police who had refused to fire on demonstrators. The Norway-based Hengaw human rights group reported that the Islamic Republic arrested several security forces members who refused orders to fire at protesters. Iranian officials said the country was on higher alert than during the war with Israel last year, and that underground "missile cities" had also been activated to deal with external threats. Donald Trump has threatened to attack Iran if it continues to use violence against protesters. On Friday, he warned that he would "be hitting them very hard where it hurts... that doesn't mean troops on the ground. We don't want that to happen".

## COMMENT

For the past two weeks, Iranians have taken to the streets in protest against a deepening economic crisis and the Islamic Republic that has ruled the country for nearly five decades. The regime has responded by plunging the country into an internet blackout as the demonstrations – sometimes turning violent – spread to more than 100 cities. There is much speculation that the Islamic regime is about to fall. With Bible in hand we know one thing for certain. Whatever happens in Iran, Iran will be allied to Russia when Russia invades Israel in the outer circle war. Which means whatever happens Iran will be hardline anti Israel, pro Russian at the time of the end. Iran has threatened to close the Persian Gulf. Isaiah 21 talks about this causing global chaos.

## BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. 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. **Elam = Iran – this speaks of Iran besieging the Persian Gulf.** (Isaiah 21:1-2)

# Netanyahu's meeting with Trump sends clear signal to Israel's enemies

*The Jerusalem Post, January 10, 2026*



## EVENT

The issues on the agenda for President Trump and Prime minister Netanyahu were clear: the growing Iranian threat, Tehran's attempts to renew its nuclear program and rebuild its missile array, the future of the fighting in Gaza, and the day after Hamas. Even before Netanyahu arrived in Miami, doubts were raised about the extent of American commitment. But the meetings with President Donald Trump changed the picture entirely. Trump reshuffled the deck. The central message that emerged from the talks was sharp and unmistakable: **Israel will not allow Iran to rearm, and any such attempt will be met with military force – with full American backing.** No hints, no softened language, no diplomatic ambiguity. A red line was drawn in terms that left no room for doubt. The direction in Gaza was also clarified. **Trump stated that progress to the second phase of the American outline would only be possible after Hamas is disarmed. No gradual process, no security compromises, no shortcuts. Hamas, it was made clear, cannot continue to exist as a military force.**

## COMMENT

For Israel, this visit produced significant gains. The American commitment to disarm Hamas is not merely a political declaration but tangible backing for the position Israel has held since October 7: there will be no rebuilding without demilitarisation, and there is no future for Gaza while Hamas rules it armed. Confirmation of the president's commitment that Gaza will be demilitarised – whether through agreement or by force is what Netanyahu wants. Stage 2 of Trump's peace plan requires it. Which means the temporary lull of the inner ring war that began over 2 years ago could explode back onto our screens with force at some point. The pricking briars will be removed....

## BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:** and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

*(Zechariah 12:6)*



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# Key takeaways from Trump-Netanyahu press conference

*The Guardian, December 31, 2025*



## EVENT

Trump said he wanted to move to the second phase of the Gaza ceasefire plan “as quickly as we can, but there has to be a disarmament” from Hamas. He said Hamas would be given “a very short period of time” in which it must disarm or “there’ll be hell to pay for them”. Trump also claimed that if Hamas doesn’t disarm, there are other countries that backed the ceasefire plan that were willing to “go in and wipe them out”. Trump said he was “not concerned about anything that Israel is doing”. “Israel has lived up to the plan, 100%,” he said. But, Trump said, he and Netanyahu don’t fully agree on the issue of the occupied West Bank. “We don’t agree on the West Bank 100%, but we’ll come to a conclusion on the West Bank,” he said, adding he believes Netanyahu “will do the right thing”. And on Iran, Trump responded to reports that Tehran is rebuilding its nuclear program, saying that they’re possibly using new sites to do so. “If they are, we’re going to have no choice but very quickly to eradicate that build-up,” he said.

## COMMENT

On his fifth trip to the US since Trump was inaugurated in January (a record for any foreign leader) Netanyahu awarded the US president the Israel Prize, which has historically been reserved for Israelis. The main aim of the meeting this week was to work out how and when “phase two” of Trump's Gaza plan could be put in place. Under the second phase, a technocratic government would be established in the devastated territory, Hamas would disarm and Israeli troops would withdraw. The reconstruction of Gaza would then begin. Hamas, however, is refusing to disarm. Which then means Israel will not withdraw. Which means phase two is stalled. Therefore, the disarming of Hamas is going to happen. The Bible is clear that the pricking briars will be removed.

## BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and **they shall devour all the people round about**, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

*(Zechariah 12:6)*

# Trump gives Israel green light to attack Hezbollah as deadline passes

Israel World News, January 1, 2026

israel today

IDF awaits green light as Hezbollah deadline expires

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## EVENT

The deadline set by the White House for Lebanon to demonstrate it has made significant progress in disarming the Hezbollah terror organization passed overnight, amid reports that President Donald Trump has given Israel a green light to launch a major military operation against the Iranian-backed terror group. The US had repeatedly warned Beirut that failure to demilitarize Hezbollah and other armed groups in Lebanon would likely result in the renewal of Israeli military operations across Lebanon against the Shi'ite terror group. The Trump administration set a deadline of Dec, 31 for Beirut to lay out a clear timetable for dismantling Hezbollah's military infrastructure and arsenal, and to show progress demonstrating its commitment to upholding the terms of the November 2024 ceasefire deal and the 2006 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701. Trump did not discuss Hezbollah at length during a press conference Monday ahead of his meeting with Israeli Prime Minister, but did say the group was "behaving badly."

## COMMENT

The Jerusalem Post quoted a source who said that during their Monday meeting, Trump gave Netanyahu a green light to take action against Hezbollah. "If the Lebanese army doesn't succeed in disarming them, and Israel believes an action is the necessary thing to do," then the US will back Israeli action in Lebanon, Trump was quoted as saying during the meeting. So not only do we have immense pressure on Hamas to disarm, we also have the same pressure on Hezbollah to disarm as well. The question is - will these terror groups do so? There is no evidence to suggest they will. What is more likely is that the inner ring war will start up again. This is actually implied in Psalm 83 as there were different occasions / times (with the examples given) of those who were destroyed.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to **Sisera**, as to **Jabin**, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like **Oreb**, and like **Zeeb**: yea, all their princes as **Zebah**, and as **Zalmunna**: **All these people are mentioned in Judges 4-9 but they are destroyed at different times.**  
(Psalm 83:9-11)

# Iran threatens US bases over Trump vow to aid protesters

*The Times, January 2, 2026*



## EVENT

Iranian leaders hit back at President Trump after he said the US was “locked and loaded and ready to go” if they cracked down on protests sweeping the country. The most widespread demonstrations since 2022 were prompted by the collapse of Iran’s rial currency. Crowds of protesters chanted anti-government slogans and at times confronted the authorities. “If Iran shoots and violently kills peaceful protesters, which is their custom, the United States of America will come to their rescue. We are locked and loaded and ready to go,” Trump wrote in a Truth Social post on Friday. Ali Larijani, who serves as the secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, posted on X: “Trump should know that intervention by the US in the domestic problem corresponds [to] chaos in the entire region and the destruction of the US interests.” Iran attacked Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar in June after American strikes on three nuclear sites during Israel’s 12-day war with the Islamic Republic. That response was seen as largely symbolic as no one was injured and little damage was done.

## COMMENT

Trump said on Monday the United States could support another major strike on Iran were it to resume rebuilding its ballistic missile or nuclear weapons programs and warned Hamas of severe consequences if it does not disarm. We then started seeing protests in Iran and Trump immediately threatened the Iranian regime if they killed protestors. On top of this there are reports that Israel is also looking to attack Iran again. Last week Iran said it had conducted missile exercises for the second time in 4 weeks. More conflict is surely coming before the dawn of the false peace which enables Israel to dwell without walls and bars and gates etc. The inner ring war could reignite – soon.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy [Gog’s] mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them **dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,** (Ezekiel 38:10-11)

# Israel defends Somaliland move at UN amid concerns over Gaza motives

Reuters, December 30, 2025



## EVENT

Israel has defended its formal recognition of the self-declared Republic of Somaliland, but several countries at the United Nations questioned whether the move aimed to relocate Palestinians from Gaza or to establish military bases. Israel became the first country to recognize Somaliland as an independent and sovereign state on Friday. "It is not a hostile step toward Somalia, nor does it preclude future dialogue between the parties. Recognition is not an act of defiance. It is an opportunity," Israel's Deputy UN Ambassador Jonathan Miller told the UN Security Council on Monday. Israel's recognition of Somaliland gives it a potential strategic partner countering Yemen's Houthis, who during the Gaza war traded blows with Israel and whose attacks on vessels in the Red Sea have disrupted shipping there.

## COMMENT

Somaliland broke away from the rest of Somalia back in 1990 due to the Somalian government committing genocide against Isaaq civilians. And now, some 35 years later, Israel wants to take the relationship one step further. On Boxing Day, prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would officially recognise Somaliland as an independent state – something that no other country in the world has yet done. This is very interesting with Bible in hand. In the WWW we have said for over 18 months that Joel 3:8 speaks of Palestinians being "sold" to the Sabeans as punishment / recompense from God for what they did to His people of Israel. The Sabeans lived in the area of Yemen. However, the Sabeans colonised the area of Somalia about 1000BC. If the Gazans do go to Somalia it would fulfil Joel 3:8. We watch developments here...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head: And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and **they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off:** for the LORD hath spoken it.

(Joel 3:7-8)



# Russia harshly criticizes US attack on Venezuela

The Hill, January 3, 2026



## EVENT

Russia is offering stark criticism of the U.S. military attack on Venezuela, which resulted in the capture of President Nicolas Maduro. In response, Russia called for a full meeting of the United Nations Security Council. "This morning, the United States carried out an act of armed aggression against Venezuela. This causes deep concern and condemnation," Russia said in a statement from its Foreign Ministry. "The pretexts cited to justify such actions are unfounded. Ideologized hostility has prevailed over practical pragmatism and over a willingness to build relations based on trust and predictability," Russian officials wrote, nearly five years into the nation's own war in Ukraine. Russia, a key ally of the Maduro regime, said it was crucial to "prevent further escalation and to focus on finding a way out through dialogue." The attack will almost certainly heighten tensions between the U.S. and Russia, two parties that have been working to find an end to the Russia-Ukraine war.

## COMMENT

We may think that this sudden US military attack on Venezuela and the "kidnapping" of its president is a localised American issue. But it is far from that. As one article says, *"it is too closely linked to major confrontations to be seen as a regional affair with limited impact on the rest of the world. Venezuela is turning into a bargaining chip in the game of global superpowers, along with Ukraine."* Russia accuses the West of encroaching into its sphere of influence by allowing Ukraine to possibly join NATO. Hence the Russian war against Ukraine. Trump tries to stop the conflict but Putin refuses. So now Trump launches his own war in the US backyard and removes a Russian ally. Suddenly Venezuela becomes a bargaining chip. This could impact Ukraine peace negotiations.

## 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. **The push is a military provocation.**  
**The king of the south is the US / UK etc**  
*(Daniel 11:40)*

# Putin believes 2026 is his year — so long as he shows no weakness

*The Times, January 1, 2026*

*Josephus says: Scythia = Magog*



## EVENT

As the invasion of Ukraine grinds on, the Russian leader is increasingly insulated from dissent and no closer to making concessions to end his ideological war. When the Kremlin clock tower rang in the new year, President Putin marked 26 years in power, bringing him closer to overtaking Joseph Stalin, the Soviet dictator, as Russia's longest-serving ruler since the tsarist era. Yet Putin, who likes to think of himself as a historian, will be keenly aware that another, more awkward, date is approaching. On January 12, Russia will have spent 1,418 days trying in vain to defeat Ukraine on the battlefield — exactly as long as it took the Soviet Red Army to vanquish Nazi Germany's troops. Stalin's soldiers fought their way from the Volga river to the heart of Berlin, but Putin's army is still bogged down in the Donetsk town of Pokrovsk, an advance of around 30 miles since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine started, in 2022. However, neither the massive casualties the Russian army has incurred for such modest progress, nor the growing economic difficulties caused by western sanctions, show any sign of persuading Putin to compromise on his ultimate aim of forcing Kyiv back into Moscow's orbit.

## COMMENT

As the US tries to strongarm Ukraine into withdrawing its troops from the Donetsk region in exchange for an end to the invasion, Putin has refused to budge on the demand he made in June 2024 that Kyiv give up the entirety of four regions in the east and south of Ukraine, including key cities that it still controls. When you overlay ancient Scythia (Magog) against modern countries you find that it covered southern Russia and eastern Ukraine (the Donbas region). Interestingly in this region the people mainly speak Russian which enforces the ancient links. Putin wants the final piece of Magog!

## BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, **of the land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

*(Ezekiel 38:2-3)*

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# Israel's defence minister vows continued offensives in Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, Yemen

Middle East Monitor, December 24, 2025



## EVENT

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz vowed on Wednesday to continue military offensives in Lebanon, Syria, Gaza and Yemen despite regional and international efforts to de-escalate and restore regional stability, Anadolu reports. Israel “will continue its operations in Lebanon, Syria, the Gaza Strip and Yemen,” Maariv daily quoted Katz as saying during a training course for Israeli Air Force pilots, attended by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir. “In Lebanon, we will continue to apply maximum force against Hezbollah; in Syria, Israel will not withdraw from Mount Hermon (Jabal al-Sheikh) and the security zone; and in the Gaza Strip, **Israel remains committed to dismantling Hamas and disarming the territory**,” he added. “As for Yemen, Israel will continue its operations to prevent the Houthis from strengthening their capabilities,” he said.

## COMMENT

The inner ring war is not over – it has clearly begun but we know more must happen to get to a false peace in Israel. Ezekiel 38 says that they dwell without walls & bars when Russia comes down. The current “peace” process is now on a knife edge with Hamas and Hezbollah refusing to disarm. The Atlantic Council editorial said the following this week ***“As a turbulent year comes to a close, the Middle East is entering another period of acute strategic tension. There is a complex web of players involved: Israel, Iran, Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen, alongside armed nonstate actors including Hezbollah, Hamas, the Houthis, and multiple factions within Iraq. No one should confuse the patchwork of temporary cease-fire agreements in place throughout the region for sustainable deterrence and peace”***. Note: This is not sustainable...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, **Thus saith the Lord GOD: In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?** And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: **The inner ring war will bring this about...**

(Ezekiel 38:14-15)

# Anger in Israel as Turkey deploys radar systems in Syria

Middle East Monitor, December 26, 2025



## EVENT

Tensions are rising between Israel and Turkey over the Turkish presence in Syria. Two Western intelligence sources told i24NEWS on Thursday that Turkey has been working in recent weeks to deploy radar systems inside Syrian territory. The move is expected to significantly limit Israel's freedom of movement in Syrian airspace. It could also affect Israel's ability to use Syrian airspace to carry out operations in other areas, including Iran. According to foreign reports, the deployment of Turkish radars in Syria would allow Turkey to track the movement of Israeli aircraft in Syrian skies, even while they are passing through on their way to missions in Iraq and Iran. This capability could place major restrictions on the operational freedom of the Israeli air force. An Israeli security source told the website that the possibility of Turkey establishing a military base in Syria represents a "potential threat". The source added: "If a Turkish air base is established, this would harm Israel's freedom of action in Syria."

## COMMENT

Relations between Israel and Turkey — formerly close allies — collapsed during the war that began with Hamas's invasion of Israel on October 7, 2023. The leaders of Turkey's rival countries in the eastern Mediterranean convened in Jerusalem on Monday, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu using the opportunity to send a message of defiance to one of Jerusalem's leading critics on the international stage. Standing alongside Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Cypriot President Nikos Christodoulides, Netanyahu said in a thinly veiled reference to Turkey that "those who fantasize they can re-establish their empires and their dominion over our lands" should "forget it." The Bible says that Turkey (Togarmah) will join Russia in invading Israel....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; **the house of Togarmah** (Ezekiel 38:4-6)



# Israel strikes southern Lebanon as deadline to disarm Hezbollah nears

*The Guardian, December 24, 2025*



## EVENT

Israel has carried out several airstrikes in southern Lebanon on what it said was Hezbollah infrastructure, as a new year's deadline for the Lebanese state to disarm the group in the south of the country loomed. Israeli warplanes bombed the valleys of Houmin, Wadi Azza and Nimeiriya in the southern Nabatieh area on Wednesday morning. Residents reported that Israeli drones continued to hover over the area and other areas of south Lebanon and its eastern Bekaa valley after the strikes. In a statement, the Israeli military said it struck launching sites and military infrastructure belonging to Hezbollah, the presence of which it called "a violation of the understandings between Israel and Lebanon". Israel regularly strikes southern Lebanon, in violation of the more than-year-old ceasefire in place, which ended a 13-month war with Hezbollah. Israel has bombed Lebanon once every four hours on average since the implementation of the ceasefire, according to ACLED, an independent conflict monitor.

## COMMENT

Under a US-approved plan adopted by the Lebanese army, by year's end, the Lebanese army is meant to clear all Hezbollah infrastructure, weapons and personnel from the area south of the Litani, about 20 miles from the country's border with Israel. Israeli forces are meant to withdraw from the country, though its troops continue to occupy five points in the south and regularly conduct ground operations there. But there is little sign this is going to happen by the end of the year (the deadline set). There are near daily attacks by Israel on Hezbollah positions in southern Lebanon. This area is mentioned in Psalm 83 as the "inhabitants of Tyre". This is where Hezbollah has a stronghold and many bases. The Psalm clearly says that these enemies of Israel will be destroyed...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines **with the inhabitants of Tyre**; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

*(Psalm 83:7-9)*

# Israel approves 19 Jewish settlements in occupied West Bank

*The Times, December 22, 2025*



## EVENT

Israel has approved the official status of 19 settlements in the West Bank. Some are in places where Jewish citizens have not previously had a presence, including deep inside Palestinian territory, and others are in populated areas. Bezalel Smotrich, the finance minister who is in charge of settlement developments, announced the government's approval of 11 new settlements and the recognition of eight illegal outposts at the weekend after a security cabinet vote last week. The decision means that a record 68 new settlements have been approved in the past two years. Recognised Jewish settlements in the West Bank have increased by nearly 50 per cent since Binyamin Netanyahu partnered with a right-wing coalition to form his government, according to the activist group Peace Now, which monitors settlement building. In 2022 there were 141 across the West Bank and there are now 210, the group says. At present, more than 500,000 Jews with Israeli citizenship live in the West Bank and there are a further 200,000 in East Jerusalem.

## COMMENT

Israel approved 19 new communities in the West Bank this week. This was immediately followed by a joint statement issued by Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, and the United Kingdom. They described the decision as a unilateral action and claimed that such steps "not only violate international law but also risk fuelling instability." They called on Israel "to reverse this decision, as well as the expansion of settlements." The West Bank is part of God's land that He gave to Israel. The world however wants the land divided.....

## 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)*

# Behind the scenes Russia mediating between Israel and Syria

Israel National News, December 24, 2025



## EVENT

Russia is working behind the scenes, with American approval, to mediate between Israel and Syria in negotiations for a security agreement between the two countries, Kan News reported on Wednesday. So far, Azerbaijan has been leading the meetings and negotiations, with officials from both sides visiting Baku. According to a defense official with knowledge of the details, Russia and Syria are restoring ties between them, and the Russians have even moved troops and supplies to their former stronghold in the Latakia area in northern Syria, which they had nearly completely deserted after the downfall of Bashar al-Assad. According to the official, **the Russians are interested in returning their troops to southern Syria, near the Israeli border, as they were before the collapse of the previous regime.** Israel prefers to allow a Russian presence over a Turkish entrenchment in the area.

## COMMENT

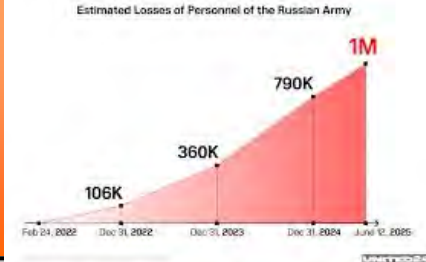
Syria sent a delegation to Moscow led by Syrian Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shaibani on Tuesday. Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Syrian foreign and defense ministers and discussed military issues. Russia and Syria are trying to work on how they will move forward regarding ties in the wake of the fall of the Assad regime last year. Russia has bases in Syria and wants to maintain its assets there. Syria is the territory of the original king of the north – the Seleucid empire. But the latter day king of the north is based in Russia. So why does the territory move? The answer is because Syria fails as a nation BEFORE Russia descends. It is when Damascus is destroyed that the mantle of the king of the north passes from Syria to Russia. Russian interest in Syria is highly significant therefore. We see Russia influence continue in this country.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, **even to the time of the end**: because it is yet for a time appointed. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, **Verse 35 is the transition verse from the ancient king of the north to the latter day king of the north. Antiochus Epiphanes to Vladimir Putin** (Daniel 11:35-36)

# Losses mount for Russia as 400,000 troops killed or wounded in a year

*The Telegraph, December 24, 2025*



## EVENT

More than 400,000 Russian soldiers are estimated to have been killed or wounded in 2025, according to a British defence intelligence update on Ukraine. In October 2025, defence intelligence put the overall number of Russian casualties throughout the full-scale war at 1,118,000, higher than the entire size of its army before the full-scale invasion. Russia has thrown men into “meat-grinder” assaults to seize land in eastern Ukraine inch by inch. The casualty rate has been particularly high in this year’s effort to take the key hub of Pokrovsk, which has still not entirely fallen. Meanwhile, Russia has continued firing long-range weapons on Kyiv and other cities. On Tuesday morning, Russia bombarded Ukraine with a large-scale drone and missile attack following the assassination of one of its generals in Moscow. At least three people have been killed. This month, The Economist estimated that Russia could have lost 1 per cent of its pre-war male population of fighting age in Ukraine since fighting broke out.

## COMMENT

Russia itself has confirmed that 151,161 of its military personnel have been killed since the start of the Ukraine war almost 4 years ago. Other reports say the number killed is well over 200,000. When you add in those who have been injured the number rockets to over 1 million! Which is a figure higher than the entire size of the original Russia army. It’s a shocking number and those are just the Russian figures. There is huge pressure on Ukraine to sign up to Trump’s peace plan which involves giving up the Donbass region. At some point we know this will happen. God will put hooks in the jaws of Russia to pull them south into Israel - not into the West. Russia and Ukraine will reach some type of negotiated stalemate standoff. 2026 could be the year this happens

## BIBLE QUOTE

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

(1 Thessalonians 5:3-5)

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## 2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt \*



### God's Plan With This Earth

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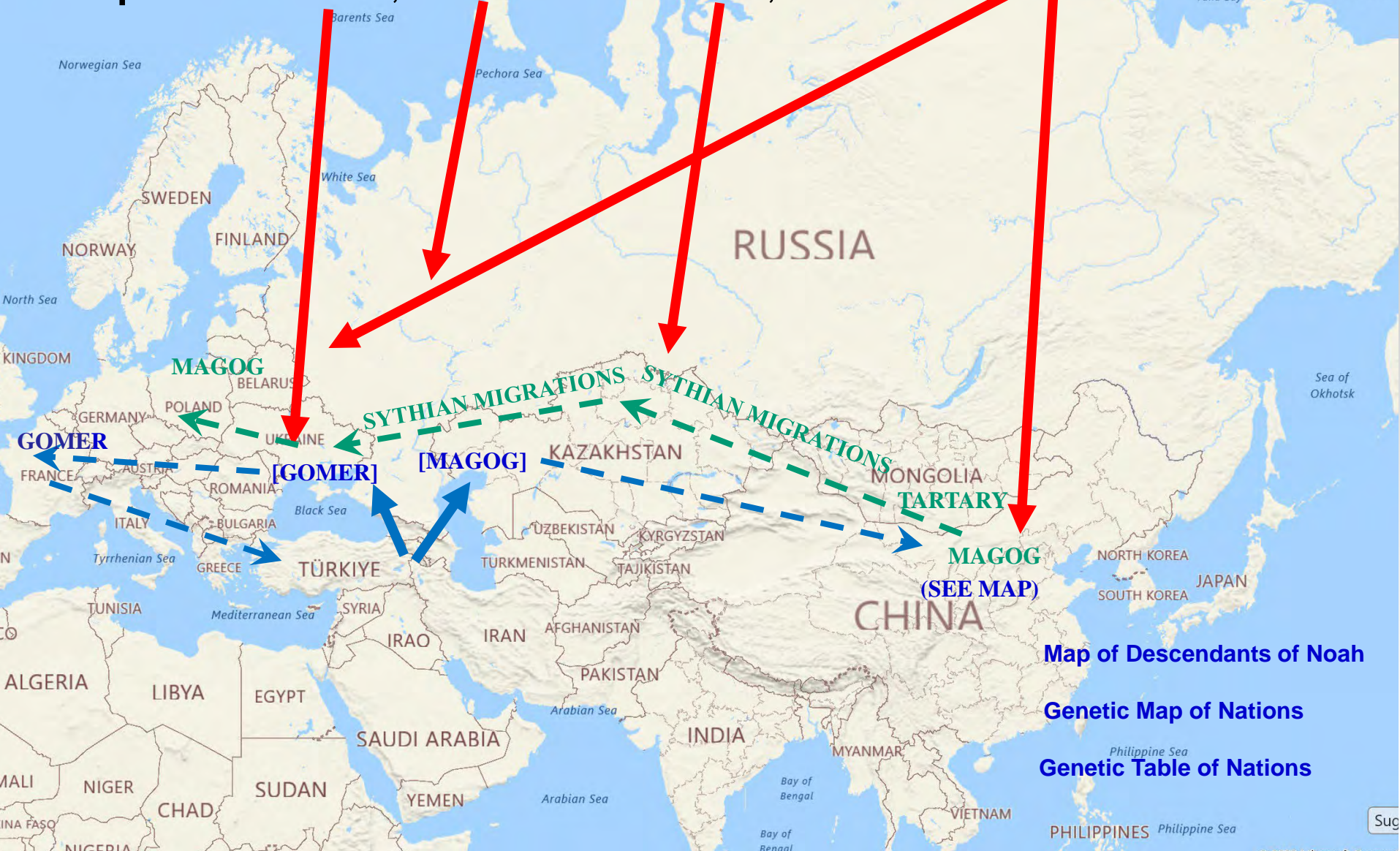
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*Legend HandOut*



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"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog**,  
the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal**,



**"Son of man, set thy face against Gog (head), of the land of Magog (China?), prince of Ros (river in Ukraine) Meshech and Tubal (rivers in Russia)"?**



# Weekly World Watch

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## Member Nations of NATO (32)

- Albania
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- **Canada**
- Croatia
- Czech Republic (Czechia)
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Türkiye
- **United Kingdom**
- **United States**

## Member Nations of the EU (27)

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden

### Current Status and Aspirants

**Most Recent Member:** **Sweden** became the 32nd member of the alliance on March 7, 2024.

**Aspiring Members:** Countries that have formally expressed their desire to join include **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, and Ukraine.**

**Partnerships:** NATO works with numerous partner nations through the Partnership for Peace (PfP) program and other cooperation frameworks, though these partners do not benefit from the Article 5 collective defense guarantee.

### Notable Exclusions and Applicants

**Former Member:** **The United Kingdom** left the EU on January 31, 2020.

**Candidates:** Countries currently in the process of joining include **Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Türkiye.**

**Non-EU European Nations:** Countries like **Norway, Iceland, and Switzerland** are not in the EU, though they participate in many of its economic frameworks

(23 nations are members of both NATO & the EU)



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## RUSSIA

**Total Casualties (Killed & Wounded):** The General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine reports approximately **1,195,610** Russian personnel "eliminated" as of December 20, 2025. Western intelligence and independent think tanks generally align near the 1 million mark; British intelligence estimated total losses at **1.168 million** earlier in the month.

**Fatalities:** Independent researchers Mediazona and BBC News-Russian have verified the names of over **153,000** Russian soldiers killed, though they estimate the true death toll is between **239,000 and 345,260**.

**Missing:** Estimates suggest at least **84,568** Russian soldiers are missing.

## UKRAINE

**Total Casualties (Killed & Wounded):** Official Ukrainian data is less frequently updated to protect operational security. A January 2025 estimate from President Zelenskyy placed Ukrainian losses at approximately **426,000** (46,000 dead and 380,000 wounded). By June 2025, independent estimates from the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) reached **400,000**.

**Fatalities:** The UA Losses project, which tracks deaths by name, documented **81,768** confirmed Ukrainian military deaths as of late November 2025.

**Missing:** Approximately **85,906** Ukrainian personnel were listed as missing or captured as of late 2025.

## DAILY LOSS RATES:

Recent intensity in the conflict has led to record-high daily casualty rates. For November 2025, **average daily Russian losses reached 1,033**, marking the third consecutive monthly increase. On December 20 alone, Ukraine reported 1,090 additional Russian casualties.