

This Week's Developments

December 3 - 9, 2023

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US vetoes UN ceasefire resolution for Israel-Gaza conflict

The Times, December 9, 2023



EVENT

The US has vetoed a UN Security Council resolution calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in the war between Israel and Hamas, with Britain abstaining on the vote. The other 13 members of the council backed the motion proposed by the United Arab Emirates. The US and the UK, along with France, Russia and China, exercise veto power courtesy of their status as permanent members of the council. “What is the message we are sending Palestinians if we cannot unite behind a call to halt the relentless bombardment of Gaza?” Mohamed Abushahab, the deputy UAE UN ambassador, asked the council. “Indeed, what is the message we are sending civilians across the world who may find themselves in similar situations?” **The US has backed Israel repeatedly as it seeks to dismantle Hamas following the group’s terrorist attacks on October 7 that left more than 1,000 people dead.**

COMMENT

The UN’s secretary-general António Guterres formally warned the 15-member council on Wednesday of a global threat from the two-month war between Israel and Hamas. The resolution called for an immediate ceasefire. 13 nations voted for it with only the US against it and as its vote has the power of veto the vote failed. The US is still supporting Israel’s right to destroy Hamas. However, The Times reported that Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, told the Israelis last week to conclude the war next month. Israel has moved the focus of its war to the south of Gaza, where it had previously instructed Palestinians living in the north of the territory to move to in order to avoid the fighting in the early stages of the campaign. The Bible says that the US is allied to Israel in the last days. Ezekiel 38 says the “young lions” (US/Canada etc) stand against Russia (Gog).

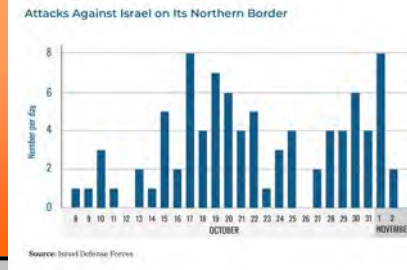
BIBLE QUOTE

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)

Will Israel defy Washington and target Hezbollah?

Politico, December 8, 2023



EVENT

The message coming from Israel's leaders remains unwavering and uncompromising. Come what may, **they're determined to smash Hamas for good, so it can never again carry out a pogrom like it did on October 7.** U.S. officials have worked tirelessly to try and ensure the war in Gaza doesn't spill over to Lebanon, broadening a conflict that would guarantee inflaming the whole region. To that end, Washington dispatched two aircraft carrier groups to the eastern Mediterranean to deter Iran and its Lebanese proxy Hezbollah from attacking Israel. And Biden publicly warned outside actors — taken to mean Iran and Hezbollah — not to get involved. **But that could be about to change — and not because Hezbollah might initiate a full-scale confrontation but because Israel might decide to do so, seizing the moment to secure its northern border and ensure a pogrom can't be visited on communities there.**

COMMENT

There are daily attacks between Israel and Hezbollah since the Hamas massacre on 7th October. But these attacks are small skirmishes in relation to what could happen between the two sides. Hezbollah has around 150,000 rockets and accurate missiles aimed at Israel. If war broke out between them a huge amount of destruction would be caused. The article in Politico this week explains why Israel might actually take the fight to Hezbollah. Some 80,000 Israeli residents have been evacuated along the border with Lebanon and Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said this week that they would not return until Hezbollah was driven back beyond the Litani river. Israel does not want another October 7th in the north. Psalm 83 says that Hezbollah (the inhabitants of Tyre — coastal city in Lebanon) are part of the inner ring war round Israel at the time of the end.

BIBLE QUOTE

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 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: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. (Psalm 83:6-10)

Russia's Putin meets Iran's Raisi in Moscow

Defence News, December 8, 2023



EVENT

After a short but flashy visit to the Gulf, **Russian president Vladimir Putin met with Iranian president Ebrahim Raisi in Moscow Thursday where the two held “extremely intensive” discussions about the war in Gaza, oil prices and the conflict in Ukraine.** “It is very important for us to exchange views on the situation in the [Middle East] region, especially with regard to the situation in Palestine,” Putin told Raisi, according to the Russian government. A spokesperson for Putin said the two huddled “for over two hours” and that “above all, the bilateral ties of the extremely multifaceted partnership.” **The US has watched with worry the tightening relationship between Moscow and Tehran.** The US military says Iran has provided Russia with hundreds of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for use in its invasion of Ukraine. Russia has denied the allegation.

COMMENT

On Thursday Russian President Vladimir Putin praised his country's relations with Iran at a meeting in Moscow with his Iranian counterpart, Ebrahim Raisi. The two discussed the Israel-Hamas war. "Our relations are developing very well. Please convey my best wishes to leader [Ayatollah Ali] Khamenei," Putin told Raisi, referring to Iran's head of state. Iran is seen as a pariah state by many nations in the West. Iran sponsors and backs terrorist groups around the Middle East. It calls for the destruction of Israel. It has nuclear ambitions. It brutally oppresses its people. And this is the nation that Putin is pleased to be allied with. Putin's friendship with Iran above all others shows Putin's true colours and why in the future he will invade Israel with Iran as a key partner. In fact in Ezekiel 38 the first nation on the list supporting Russia is Persia – modern day Iran.

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee[Gog] 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: **Persia (Iran) is FIRST on the list of allies**(Ezekiel 38;4-5)

Putin meets leaders of Saudi Arabia and UAE in whistle-stop Gulf tour

Financial Times, December 6, 2023



EVENT

Vladimir Putin has met the leaders of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, as part of the first visit by the Russian president to the Gulf region since his full-scale invasion of Ukraine almost two years ago. The two-stop tour on Wednesday is seen as Moscow's attempt to show it can maintain close ties with the Gulf despite western attempts to force the region to comply with restrictions and sanctions against Russia. Putin enjoys warm relations with both the oil-exporting Gulf states, which have remained neutral over Ukraine since the full invasion of February last year. Saudi Arabia and the UAE have not ratified the statute that governs the International Criminal Court, which has indicted the Russian president for alleged war crimes. Putin used his trip to discuss a range of issues, from energy and trade co-operation to the war in Ukraine and the Israel-Hamas conflict.

COMMENT

Russia and Saudi Arabia's fate are link by one very important commodity – crude oil. Saudi Arabia is the world's largest exporter of crude oil and therefore how much it decides to produce impacts the worldwide price of it. With oil prices falling Russia needs output reduction. As output is reduced prices increase. As prices increase Russia is able to make more from its own oil sales. And this in turn helps fund the war in Ukraine. This is why Putin has taken the time and effort to make a rare visit to Saudi Arabia. He needs them onside with the reduction of oil production. He is also able to act as mediator between Iran and Saudi Arabia and no doubt try to influence the Israel/Hamas war. The Bible says that Saudi Arabia (Sheba) is king of the south at the time of the end. Russia is king of the north. Something will happen to break this relationship dramatically...

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.

(Daniel 11:40)

Putin announces bid for fifth term at Russia's helm

Financial Times, December 8, 2023



EVENT

Russian president Vladimir Putin has officially announced he plans to run for another term in next year's presidential election. Putin made the announcement, which was widely expected, during a ceremony in the Kremlin on Friday attended by soldiers who participated in Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The Russian leader is expected to win next March's election, a largely staged event with little real competition, which takes place following years in which any genuine opposition movements have been destroyed. **His re-election for a fifth term would keep him in office until 2030 and add up to a 30-year stint as the most powerful man in Russia.** Putin's announcement was presented as a response to an appeal from a member of the public, a device he has previously deployed when announcing an election run. Putin has announced previous election runs in the same seemingly orchestrated way, making his candidacy appear the result of popular demand.

COMMENT

It is incredible that Putin has been in power since the year 2000. Only for one 4 year gap when he controlled events as prime minister has he not been president. Britain on the other hand has had 6 prime ministers over the same time period. America has had 5 presidents. But Putin has survived them all and now has said he will run for president again. Putin changed the Russian constitution so that the president has a term of 6 years rather than 4. Hence with the Russian "elections" next year he can remain in power until 2030. Putin could well be Gog - the Russian leader of Ezekiel 38. He fits so accurately against all prophecies about him – not only in Ezekiel 38 but also Daniel 8 and Daniel 11. To watch a video on how Putin fits in to these prophecies [CLICK HERE](#).

BIBLE QUOTE

And the king 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. [Verses 36-39 are an accurate description of Gog – the Russian leader – king of the north - Putin](#) (Daniel 11:36)

How Israel's Arrow 3 intercepted a missile in first space battle

The Times, December 6, 2023



EVENT

Humanity crossed a threshold in the skies above the Red Sea last month when a Houthi missile heading towards Eilat, Israel's southernmost city, was shot down outside the Earth's atmosphere. **The inaugural use of Israel's Arrow 3 air defence system to destroy a ballistic missile fired from Yemen was the first time the world had ever seen a battle fought in space.** While the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) faced criticism for its failure to capture Yahya Sinwar and Mohammed Deif, the Hamas ringleaders responsible for the October 7 attacks, the scientific breakthrough is arguably more militarily significant. It proves that Israel can swat away a barrage of intercontinental ballistic missiles with as much ease as its Iron Dome short-range air defence system can destroy Hamas rockets. Amid escalating tensions with the Iranian-backed Houthis, Israel's Arrow 3 air defence system has demonstrated its capability by intercepting Houthi missiles, showcasing its effectiveness in countering threats originating from Yemen.

COMMENT

The war in Israel has not only escalated on earth it has also escalated in the heavens. It is thought to be the world's first combat to take place in space. The ballistic missile, which was fired on Monday, is said to have been a Qader missile – an improved version of the Iranian-designed Shahab 3. At more than 50-feet long, the Qader carries a high-explosive warhead and has a range that puts all of Israel in striking distance of the Houthis, which have now declared war on Israel and are a key part of the Iran-backed alliance set against the country. It's exactly 50 years since Israel fought its last major war. We could be seeing the start of the initial inner ring war around Israel happening now...

BIBLE QUOTE

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and 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.**
(Luke 21:25-26)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**

2023-12-09 Saudi Arabia & Turkey Just Sanctioned Israel With No More Oil! - 9.53 - YouTube

2023-12-09 The Wider Image - The home for Reuters in-depth visual storytelling

2023-12-09 Palestinians report Israeli battles in Khan Younis after US blocks Gaza ceasefire call - Reuters

2023-12-09 BREAKING- IDF Closing in On Hamas in Gaza - TBN Israel - 5.24 min - YouTube

2023-12-08 Israel Hamas War in Gaza- Is America Pulling Support to Israel- - Vantage with Palki Sharma - 5.13 - YouTube

2023-12-08 China, Russia condemn US Veto on Gaza ceasefire, say Washington complicit in bloodbath - 9.13 min - YouTube

2023-12-07 Russia and Saudi Arabia urge all OPEC+ powers to join oil cuts - Reuters

2023-12-06 Putin Discusses Israel-Hamas War During Rare Visit to UAE, Saudi Arabia - Vantage - 5.02 - YouTube

2023-12-06 2023 to be hottest year on [record](#), EU scientists say - Reuters

2023-12-02 Israel DEVASTATES Hamas, Houthis, and Hezbollah After Ceasefire - TBN Israel - 6.59 min - YouTube

2023-12-02 Iceland volcano- Eruption 'imminent' as 120 earthquakes strike - live - The Independent

2023-12-01 Iran Proxies STRIKE; Israel Spec Op ELIMINATES 20 Captures 5 - Israel-Hamas War - TBN Israel - 3.47 min - YouTube

2023-12-01 IDF responds to claims that Israel had prior knowledge of Hamas' attack plans - 7.47 min - YouTube

2023-11-30 Palestinian Gunmen OPEN FIRE On Bus Stop In Jerusalem Killing Three CIVILIANS - Centerpoint - 5.01 min - YouTube

2023-11-28 Russia, China -Discuss- Making Secret Undersea Tunnel to Crimea · Firstpost 4.45 min - YouTube

2023-11-24 Russian and Chinese Business Leaders Discuss Undersea Crimea Tunnel - The Moscow Times

2023-11-20 China-Middle East summit told 'Israel seeks to end Palestinians' presence' - Israel-Palestine conflict News - Al Jazeera

2023-11-11 Hundreds of thousands rally in London demanding Gaza ceasefire Al Jazeera English 1.59 min - YouTube

2023-11-11 Hezbollah says front with Israel will remain active - Reuters

2023-11-11 French president becomes first G7 leader to call for a ceasefire in Gaza CBC News - 3.40 min - YouTube

NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
- Dependent territories
- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
- Boundaries of the empire in 814



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



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

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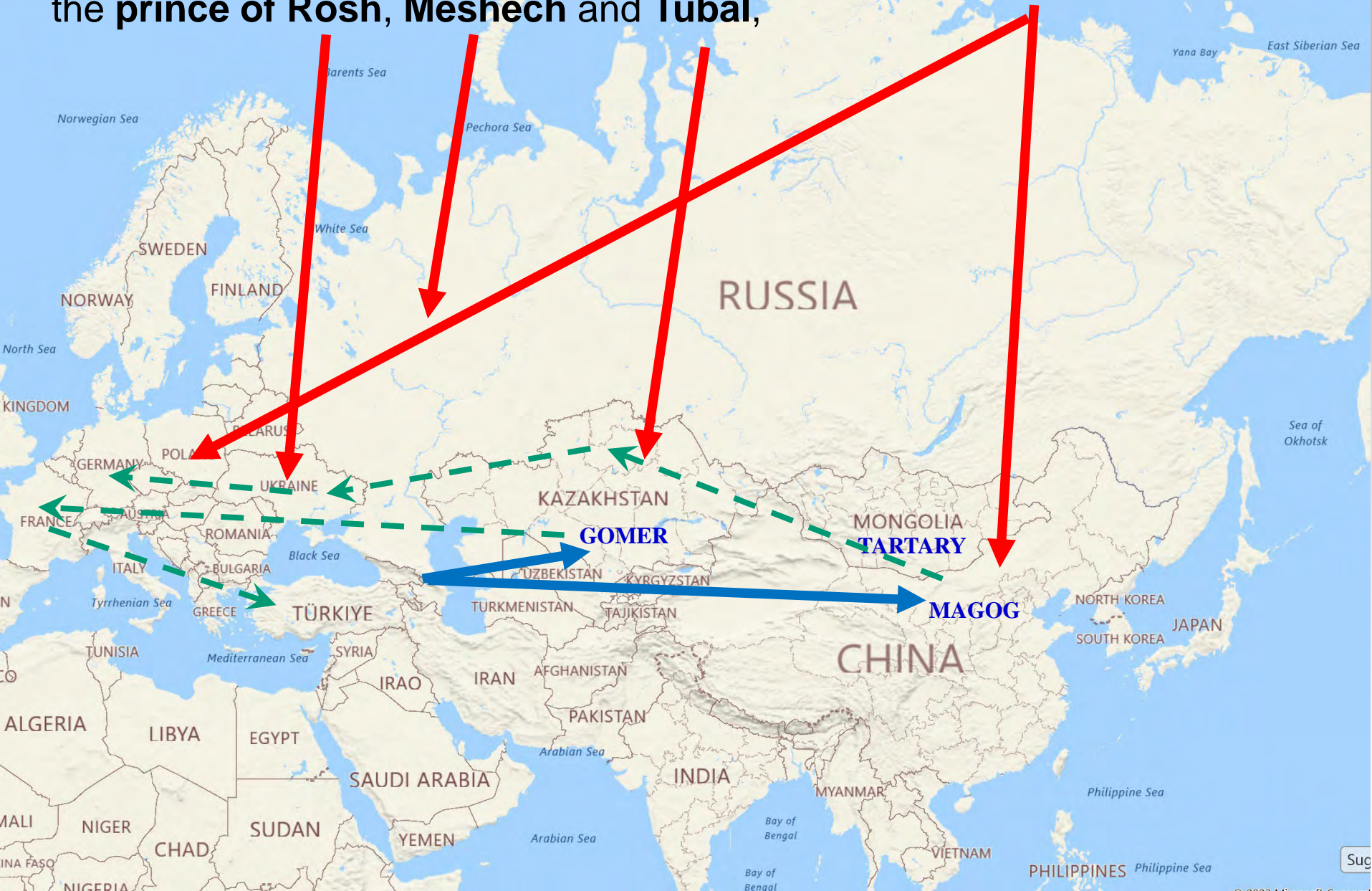
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

"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)?"