

This Week's Developments

September 03 - 10, 2023

- Saudi Arabia seeks Palestinians' support for Israel deal
- There are traps for all in a Saudi-Israel deal
- Israel asks US to send over 25 more F-35 fighter jets
- Brics: Is a new bloc emerging to rival US leadership?
- China's new national map sets off a wave of protests
- Putin Bolsters Power Base After Prigozhin Dies in Crash
- *Additional & Supporting Articles*

Map 1

Map 2

Saudi Arabia seeks Palestinians' support for Israel deal

The Times, August 30, 2023



EVENT

Saudi Arabia has offered to resume aid to the Palestinian Authority as the country moves closer to establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. Saudi officials are seeking the backing of Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian Authority (PA), which is seen as a crucial step in conferring legitimacy on any Saudi-Israel normalisation agreement. An offer of financial support was initially extended to Abbas by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in April, contingent on the PA cracking down on militant groups in the West Bank, The Wall Street Journal reported. Since 2002 Saudi Arabia has contributed more than \$480 million to the PA. The funds started to dry up in 2016 amid allegations of corruption and leadership inefficiencies in the authority and ceased altogether in 2021, leaving the body desperately short of cash. **A PA delegation is expected to visit Saudi Arabia in the coming weeks to discuss the creation of a Palestinian state as part of any normalisation deal.**

COMMENT

For Saudi Arabia, the matter of recognising Israel is particularly delicate due to its custodianship of Islam's holiest sites (Mecca and Medina), affording it a unique standing in the Muslim world. It has previously pledged to establish normal relations only if Israel facilitated the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. Saudi Arabia doesn't recognise Israel as a state and has refused to do so since the latter's independence in 1948. However, they both have one common enemy - Iran. Neither want Iran to go nuclear so they are looking at normalising their relationship. But the Palestinian issue is still a central issue to Saudi Arabia and it remains to be seen how this can be overcome. We do know Israel is "parted" or divided at when Armageddon happens....

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 [divided] my land.**

(Joel 3:2)

There are traps for all in a Saudi-Israel deal

The Times, August 1, 2023



EVENT

In Washington they're talking of a "game-changer" that will transform the Middle East. Jerusalem is abuzz with predictions of the "biggest breakthrough" in regional diplomacy in over 40 years. In Riyadh they're a lot cagier, waiting to see what kind of deal is on the table. But there are encouraging noises there as well. President Biden is apparently considering a **significant American-Saudi-Israeli deal** which will bolster the United States' strategic ties with the oil-rich kingdom and formalise ties between its two main allies in the region. Bringing the Israelis and the Saudis together, out in the open, a goal that previous American presidents tried and failed to realise, would be an impressive foreign policy success going into the presidential election. Or at least some of Biden's team hope it will be. And then there's what Israel will need to give. **At the very least, Israel will have to make some concessions on settlement-building in the West Bank**

COMMENT

According to a number of reports Biden is pursuing a deal to secure an Israeli-Saudi agreement. It involves giving Saudi Arabia NATO-like security guarantees. The agreement would not directly involve the Palestinians but it would include some concessions to them, such as an Israeli settlement freeze and a pledge from Israel to never annex the occupied West Bank. Israel wants this Saudi deal. "We pray for this moment to come," Israel's President Isaac Herzog said in a speech to the US Congress last month. We wait to see what happens here but there are definitely some prophecies that fit with this. Sheba (Saudi Arabia) is mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as being allied to Britain and America (Tarshish and the young lions) who are all onside with Israel...

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)

Israel officially asks US to send over 25 more F-35 fighter jets

The Times of Israel, Sept 03, 2023



EVENT

Israel remains the only country in the Middle East to have the world's most advanced fighter jet in its arsenal, and claims to have been the first country to use the F-35 in combat. Israel will buy its third fleet of F-35 stealth fighter jets in a deal worth \$3bn that will be financed through US military aid, according to the Israeli military. Israel's Ministry of Defence approved the purchase on Sunday, with the additional 25 aircraft manufactured by Lockheed Martin to bring the number of F-35 jets in Israel's air force to 75. "This new agreement will ensure the continuation of cooperation between American companies and Israeli defence industries in the production of aircraft parts," the ministry said in a statement. The United Arab Emirates has long sought to buy F-35 jets from the US, but the Gulf nation's ties to China have meant no deal has yet gone through. The fighter jet is considered the world's most advanced, capable of gathering intelligence, striking deep into enemy territory and engaging in air duels. It is also known as the Joint Strike Fighter and, in Israel, by its Hebrew name Adir, or Mighty. Earlier on Sunday, Israeli fighter jets launched an attack on a Syrian air defence battery from which an anti-aircraft missile was launched towards Israel. Israel has ramped up attacks on Syrian airports and air bases to disrupt Iran's increasing use of aerial supply lines to deliver arms to allies in Syria and Lebanon, including Lebanon's Hezbollah

COMMENT

What is interesting about this is that in spite of the cooling off of US/Israeli relations, the US is still funding Israel's military requirements to the tune of a huge amount of cash! There is no doubt about the commitment of the US to support Israel in spite of them being at odds & in the middle of a significant disagreement about how Israel is conducting their political affairs. The US administration is pushing hard, with Israeli support, for an Israeli-Saudi connection. One of the requirements for the Saudi connection the US is pushing appears to be the creation of a Palestinian state which is a thorn in the side for the Israeli gov't.; however, Israel is in the middle of settling an internal political crisis using a solution that is most unpalatable for the US. And In spite of all this, the US and Israel remain indelibly connected.

BIBLE QUOTE

At that time evil thoughts will come to your (Russia/China?) mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. You will say, 'Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwallled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people ... But Sheba and Dedan (Saudi Arabia) and the merchants of Tarshish (US & UK?) will ask, 'Do you really think the armies you have gathered can rob them of silver and gold? Do you think you can drive away their livestock and seize their goods and carry off plunder?'
- Eze 38:10,11,13 - NLT

Brics summit: Is a new bloc emerging to rival US leadership?

BBC, August 26, 2023



EVENT

The announced expansion of the five-nation Brics club of emerging economies was described as "historic" by Chinese President Xi Jinping, but it is still not clear how far the countries' common interests stretch. The growth of Brics "will... further strengthen the force for world peace and development" the president said while addressing the leaders gathered at a conference centre in South Africa's commercial hub, Johannesburg. **The Brics countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - are often seen as a counterweight to the Western-led world.** The six new countries - **Argentina, Egypt, Iran, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates** - are set to join in January. China was the state pushing hardest for group expansion as a way to counter Western dominance. Steve Tsang, director of London's Soas China Institute, says though the Brics members do not have much in common on the surface, President Xi was trying to show his fellow bloc members that they all want a similar future: **none of them want to live in a Western-dominated world.**

COMMENT

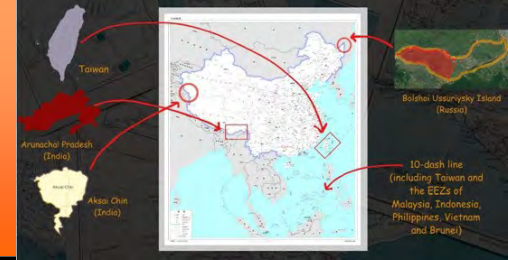
BRICS is dominated by autocratic leaders based in the East. Russian President Vladimir Putin joined by video link from Russia because of the danger of being arrested over alleged war crimes in Ukraine. In his remarks, he once again took aim at Western powers, saying their "neo-liberalism" posed a threat to both traditional values in developing countries and to the emergence of a multi-polar world where no one country or bloc dominated. He is referring to the USA. They want to see America knocked off the top spot and challenge the West. The Bible infers the West is weak at the end of time...

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? **When Russia invades this is the opposing force – unable to stop it – hence the inference of weakness..** (Ezekiel 38:13)

China's new national map has set off a wave of protests

AP Sept 1, 2023



EVENT

China has upset many countries in the Asia-Pacific region with its release of a new official map that lays claim to most of the South China Sea, as well as to contested parts of India and Russia, and official objections continue to mount. What is the map, and why is it upsetting people so much? China's Ministry of Natural Resources released the new "standard" national map on Monday, part of what it has called an ongoing effort to eliminate "problem maps." In it, China clearly shows its so-called nine-dash line, demarcating what it considers its maritime border, claiming almost the entirety of the South China Sea. The current, and other recent iterations of the annual map, include a 10th dash to the east of Taiwan. In the far northeastern corner of China on the border with Russia, it shows Bolshoy Ussuriysky Island, an island at the confluence of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, as Chinese territory, even though the countries signed an agreement nearly 20 years ago to split the island. Along the southern border with India, it shows Arunachal Pradesh and the Doklam Plateau, over which China and India have long feuded, clearly within Chinese borders, along with Aksai Chin in the western section that China controls but India still claims.

COMMENT

This is interesting in view of recent observations concerning the ID and location of the original area called Magog, and the challenge "Will the real 'Gog of the land of Magog, the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal' please stand up!!! Not that we are questioning Russia's part or inclusion in this prophecy, but that it may encompass a larger area than we have previously restricted it to, and that it may still remain to be seen who turns out to be the "Prince" or the head of this vast coalition that is prophesied to come down on the hills of Palestine at Christ's return. This "map" illustrates the willfulness of China to "sweep" over boundaries as it sees fit and thumb its nose at affected countries. It has at the same time, along with its partner Russia, formed an economic superpower called the BRICS (although Russia is a minor partner economically - see video) and snubbed the G7 by its absence. This is not unlike the character of the prophetic personage. Let's not ignore it.

BIBLE QUOTE

...at the time of the end... the king of the north will ...**invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood**. He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall, but Moab, Edom, and the best part of Ammon will escape. He will conquer many countries, and even Egypt will not escape.
- Dan 11:41-42 NLT

Putin Bolsters Power Base After Prigozhin Dies in Jet Crash

Bloomberg, August 24, 2023



EVENT

The plane crash that killed Wagner founder Yevgeny Prigozhin **restored Vladimir Putin's reputation as Russia's unchallengeable leader** for many of the country's elite, even as the cause of the disaster may never be fully established. The mercenary leader's demise removes a man who had courted impunity after leading the mutiny that threatened the Russian president's grip on power. **His elimination is a strong stabilizing factor for Putin's regime because it shows that anyone challenging him comes to a bad end**, according to four people close to the authorities, who asked not to be identified because the matter was sensitive. According to some reports, Prigozhin's plane was shot down by Russian air defences, something that could not be mistaken for an accident. Furthermore it occurred two months since Wagner began its uprising in June, and on the week Prigozhin's ally General Sergei Surovikin was relieved of command of Russian aerospace forces.

COMMENT

Over a dozen of Putin's critics have died (or have been killed) in very suspicious circumstances and most commentators point to the Kremlin behind their deaths. Following Prigozhin's attempt to change the direction of the Russian defence ministry and a march on Moscow his plane was likely shot out of the sky this week. Autocratic leaders are often fearful of their own position and their own lives and will stop at nothing to stay in power. The killing of Prigozhin this week put Putin back in charge and back in ruthless power. It sent a clear message to all his enemies as to the lengths he will go to if someone try's to betray him. The Bible says that Gog will be a "master of intrigue" and will "cause deceit to prosper". The denials by Putin of the killings are part of that deceit..

BIBLE QUOTE

In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people. **He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior.**

(Daniel 8:23-25 NIV)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2023-09-09 Why is Putin cosying up to North Korea's Kim Jong-Un - WION - 6.29 min - YouTube

2023-09-09 Why are Saudi Arabia & Russia still cutting oil production- - Inside Story - 28.00 min - YouTube

2023-09-09 G20 SUMMIT - What impact will the absence of China and Russia's leaders have - 4.57 min - YouTube

2023-09-07 US Banking Crisis- Why are American Banks Stashing More Cash - 5.28 min - YouTube

2023-09-06 US slams 'unlawful' China map showing claims over South China Sea - WION - 2.21 min - YouTube

2023-09-02 China claims parts of India, Russia in a new map - This World - 12.03 min - YouTube

2023-09-01 China's new map outrages its neighbors

2023-08-23 Brics - The G-7 Economic Alliance's Rival, Explained - WSJ - 4.55 min - YouTube

2023-08-23 BRICS summit- Bloc announces 6 new members including Saudi Arabia and Iran • FRANCE 24 - 4.13 min - YouTube

2023-07-15 Why allowing Ukraine to ship grain during Russia's war matters to the world - AP News

2023-07-15 Israel's Netanyahu is rushed to hospital for dehydration. Hours later, he says he feels 'very good' - AP News

2023-07-15 Explaining Germany's stance on Russia's war in Ukraine - GIS

2023-07-14 Moves at a small border village hike Israel-Hezbollah tensions at a time of regional jitters - AP News

2023-07-14 Moscow turns down South Africa's request for Putin not to attend BRICS summit - World DNA - 1.28 min - YouTube

2023-07-13 Netanyahu tells Herzog sees no point in resuming judicial overhaul talks – Ynet News

2023-07-11 Israel & U.S. Launch JOINT Military Drills as Biden SLAMS Israel Again - Watchman Newscast - 11.00 min - YouTube

2023-07-11 Why did Erdogan Support Sweden's NATO Entry - Vantage - 5.20 min - YouTube

2023-07-08 US Treasury chief Yellen appeals to China for cooperation on climate and other global challenges - AP News

2023-06-28 Netanyahu to visit China, gave Biden advance notice of trip - The Jerusalem Post

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

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 *



“YOUNG LIONS”
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

“LION”
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

LIBYA

DEDAN

SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

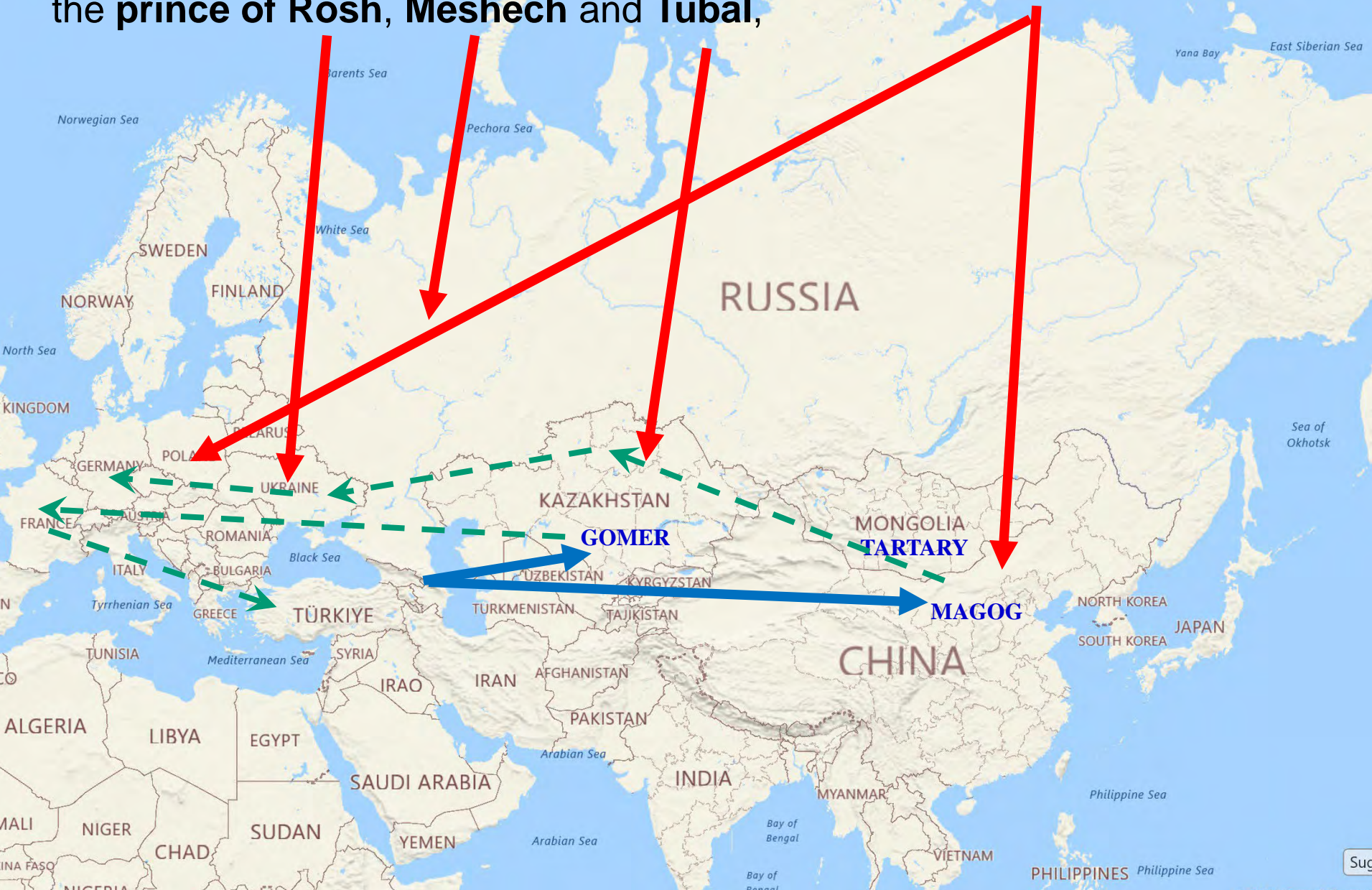
RUSSIA (“CHIEF PRINCE” = “PRINCE OF ROSH”)

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

INDIA

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



GOMER

TARTARY

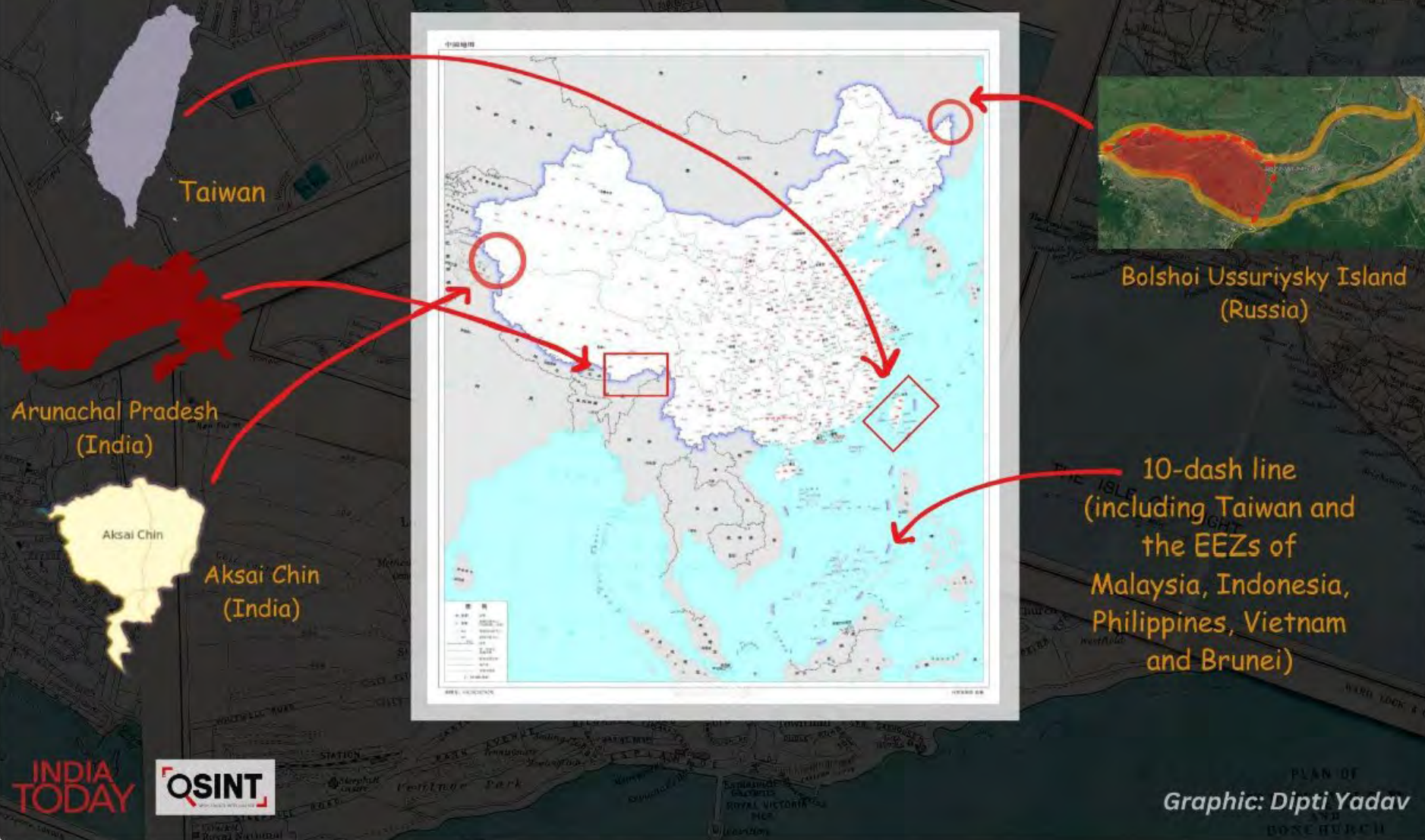
MAGOG

"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)"?

LOCATIONS

2023 CHINA STANDARD MAP

LOCATIONS



INDIA TODAY

OSINT

Graphic: Dipti Yadav

Outlay of the multiple nations claimed by China's 2023 edition of Standard Map.