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Greece Says It's Open to Talks with Turkey Once Provocations End

VOA October 3, 2022



EVENT

Greece wants to have a constructive dialogue with Turkey based on international law but its Aegean neighbor must halt its unprecedented escalation of provocations, the Greek foreign minister said Sunday. The two countries — North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies but historic foes — have been at odds for decades over a range of issues, including where their continental shelves start and end, overflights in the Aegean Sea and a divided Cyprus. "It is up to Turkey to choose if it will come to such a dialogue or not, but the basic ingredient must be a de-escalation," Nikos Dendias told the... newspaper in an interview. Last month, the European Union voiced concern over statements by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accusing Greece, an EU member, of occupying demilitarized islands in the Aegean and saying Turkey was ready to "do what is necessary" when the time came. "The one responsible for a de-escalation is the one causing the escalation, which is Turkey," Dendias said

COMMENT

Relative to the other skirmishes going on in the world, this seems relatively mild. However, this is a disagreement between two NATO countries, which complicates things for other NATO nations like the US to take sides. Turkey holds a lot of political capital with its posture as a negotiator between Russia and Ukraine, and control of the Bosphorus. One of the points of disagreement in the NATO circle is over Cyprus - rich in gas & oil resources and a US army base is also located there. Turkey has threatened going to war with Greece over this. Turkey is also at odds with Russia over Syria and Libya. Bearing in mind that Istanbul (formerly Constantinople and the base of the Greco-Roman military power) is the placeholder for the power that assumes that position at the time of the end, against which the "K of N" comes as a whirlwind, I submit that this little detail bears watching.

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)

Russia's religious war in Ukraine

Christian Science Monitor, October 3, 2022



EVENT

In its military struggle to hold eastern Ukraine – by force and illegal annexation – Russia has also launched a campaign to ensure support from the dominant faith of Russian-speaking people. It is throwing money into the region through various pro-Kremlin organizations – with the largest recipient being the Russian Orthodox Church and its charities. Since the takeover of Crimea in 2014, President Vladimir Putin has relied heavily on the church's hierarchy to support his efforts to expand the borders of Russia by force and, lately, in the conscription of young men to fight in Ukraine. At the same time, Russian forces have destroyed more than 200 facilities of other religions in Ukraine – churches, mosques, synagogues – since the war began in February, according to Ukrainian officials. The Kremlin's main target for destruction is the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. It gained independence from the Russian Orthodox Church in 2019. That split, said Mr. Putin, was a weapon of “mass destruction” against Russian identity. “Our spiritual unity has also been attacked,” he wrote.

COMMENT

This is an often overlooked motivation behind Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Eastern Greek Orthodoxy is divided into two primacies 1) the Patriarchate of Constantinople, with 220 m of the Greek Orthodox faith, & 2) the Russian Greek Orthodox Primacy in Moscow with 90 m followers. In 2019 the Ukraine Orthodox Church of Kiev organized under the patriarchate of Constantinople, & Putin has been on a heightened warpath ever since. The independency of the Russian Church primacy based in Kiev initially was established during the reign of Peter the Great in the 1700's, transferred by the Ottomans. Peter the Great took over full control & the Patriarchate was later moved to Moscow. Will Gog have designs of coming down on Constantinople "like a whirlwind" with the "hook" being to unite the great orthodox primacies with 300 million or so and establish its patriarchate in Jerusalem?

BIBLE QUOTE

I will lead thee away enticingly, 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 gathered host with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:
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ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

- DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**
- 2022-10-14 **'No waiting'- Turkey, Russia to act on Putin's gas hub offer** - AP News
- 2022-10-14 **EU official- East Med gas can wean bloc off Russian energy** - AP News
- 2022-10-13 **Ukraine raises \$9.6 million in 24 hours to buy drones** - WION Fineprint - 2.13 min - YouTube
- 2022-10-13 **Russia offers more gas to Europe via Nord Stream, Germany says no** - Gravitass - 7.54 min - YouTube
- 2022-10-12 **Iran & Russia ALLIANCE Deepens as Iranian Drones BLAST Ukraine; Missiles Next** - 9.44 min - Watchman - YouTube
- 2022-10-10 **Israel & Russia TENSION as Lapid Condemns Ukraine Strikes; Lebanon Deal Done** - 10.52 min - Watchman - YouTube
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- 2022-10-10 **Anti-NATO protests erupt in Paris** - Gravitass - 5.22 min - YouTube
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- 2022-10-08 'We may suddenly arrive one night'- Erdogan reaffirms Greece threats - CGTN
- 2022-10-08 Wagner forces- Morale is plummeting in Putin's private army as Russia's war in Ukraine falters - CNN
- 2022-10-08 UN- Ukraine nuclear power plant loses external power link - AP News
- 2022-10-07 Saudi Arabia hikes oil prices for US buyers - Latest English News - WION - 6.23.min YouTube
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- 2022-10-06 Russians are fleeing their homeland in protest of Putin's draft - 5.17 min - YouTube
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- The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube
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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- 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



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
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Western countries are making contingency plans to deal with chaos at home in case of nuclear war in Ukraine, officials said yesterday, as the threat of a battlefield strike by President Putin grew. The measures could include issuing leaflets on how to survive a nuclear attack or ways to ease panic buying amid fears the fallout could reach western Europe and beyond. President Putin's threats to use nuclear weapons in recent weeks have sent alarm bells ringing across Nato, with the alliance engaging in discussions behind closed doors as to how it will respond to such an eventuality. **Some observers now believe there is a realistic prospect of the Russian leader using a tactical nuclear weapon against Ukraine, either on land or firing it into the Black Sea.** Asked if there were contingency plans in place to deal with the fallout of a strike in the West, such as a way or dealing with panic buying or distributing booklets on how to survive a nuclear attack, a western official said: "As you would expect the government is conducting prudent planning for a range of possible scenarios of which that is one."

COMMENT

We don't know if Putin will use a nuclear weapon in Ukraine – but the possibility cannot be ruled out. We know that Putin will one day descend into Israel with all his forces. But currently his forces are tied up in Ukraine. This means that it is likely / probable that the Ukraine war will be resolved to some extent. But what would bring about some resolution? The atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki ended World War II. It could be that history repeats itself and Putin uses "shocking destruction" to achieve an end to the war and a negotiated way out. The Bible tells us Putin will soon focus south...

BIBLE QUOTE

He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning.

(Daniel 8:24-25 NLT)

The UK's Crisis Is Threatening the Global Inflation Fight

Bloomberg, October 14, 2022



EVENT The deadline is almost here. Britain's central bank has dug in its heels and insisted that its rescue mission for the nation's pension system, and for its huge "gilt-edged" bond market, is about to end. **Britain's sudden descent into crisis only days after Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest** has already devoured the credibility of several of the most important institutions in national life, including the prime minister, the Treasury, the Bank of England, the Conservative Party, and the nation's asset management industry. Once lost, credibility is hard to restore, and so the issues confronting the UK look profound. **But the implications spread much further than British shores. Bond prices in countries as different as the US and Italy have veered in response to each fresh move in gilts, and each news story out of Britain.**

COMMENT Britain is in deep political crisis. In just the past 4 months the UK has had no less than 4 Chancellors of the Exchequer. This is the UK's government's chief finance minister. He is responsible for fiscal and monetary policy. The last chancellor was sacked after just 38 days. This turmoil hit Britain just days after the Queen died. But it isn't just Britain. The world is in deep financial trouble and Britain has ended up being the epicentre. What is happening in the UK has great risk of spreading around the world. And in fact it already has. The cost of government borrowing has increased in other nations on the back of the UK financial crisis. Isaiah 23v6 to the end is all about latter day Tyre (London). We are told that London's wealth will "NOT be treasured or laid up." Isaiah 24 explains what happens to wealth - it is destroyed. All financial systems of the world totally collapse.

BIBLE QUOTE Look! The Lord is about to destroy the earth and make it a vast wasteland. He devastates the surface of the earth and scatters the people. Priests and laypeople, servants and masters, maids and mistresses, **buyers and sellers, lenders and borrowers, bankers and debtors—none will be spared.** The earth will be completely emptied and looted. The Lord has spoken! (*Isaiah 24:1-3 NLT*)