

This Week's Developments

October 10 - 16, 2021

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Russia Interested in Consultations With Israel on Security in Middle East – Lavrov

Sputnik International, October 15, 2021



EVENT

Russia is interested in continuing consultations with Israel on security and stability in the Middle East region, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in the article on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the renewal of diplomatic relations between Russia and Israel, published by the Yedioth Ahronoth newspaper. "We are interested in continuing consultations with our Israeli partners on security and stability issues in the Middle East. We always draw attention to the fact that comprehensive solutions to the problems of the region must necessarily take into account the security interests of Israel. This is a matter of principle," Lavrov said in the article. The Russian foreign minister stressed that Moscow saw no alternatives to the two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

COMMENT

On October 18, Russia and Israel celebrate the 30th anniversary of the renewal of full-fledged diplomatic relations. 2 months later (back in 1991) the Soviet Union came to an end. This caused a massive immigration wave of Jews from ex Soviet States. Because of this Russian is the third-most widely spoken first language in Israel after Hebrew and Arabic. Over 100,000 Israeli citizens live in Russia, with 80,000 Israelis living in Moscow, while hundreds of thousands of Russian citizens reside in Israel, from around 1.5 million native Russian-speaking Israelis. All these connections might make one think these two nations are very close. But the Bible says the opposite. God says that instead of looking at Israel as a friend, Gog (the Russian leader) looks on Israel with lustful eyes – wanting to take a spoil (wealth/riches eg gas) from the country. One day an evil thought comes into his mind and he assembles a huge army to invade Israel...

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,

(Ezekiel 38:10-11)

Lebanon mourns dead of Beirut blast protest as spectre of civil war looms

The Times, October 15, 2021



EVENT

Lebanon was in mourning today for seven victims of armed clashes in Beirut, including a 24-year-old woman who was hit by a stray bullet while sitting at home. The hours of sustained gunfire between rival militias raised the spectre of a new civil war and prompted Michel Aoun, the president, to say it was “unacceptable that weapons are once more the means of communication among Lebanese rivals”, referring to the 15-year civil war that ended in 1990. The violence began during a protest by Shia Muslims against the investigation into last year’s port explosion. An unidentified rooftop sniper opened fire on a crowd of hundreds of supporters of the militant group Hezbollah and its political allies as they gathered in front of the Palais de Justice, Beirut’s central court, shortly after 11am. Fighters from Hezbollah, which is backed by Iran, were then involved in sustained exchanges of gunfire — using AK-47s, heavy machineguns and rocket-propelled grenades.

COMMENT

Lebanon is in crisis and many say on the brink of collapse. Bordering Syria to its north and east, and Israel to its south, Lebanon occupies a critical space in the Eastern Mediterranean. Its collapse would risk spilling over into surrounding areas. It has a number of massive problems. There has been the vast refugee population from Syria. A permanent Palestinian refugee presence. The government is fragile and on the brink of another collapse. Hezbollah (Shiite terrorist group) are in that government. (Hamas – Sunni – has infiltrated) Fuel shortages this week shut down its main power stations. And civil war looms again. In Isaiah 2 which speaks of the “day of the Lord” coming on the world - the first nation mentioned is...Lebanon. The collapse of Lebanon could be the starting gun for Armageddon....

BIBLE QUOTE

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

(Psalm 2:12-13)

Ten European nations form energy alliance

The Times, October 12, 2021

The extent of the Holy Roman Empire around 1600, superimposed over today's state borders



EVENT

France is building a **pro-nuclear European alliance** to overcome German resistance to new rules that would open the way for more carbon-free atomic power. Nine other European countries have signed up to a nuclear power initiative at a time of spiralling energy prices, partly caused by EU climate change policies that increase the cost of electricity generation using fossil fuels. The countries are pushing for nuclear power, which produces no carbon emissions, and they want it to be **classified as a green technology in EU industrial "taxonomy" ratings**, which would clear private investment in atomic power to be linked to climate policy subsidies. "Nuclear energy should be treated in the same way as all other sources of energy with low carbon output," said **a statement signed by ten nations - Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.**

COMMENT

The European Union **(EU) consists of 27 member states**. They have agreed by treaties to share their own sovereignty through the institutions of the European Union in some (but by no means all) aspects of government. **10 of these nations** want to create an energy deal within the EU. It is interesting it is 10 nations in the EU looking to do this. The Bible speaks of 10 kings (nations) **coming out of the EU area and creating a new Holy Roman Empire (HRE)**. It is unlikely that these are the 10 spoken about as Germany will definitely be part of the 10 nations that join together. However it is interesting surely to see 10 nations coming together in the EU. **A foretaste** of 10 that will arise and come together to give all their power and strength to the beast (the HRE).

BIBLE QUOTE

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. **The 10 nations that covered or partially covered by the HRE are, Holland, Germany, Poland, Czech Rep, Austria, Italy, France, Slovenia, Belgium, Luxemburg**
(Revelation 17:12-13)

Coming weeks are decisive for Iran nuclear deal, Merkel says

Reuters, October 10, 2021



EVENT

The coming weeks are **decisive for the future of the nuclear deal with Iran**, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Sunday, adding that every day that passes without Tehran responding to U.S. overtures **will result in Iran enriching more uranium**. Speaking during a visit to Israel, the outgoing chancellor said that Russian President **Vladimir Putin** and Chinese President **Xi Jinping** also had a responsibility to help to push Iran back to the negotiating table, she said at a joint news conference with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. "I also see a responsibility for **Russia and China** here, since if the JCPOA (nuclear deal) is no longer doing what it's meant to do then that's very difficult, so we are now in very decisive weeks for this deal."

COMMENT

Talks to revive the Iranian nuclear deal are **at a standstill**. US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, said on Wednesday that **the window** for the Islamic Republic to return to the agreement **is closing**. "Time is running short," he said at a joint press conference with the Israeli foreign minister, Yair Lapid. "We are prepared to turn to other options if Iran doesn't change course, and these consultations with our allies and partners are part of it." Earlier on Wednesday, the US special envoy, Robert Malley, said that **Iran is sending daily signals that it may already have rejected a return to talks**. The Bible speaks of Iran in relation to a "treacherous deal". The treachery is exposed when Iran blockades the Persian Gulf. This is all detailed in Isaiah 21. We don't know if the original deal or a new deal is the treacherous one. We watch to see to see what happens. We do know that **great trouble is coming which will impact the entire world**.

BIBLE QUOTE

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. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it
(Isaiah 21:2-3)

Iran launches large-scale air defence military drill

Al-Jazeera, October 12, 2021



EVENT

Iran's army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) have launched a joint military exercise with a focus on air defence that they say will encompass half the country's airspace. The two-day drill, launched in Iran's central desert area in the early hours of Tuesday, was led by the Khatam al-Anbia Air Defence Headquarters. As part of the exercise, which military commanders said aims to closely replicate war, manned and unmanned aerial vehicles and missiles were to be launched against ground targets in order to test the performance of air defence and radar systems. State television broadcast footage that showed several missiles being launched from locally manufactured air defence systems. Iranian officials said on Tuesday that one of the goals of the drill was to demonstrate that Iranian armed forces can defend the "sensitive and vital centres" of the country.

COMMENT

This is the largest air defence exercise Iran has ever conducted. Iran's top general said that the systems taking part were the answer to "Israel's threats." He said that everything used was produced from top to bottom by Iran's military industry and capable of "accurately meeting any threat." Clearly Iran is trying to convey a message that says if the nuclear deal talks break down entirely they are ready to defend themselves. Earlier in October, Iran held a drill near its border with Azerbaijan, putting on a display of military capabilities near a neighbour it is increasingly sceptical of for its ties to the West and Israel. Iran has a big part to play in the coming conflict in the Middle East. It is not only part of Russia's invasion of Israel – but prior to that it is the power behind the inner ring war - Iran controls Israel's nearby enemies eg Hezbollah.

BIBLE QUOTE

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

Russia says Israel used 2 civilian airliners as cover to carry out Syria strike

The Times of Israel, October 16, 2021



EVENT

A Russian general on Thursday said that Syrian air defences did not engage Israeli jets that reportedly carried out a strike in central Syria because **there were two civilian airliners in the air at the time**. A Britain-based war monitor said the alleged Israeli airstrike in central Syria killed nine pro-government fighters, four of them Syrians and five of undetermined nationality. Syrian Rear Admiral Vadim Kulit told the Sputnik news site that the strike was carried out by four Israeli F-16 jets. **“The Syrian military leadership decided not to use air defence systems since at the time of the Israeli aviation attack, two civilian passenger aircraft were in the zone of destruction of the anti-aircraft systems,”** Kulit said. Russia has repeatedly accused Israel of using civilian aircraft as a “shield” against Syrian air defences, **amid lingering anger over a case in 2018**, when the Syrian military shot down a Russian spy plane while responding to an Israeli strike over Syrian airspace.

COMMENT

The first slide in this week’s WWW covered **how Russia on the surface looks to be engaged with Israel and “onside” with them**. However the **tension** between the two countries **is always there**. Russia accused Israel again this week of hiding behind 2 civilian airliners as they struck targets in Syria. This prevented the Assad regime firing at the Israel’s planes or intercepting the missiles. We cannot know if this was the case but the fact Russia accuses Israel of this shows (either way) that **Russia is not happy with Israel** and its ability to attack targets in Syria. Russia is trying to be friends with Israel’s sworn enemies and Israel - at the time same. The Bible says that Russia is not allied to Israel but does side with Israel enemies – and in fact **leads them to war against Israel**.

BIBLE QUOTE

But I will remove far off from you the northern army, [Russia] and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

(Joel 2:20)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2021-10-15 Hamas is increasing its activity in Lebanon and angering Hezbollah - Jerusalem Post

2021-10-12 Iran Unveils Its Own Iron Dome-; Russia Accuses Israel of Syria Airstrikes - YouTube

2021-09-22 U.S. Nuclear Sub Deal & AUKUS Alliance Counter China But Leave France Furious - YouTube

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

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

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

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

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

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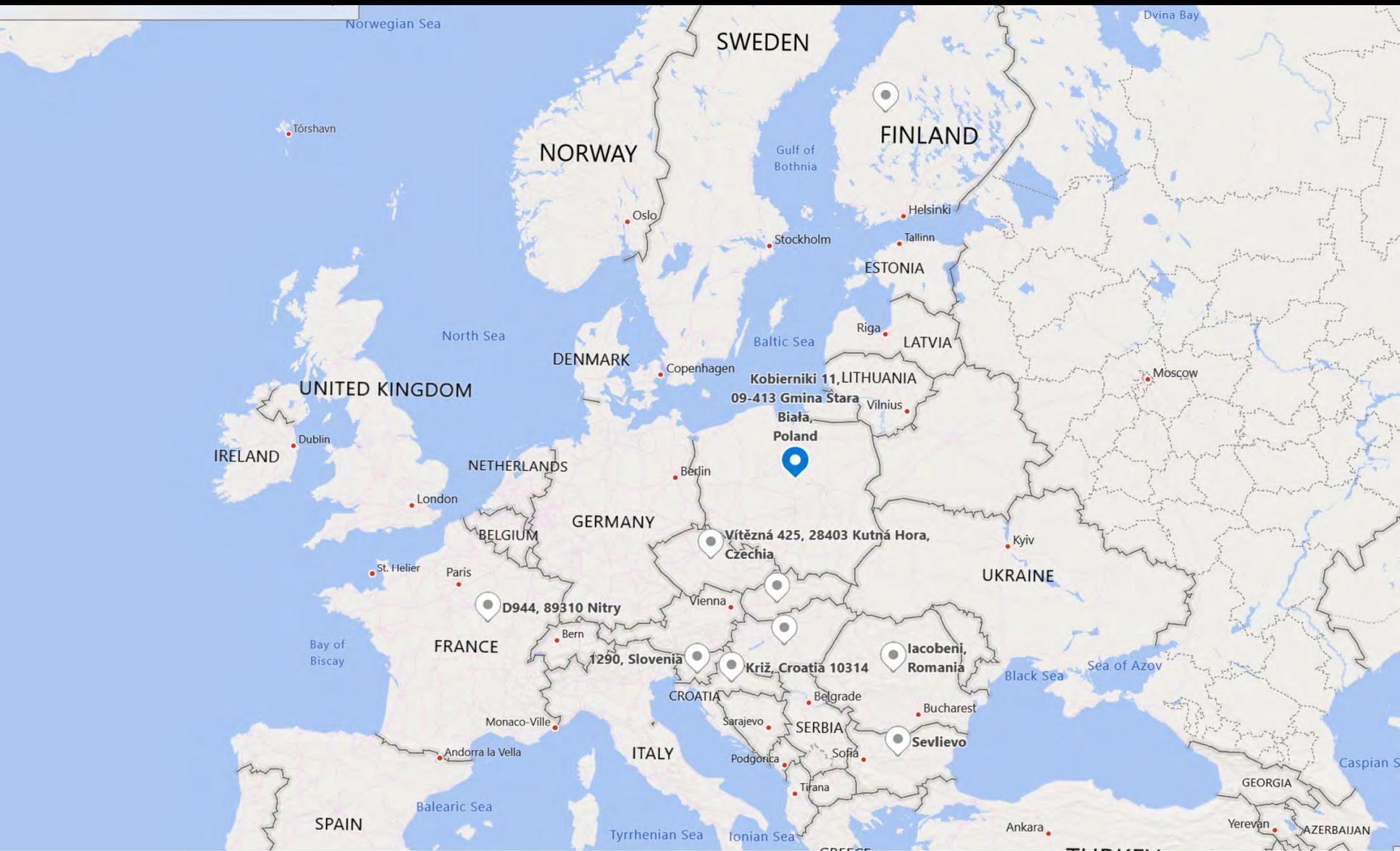
2021-08-06 Israel Ready to STRIKE Iran, Defense Minister Confirms; Raisi Takes Presidency - YouTube 12:18 min

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

2021-08-04 Israel WARNS Iran Over Attacks and Slams EU Appeasement - YouTube 11:15 min

2021-08-03 Israel Vows Response to Iran Drone Attack as U.S. & UK Pledge Support - YouTube 10:32 min

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







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