

# This Week's Developments

July 24 - 30, 2022

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# World entering 'dangerous new age' of threats

Sky News, July 27, 2022



## EVENT

The world is entering a "dangerous new age of proliferation", with threats from genetic weapons, lasers and nuclear warheads, the UK's national security adviser has said. **Sir Stephen Lovegrove raised the spectre of a "collapse into uncontrolled conflict"** unless methods are devised to deter hostilities and impose controls over the spread of ever-more deadly weapons that have become increasingly easy to acquire. In a rare and very frank public speech during a visit to the United States, he warned how mechanisms developed during the Cold War by and between Western allies and the then Soviet Union to prevent either side from triggering a nuclear exchange **were no longer sufficient**. "We should be honest - strategic stability is at risk," Sir Stephen said at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. He described **Russia's war in Ukraine as a manifestation of a much broader contest that is challenging the international order.**

## COMMENT

Analysts see this "dangerous new age" as a battle of values between the West's liberal democracies and the East's authoritarian regimes. In the West there is the EU, UK, US etc. In the East there is Russia, China, N Korea etc. **The Bible tells us there IS going to be a collapse into uncontrolled conflict.** We read in Daniel 12 of a "time of trouble such as never was." Jesus says the same in Matthew 24. In fact in that chapter we are told unless God intervenes **no living thing would survive on earth.** But God does intervene by sending His Son back to the earth. Revelation 16 speaks of the division of the world into east and west. The false promise of equality led to the authoritarian regimes of the east (**dragon**). The false promise of liberty led to the democracies of the west (**beast**).

## BIBLE QUOTE

For there will be greater anguish than at any time since the world began. And it will never be so great again. **In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, not a single person will survive.** But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones.

*(Matthew 24:21-22 NLT)*

# Sanctions are making Russia weaker — but Putin stronger

The Times, July 23, 2022



## EVENT

After Russia invaded Ukraine, the West and its allies imposed a package of sanctions that was **unprecedented in scale and scope**. It is hoped by many in western capitals that applying severe sanctions will at some point **change President Putin's calculus and force him to withdraw**. There was an immediate impact. Assets held abroad by the Russian state and its richest citizens have been frozen. Russia's banking sector is nearly locked out of the western financial system, with only essential transactions permitted. But despite the dramatic changes seen in Russia over the past few months, the country is slowly adjusting to its new circumstances. The attack on Ukraine, and the severe allied response, has caused relations between Moscow and the western alliance to deteriorate to depths not seen since the lowest points of the Cold War. **Putin will continue to do his best to turn sanctions in his favour and use their existence to justify greater repression at home and an even more anti-western policy abroad.**

## COMMENT

This article in the Times newspaper comes to the conclusion that although **sanctions** will make Russia a poorer and in some ways a weaker nation it **won't be enough to remove Putin**. In fact it argues Putin will become even more aggressive in his stance and this will lead to ever greater atrocities. There is no way back for Putin into the mainstream international community and therefore he has nothing to lose from pushing back further to achieve his aims. **He has to stay in power at all costs – if he was removed from power he would face war crimes and end up in jail. All this makes Putin incredibly dangerous.** *If Putin is the Gog predicted to exist at the time of the end, God has given us detail of his character, his land and his exploits that lead to him heading up the invasion of Israel.*

*Italics - ET*

## BIBLE QUOTE

and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (Daniel 8:24-25)

# European gas price rise accelerates as Russia cuts flows

Financial Times, July 27, 2022



## EVENT

European gas prices jumped higher on Wednesday after Russia followed through on its threat to further reduce supplies to the region, increasing the risk the continent could face shortages in the winter months. Gas prices rose as much as 13 per cent on Wednesday as flows on the Nord Stream 1 pipeline were cut to just a fifth of normal capacity. European politicians have accused Russia of weaponizing gas supplies in retaliation for sanctions imposed following the invasion of Ukraine. The key Nord Stream 1 pipeline, which connects Russia with Germany, was first cut to 40 per cent of capacity in June before Moscow threatened to make further cuts this week. Soaring energy prices have stoked a cost of living crisis and boosted costs for industry, threatening to push the region into recession. It has already forced European capitals to take steps to try to protect consumers and industry from runaway prices. But the gas crisis has intensified in recent weeks as Russia has tightened its squeeze on supplies.

## COMMENT

There is a huge energy crisis looming for Europe during winter this year. It is being caused by Putin massively cutting back gas supplies as punishment for the EU's sanctions against Russia for the Ukraine war. The EU has moved to reduce reliance on Russian gas. 40 per cent of it's supplies before the invasion of Ukraine came from Russia. It has also asked members this week to reduce consumption by 15 per cent to help with filling storage sites ahead of the winter. The question is will Russia bring the EU into submission to the point it completely controls the continent. *The Bible indicates that the K of N coalition will represent Nebuchadnezzar's image standing on both its feet at the end time in defiance of Christ and the Saints (the "anti-Christ") coming from Sinai & Bozrah to enter on Jerusalem. That means Europe and the Roman State-Church system coming down on Israel as one to take over the cross-roads of the worlds religions. The part that NG has to play in bringing about this coalition will be interesting to watch.*

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## BIBLE QUOTE

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: At that time evil thoughts will come to your 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 who live in such confidence!  
(Ezekiel 38:10 NLT)

# Russia problems: Israel needs a direct line of contact to Putin - editorial

Jerusalem Post, July 25, 2022



## EVENT

Moscow's decision to **shut down Jewish Agency activities in Russia** was just a matter of time, a predictable response to Israel increasingly backing Ukraine in its war with Russia. Closing Jewish Agency offices in Russia, offices that facilitate those wanting to move to Israel, smells of a first step in **blocking emigration to Israel**, a throwback to a much darker period in Russia that ended with the fall of the Soviet Union in 1989. The question facing Jerusalem now is how to get Russia's policy toward the Jewish Agency changed. **Talking to Russian President Vladimir Putin – is not an option, at least not for current Prime Minister Yair Lapid. Unlike his predecessors Benjamin Netanyahu and even Naftali Bennett, Lapid does not have a direct line to the Kremlin.** Putin never called Lapid to congratulate him on becoming prime minister, apparently **unhappy with the criticism of Russia that Lapid voiced as foreign minister.**

## COMMENT

Israel is currently in a precarious situation with Russia as its current prime minister **Yair Lapid is seen as been very anti Russia's war on Ukraine.** Putin takes more than a dim view on this and has started bringing in anti Jewish laws. Last week Putin ordered the shut down of Jewish Agencies that helped Jews in Russia return to Israel. Lapid has been prime minister for a month, and **he and Putin have not talked even once.** In contrast, Netanyahu had a lot of Putin time during his 12 years in office – on the phone, in person, in Jerusalem, in Moscow. Bennett had phone calls and a visit to Putin's dacha in Sochi just before the Ukraine war began. **The Bible says that Gog will head an invasion of Israel. If Putin is Gog, his turning against Israel can be expected to continue**

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## BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, prophesy against Gog. Give him this message from the Sovereign Lord: I am your enemy, O Gog, ruler of the nations of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you around and drive you toward the mountains of Israel, bringing you from the distant north.

*(Ezekiel 39:1-2)*

# Hezbollah Threatens War With Israel Over Disputed Gas Field

The National Interest, July 27, 2022



## EVENT

Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Lebanon’s Hezbollah militia turned political party, warned that the group would react violently toward Israel if it attempted to begin drilling operations in the Karish offshore gas field, a disputed area between the two countries. “If the Karish oil and gas extraction starts in September, before Lebanon gets its rights, we would be heading for trouble,” Nasrallah said, claiming that the group “would do everything necessary to achieve our goal”—explicitly including the use of force. “No one wants war, and the decision is in Israel’s hands, not ours,” he added. “The president of the United States does not want a war in the region, and that is our opportunity for us to press and achieve our oil.” The Lebanese cleric and political leader also implied that **Hezbollah could launch attacks on Israeli oil and gas fields outside the Karish zone if Israel failed to heed his warnings**, implying that the group’s stockpile of long-range missiles could target Israel’s existing Leviathan and Tamar offshore gas fields, both of which lie within its undisputed exclusive economic zone.

## COMMENT

Israel and Lebanon have technically remained at war since 1948, and both Israelis and those who have visited Israel are forbidden from entering Lebanon. Lebanon does not have domestic oil or gas reserves, and it has historically relied on Syria for its imports. With the sudden interest by the EU in Israel’s gas and oil, Hezbollah (based in Lebanon) have upped the ante by threatening Israel’s new gas field it is about to develop. All this has the potential for conflict between Israel, Hezbollah and Lebanon. *We know Hezbollah plays a large role in Iran's proxy war on Israel, so this potential conflict works perfectly for Iran's purpose and will place Israel & the K of S even more firmly in the cross hairs of Iran's sponsor - Russia, i.e., the K of N.*

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## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon [in Lebanon]; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the LORD, ...And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 28:22-24)

# Monkeypox declared global emergency by World Health Organisation

The Telegraph, July 23, 2022



## EVENT

The World Health Organisation has **declared monkeypox a global health emergency**, signaling a greater global response to an outbreak that has spread to at least 75 countries in just a few weeks. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO's director general, on Saturday took the unprecedented step of overruling a panel of advisers to make the designation. "We have an outbreak that has spread around the world rapidly through new modes of transmission, **about which we understand too little**, and which meets the criteria," he told reporters. However he said it was still **mostly of concern to homosexual men**. "Although I am declaring a public health emergency of international concern, for the moment this is an outbreak that is concentrated among men who have sex with men, especially those with **multiple sexual partners**," he said. "That means that this is an outbreak that can be stopped with the right strategies in the right groups."

## COMMENT

Monkeypox has not caused any deaths in Europe, but the disease is gaining ground. With nearly 17,000 cases worldwide, World Health Organization (WHO) has triggered the highest level of alert on monkeypox on July 23. The main factor of propagation remains the number of sexual partners: **74% of the studied cases reported having had more than two sexual partners in the three weeks before the onset of symptoms**. And it is mainly impacting homosexual men. God has designed our bodies to react badly if they are not used as he intended. **This applies to everything**. And the further we move away from God's rules the more severe our bodies react. Multiple sexual partners often lead to sexual diseases **because we are intended to have only one sexual partner**.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. **Psalm 139:13 says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Fearfully means we have to respect how God has made us and asks us to live** (Romans 1:27 NLT)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-07-29 [Xi Jinping threatens Joe Biden](#) - Gravitass - 8.49 min - YouTube

2022-07-29 [Israel AIRSTRIKES Against Iran in Syria WORKING- Iran Halts Damascus Flights](#) - Watchman - 9.23 min - YouTube

2022-07-27 [Moscow to expel Jewish agency over data theft; Russia declines talks with Israel over the issue](#) - 3.05 min - YouTube

2022-07-26 [Hezbollah Threatens WAR Against Israel Over Natural Gas; BOASTS of Missile Range](#) - Watchman - 9.36 min - YouTube

2022-07-25 [Israel & Russia TENSIONS RISING as Putin Targets Jewish Organizations](#) - Watchman - 11.09 min - YouTube

2022-07-23 Russian missiles hit Ukrainian port city; Russia denies attack on Odessa - World English News - 4.37 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 Russia losing ground in global arms market - Gravitass - 5.13 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 Israel Targets Iran Weapons Depot Near Damascus; Nuclear ENDGAME - 11.57 min - Watchman Newscast - YouTube

2022-07-22 Putin's gas war divides Europe - Gravitass - 6.05 min - YouTube

2022-07-20 [Putin scores a big win against America](#) - Gravitass - 7.55 min - YouTube

2022-07-20 How Europe is sidestepping its own sanctions - Gravitass - 6.47 min - YouTube

2022-07-19 Europe braces for tough winter as Russian gas disrupted - Gravitass - 6.10 min - YouTube

2022-07-14 Rupee's historic plunge, breaches 80 against dollar - Gravitass - 5.37 - YouTube

2022-07-14 Israel & U.S. Sign "Jerusalem Declaration"; MILITARY ACTION Against Iran Coming - Watchman - 11.18 min - YouTube

2022-07-14 Biden will use force against Iran, if needed - Gravitass - 3.58 min - YouTube

Snam Natural Gas Atlas

The Holy Roman Empire- Every State, Every Year - YouTube

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



# 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

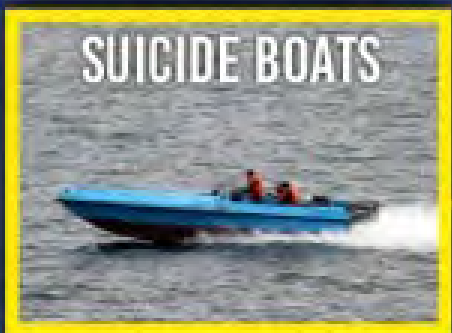


1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

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



# HEZBOLLAH THREATS AGAINST KARISH INFRASTRUCTURE



Lebanon

Beirut  
بيروت

Baabda

Sidon

Tyre  
طبر

Qiryat Shmona

Acre

Haifa

Tiberias

Nazareth