

This Week's Developments

January 30 – February 5, 2021

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Putin's 'staged atrocity' plan to justify Russian invasion of Ukraine

The Times, February 4, 2022



EVENT

The US has accused Russia of planning to stage an atrocity that it can blame on Ukrainian forces **as the pretext for an invasion**. The “false flag” event could include the use of corpses, supposedly of Russians or Russian-speaking victims in Ukraine, as well as actors posing as mourners, the Pentagon said yesterday, with the incident then **used as propaganda to justify** sending the 100,000 Russian troops massed at the border over into Ukraine. John Kirby, the Pentagon spokesman, said yesterday: “We do have information that the Russians are likely to want to fabricate a pretext for an invasion, which is right out of their playbook. One option is a fake attack by Ukrainian military or intelligence forces against Russian sovereign territory or against Russian-speaking people. As part of this fake attack, we believe that **Russia would produce a very graphic propaganda video** which would include corpses and actors that would be depicting mourners and images of destroyed locations as well as military equipment.

COMMENT

The **world is quickly polarizing** as we stand on the **brink of conflict** in eastern Europe. America has started to release classified information about Putin's plans to create a pretext to invade Ukraine. Last week the UK published similar claims that Putin will stage atrocities in Ukraine as an excuse for war. This week the US has said the same. The Bible says that Gog (Russian ruler / Putin) is a man of deception. He has used this kind of tactic before and so it is **likely he will do so again**. Think of the deception of sending his troops “in disguise” when he annexed Crimea. On the other hand Russia is forging an **ever closer alliance with China**. They have both agreed to stand against NATO's expansion and do whatever they can to bypass any sanctions...

BIBLE QUOTE

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. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the Prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power. *(Daniel 8:24-25 NIV)*

RAF jets in Russia warplane alert for second day

The Times, February 3, 2022



EVENT

RAF fighter jets were scrambled to escort Russian aircraft flying on the fringes of UK airspace for the second day in a row. Two Typhoons took off from RAF Lossiemouth in Moray along with a Voyager air-to-air refueling tanker based at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. An RAF source suggested that the Russian action was part of a wider pattern of behaviour linked to spiralling tensions with Ukraine. A source said: “Is this Putin flexing his muscles? You could speculate this is the case. He’s not just doing stuff in Ukraine, he is doing stuff in Belarus and this is just one part of his armed forces.” They questioned whether this was Putin trying to make a point so that he was “taken seriously”. The source said the activity was “slightly more unusual than normal”, adding: “We don’t normally get two within two days. We will robustly police our airspace.” The RAF is expecting further similar operations from the Russians in the coming weeks and the wider military is bracing for cyberattacks used as an attempt to sow confusion and limit the UK’s response to a possible invasion of Ukraine.

COMMENT

Russia sees NATO as pushing against its own borders and therefore it pushes back by sending planes and submarines into the West’s own backyard. There has been a sort of Cold War between Britain and Russia going all the way back to the 1800’s. And so although NATO is a group of many nations Russia often pushes directly at the UK. In fact only last month the UK declared Russia as its No1 enemy. Recently the head of Britain’s armed forces warned that Russian submarines were threatening a crucial network of underwater cables that carry information around the world. All this is the Bible’s king of the north (Russia) v king of the south (US/UK etc) recorded in Daniel 11.

BIBLE QUOTE

“At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood.

(Daniel 11:40 NIV)

US bolsters Europe with 3,000 extra troops

The Times, February 2, 2022



EVENT

The US is deploying an extra 3,000 troops to Germany, Poland and Romania amid fears about President Putin's intentions as he continues to amass Russian forces around Ukraine. In his delayed phone call with the Russian president on Wednesday, Boris Johnson urged Putin to stop the "current hostile activity on the Ukrainian border". He warned that any Russian incursion would be a "tragic miscalculation", adding that Ukraine — like all European democracies — has the right to "aspire to Nato membership", according to a Downing Street spokesman. "The leaders agreed that aggravation was in no one's interest." The US troops are in addition to 8,500 put on standby last week. The Pentagon said they were requested by Poland and Romania, both of which have long borders with Ukraine, reflecting nervousness over Russia's build-up amid no clear intelligence of President Putin's plans.

COMMENT

The United States and Russia have both said they have no interest in fighting a war over Ukraine, yet the two nations have spent the past several weeks building up military forces and inching them closer together on the European continent. The Biden Administration had initially relied on diplomacy to resolve the deteriorating situation, but the lack of progress—and continued build-up of Russian forces—has prompted the U.S. to draw up more aggressive strategies to deter Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) will push at Gog (the king of verse 36-39 in Daniel 11). The word "push" is the Hebrew word "gore" – as in a horned animal like a goat or ram goring someone. If a goat was to "gore" you it would be extremely painful. But probably not life threatening. For this reason we see the push or the goring as a military provocation. The US sending its forces is part of the push against Putin.

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)

US warship and fighter jets sent to UAE after Houthi missile attacks

The Times, February 3, 2022



EVENT

The Biden administration is sending an additional warship and more fighter jets to the Gulf to help defend the United Arab Emirates in the face of missile attacks from Yemen's Houthi rebels. The UAE shot down three hostile drones that penetrated UAE airspace yesterday, the UAE's ministry of defence announced today, in the fourth attack since January 17. The interception was "away from populated areas" and happened at dawn, according to Emirati officials. The USS Cole, a guided missile destroyer, would be sent to "partner with the UAE navy", the American defence secretary, Lloyd Austin, said. He also announced "fifth generation" fighter jets, a category that includes the latest F-22 and F-35 models, would be deployed to the Gulf state, most likely at Abu Dhabi's Al Dhafra airbase.

COMMENT

There are a number of interesting things happening here. First of all the US is militarily supporting the UAE. The UAE is one of the small Gulf Arab states on the Arabian peninsula. This is the exact area of Sheba and Dedan in the Bible. Sheba and Dedan we are told are allied to Tarshish and the young lions. Tarshish is Britain (the old lion) and the young lions are offspring of Britain – i.e. other English speaking nations. The reason they are not named in Ezekiel 38 is simply because these nations had not been developed at the time Ezekiel wrote. So the US supporting the UAE is part of Ezekiel 38:13 being fulfilled. The Houthi's (attacking the UAE) are one of Iran's proxy armies. Iran is attacking the UAE through its proxy army the Houthis to warn the US that it can destabilise the region if it doesn't get its way over the nuclear deal....See Isaiah 21.

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. Elam / Media are areas of Iran. Iran will rise up and besiege.

(Isaiah 21:2)

Israel participates in huge U.S. Mideast naval exercise alongside Saudi, Oman

Reuters, February 2, 2022



EVENT

Israel is taking part in a huge U.S.- led naval exercise in the Middle East, for the first time **publicly joining Saudi Arabia and Oman**, two countries it has no diplomatic relations with despite its normalization of ties with some Gulf states. The International Maritime Exercise 2022 (IMX 22) **includes around 60 countries** and comes amid heightened Gulf tensions after missile attacks on the United Arab Emirates by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement, including a foiled attack aimed at a base hosting U.S. forces. Israel normalised relations with Gulf states the UAE and Bahrain in 2020, brought together by shared worries about Iran, and first held a joint naval drill with those two countries in November. **But this is the first time Israel has participated in an IMX exercise, and publicly alongside Saudi Arabia** with which it has no diplomatic ties. Bahrain hosts the U.S. Navy Fifth Fleet's headquarters as well as some operations for CENTCOM.

COMMENT

Israel has become increasingly close with the Gulf Arab states. In 2020, Israel and the UAE and Bahrain signed the Abraham Accords. These agreements were to normalise relations between these nations. One might ask why Arab nations are signing normalization agreements with Israel – surely they are enemies? The reason is this – **they all have one greater shared enemy – Iran**. They realise they have to come together to counter Iran's growing malign influence in the region. On Thursday, the Israeli defence minister visited the kingdom of Bahrain to sign a security cooperation agreement, the **first between Israel and a Gulf nation**. This defence agreement enhances the Abraham Accords signed in 2020. The Bible says that Dedan (the exact area of Bahrain) will be onside with Israel when Russia and Iran invade 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)

Amnesty report on 'apartheid' against Palestinians

The Guardian, February 1, 2022



EVENT Amnesty International has joined other leading human rights groups in stating that Israel's "system of oppression and domination" over the Palestinians amounts to the international definition of apartheid. The report immediately prompted fury among Israeli politicians who called for it to be withdrawn. Among them was Israel's foreign minister, Yair Lapid, who rejected the report as "divorced from reality", saying: "Amnesty quotes lies spread by terrorist organisations." Lapid also accused Amnesty of antisemitism. "I hate to use the argument that if Israel were not a Jewish state, nobody in Amnesty would dare argue against it, but in this case, there is no other possibility," Lapid said. The report was welcomed, however, by the Palestinian Authority, which said it hoped it would open the way to prosecution of Israel at the international criminal court.

COMMENT Israel is currently surrounded by what the Bible calls "pricking briars". People that call for (and plot to bring about) the destruction of the nation of Israel. The people include many Palestinians, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and more. They fire indiscriminate rockets at Israel and dig tunnels to launch raids against Israel. Israel rejects any allegation of apartheid and insists that its own Arab citizens enjoy equal rights. But what does God make of this situation? God says it is He that has brought Israel back to the land that he originally gave them. It is not Palestinian land therefore. There is no such thing as a Palestinian State. They claim that east Jerusalem is theirs. But it isn't. Jerusalem is the undivided capital of Israel. This report adds to the anti Semitism around the world. Nations will soon gather to Jerusalem to battle – Jesus will then return...

BIBLE QUOTE 4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

(Joel 3:4)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-02-05 **Biden REMOVES Sanctions on Iran Nuclear Program-** Watchman - 12.54 min - YouTube

2022-02-04 **China & Russia Anti-Western Alliance Grows as Putin & Xi Meet in Beijing** - Watchman - 13.56 min - YouTube

2022-02-03 **ISIS Leader KILLED in U.S. Special Ops Raid; U.S. Forces Headed to UAE** - Watchman 8.27 min - YouTube

2022-02-03 **US claims Russia could use a propaganda video as pretext to invade Ukraine-** World News - WION 5.27 min - YouTube

2022-02-02 **Israel's new way to intercept missiles- Laser wall to be new generation of air defence** - WION - 2.39 min - YouTube

2022-02-01 **Israel Sharing Iron Dome Technology w- Arab Nation- Joins MASSIVE US Naval Drill** - Watchman - 9.56 min - YouTube

2022-01-28 Rocket Attack Near U.S. Base in Iraq; Iran Proxy Groups Growing Bolder - Watchman 8.28 min - YouTube

2022-01-28 Wuhan scientists flag deadlier coronavirus – Gravitas - 4.00 min YouTube

2022-01-28 Has Putin overplayed his hand – Gravitas - 4.52 min - YouTube

2022-01-25 Will America go to war for Ukraine - Gravitas - 5.52 min - YouTube

2022-01-24 Russian & Syrian Fighter Jets Patrol Near Israel's Golan Heights + Ukraine Update - Watchman - 8.37 min - YouTube

2022-01-22 NATO to hold major naval drills in the Mediterranean Sea - DW News Article

2022-01-21 Yemeni Rebels Say Saudi-Led Airstrike on Prison Killed 70 - World News - US News Article

2022-01-21 USS Harry S. Truman strike group to participate in NATO exercise - Stars and Stripes - Article

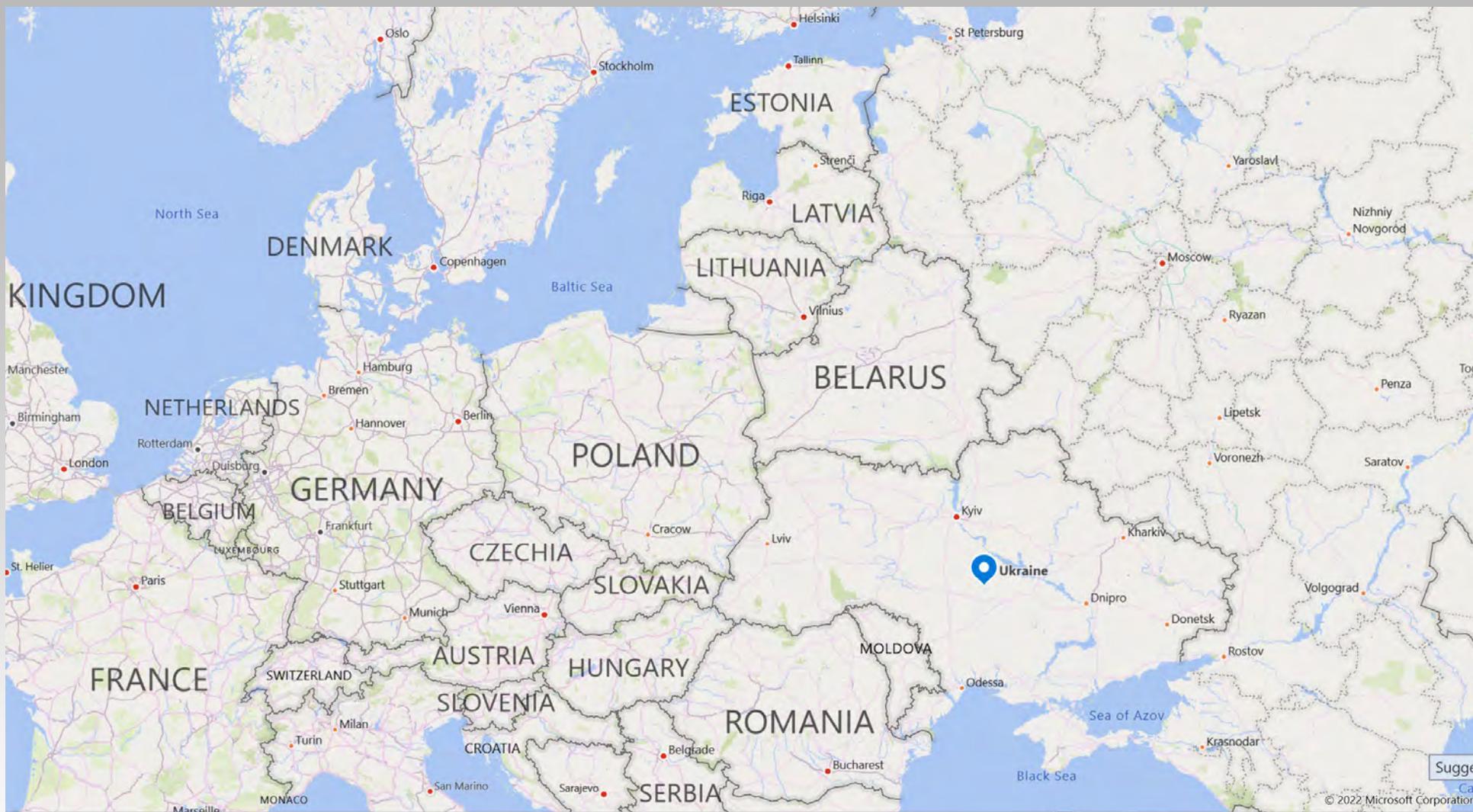
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2022-01-21 Iran, China & Russia Conduct Joint Naval Drill; Message to Israel & U.S. - Watchman - 8.29 min - YouTube

2022-01-18 Israel Tests Arrow Missile Defense System; Vows to Support UAE Against Iran Axis – Watchman -11.17 min - YouTube

2022-01-15 United States accuses Russia of sending saboteurs to invade Ukraine - Wion - 2.30 min YouTube





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

