

# This Week's Developments

October 25 - 31, 2020

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# Russia hints it could send troops to Belarus to 'counter Nato forces'

The Times, October 28, 2020



## EVENT

Russia has hinted that it could deploy troops to Belarus to counter what it said was a build-up of Nato forces on its ally's western borders, amid an alleged plot by western states to topple President Lukashenko. Sergei Shoigu, the Russian defence minister, said the situation on Belarus's borders with Poland and Lithuania, both Nato member states, was "turbulent" and that Nato "continues to build up its forward presence". Nato has staged two military exercises in Poland and the Baltic Sea this year but insists it poses no threat to Belarus and denies a military build-up in the region. Mr Shoigu, 65, accused western countries of providing financial and political backing to protesters in Belarus in an attempt to disrupt the deeper integration of the former Soviet state with Russia. The countries have formed the largely symbolic Union State of Russia and Belarus since 1999.

## COMMENT

Protests have swept Belarus since August when Mr Lukashenko claimed to have secured a sixth successive term at elections. The opposition and western countries said the elections were rigged. Mr Putin has previously said that Russia will deploy forces to Belarus if the protests "get out of control". Those hints have grown stronger this week. On Tuesday Putin achieved a major milestone in his pressure campaign to subordinate Belarus' military to Russia. The Russian Defence Minister and Belarusian Defence Minister announced a common military doctrine. Belarus is another country (like Ukraine) which is on the east / west divide of Europe. With the EU on the one side (backed by NATO) and Russia on the other. The east / west divide exists when Christ returns. Revelation describes that as the Dragon (Russia) and the Beast (EU)...

## BIBLE QUOTE

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. *(Revelation 16:13-14)*

# Erdogan dismisses US threats over S-400 deployment

RT, October 25, 2020



## EVENT

Turkey is not a “tribal state” that can be pushed around, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said, dismissing the American warnings over its procurement of Russian-made S-400 anti-aircraft systems. Ankara will see through the deployment of its S-400 systems, which will not be disrupted by any threats or sanctions, Erdogan made clear, speaking in the eastern Turkish city of Malatya on Sunday. The Turkish leader even dared Washington to go ahead and introduce any S-400-related sanctions it might be planning. **Erdogan’s tirade comes in response to recent remarks by the Pentagon, which, on Friday, blasted Turkey’s tests of the Russian-made systems.** The US Department of Defence said it condemned the tests “in the strongest possible terms,” warning that Ankara’s activities might yield “serious consequences for our security relationship.”

## COMMENT

When Turkey announced it was buying the Russian S-400 defence missiles it caused a major issue in US-Turkey relations. The system is supposed to be fully operational at the end of this year. The controversial procurement has resulted in Turkey’s exclusion from America’s F-35 fighter jet program, and the country has been threatened with additional restrictions. Turkey is a member of NATO and supposedly onside with the West but the purchase of these Russian missiles that could shoot down US planes is possibly the straw that breaks the camels back. The Bible says that Turkey will NOT be allied to the West but allied to the East – to Russia. Turkey is Togarmah and which is a nation mentioned as being north of Israel who invades Israel in the latter days....

## BIBLE QUOTE

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 company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters

(Ezekiel 38:4-6)

# Hizballah mobilizes reservists to counter Israel's military drill

Debkafile, October 27, 2020



**EVENT** The Iran-backed Lebanese Hizballah has reportedly mobilized extra reservists on the southern Lebanese border in response to the large-scale five-day military exercise Israel launched on Sunday, Oct. 25. On a visit to the North, Defence Minister Benny Gantz warned on Monday, "If Hizballah attacks Israel, Lebanon will in the end pay the price, and we're prepared for a moment that I hope will not come." The exercise "Deadly Arrow" simulates a war with Hizballah in which Israeli forces break through to southern Lebanon to win the day. The local Daily Star reported that Hizballah had acted "as a precaution in case the drill was a ploy to launch a limited attack" on its border strongholds. Gantz went on to comment more optimistically "I also hear positive voices in Lebanon that are even talking about peace with Israel, who are implementing processes with us like shaping the maritime border," he said, referring to the US-brokered talks for resolving the dispute over the sea border which that runs through rich energy deposits.

**COMMENT** Since July, Israel's northern front has been on a state of preparedness after Hizballah vowed to avenge the death of one of its fighters in an Israeli air strike over Syria. Hizballah is a powerful political force in Beirut. The terrorist group is part of an Iranian-led "resistance front" which is committed to Israel's destruction. It is backed by a vast arsenal of some 150,000 missiles largely kept underground. Also this week two covert Iranian nuclear arms development sites were revealed by opposition leaders in Washington. Psalm 83 speaks of the inhabitants of Tyre (Hezbollah) collaborating with other enemies of Israel (like the Palestinians, Hamas etc) to destroy Israel. They are helped by an outside powerful nation – Assur – this could well be Iran...

**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 also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

*Psalm 83:5-8)*

# Fears of transition 'chaos' if Biden defeats Trump

The Times, October 31, 2020



## EVENT

The transition between election and inauguration is a quirk of American politics: the more than two-month gap is particularly long. Donald Trump said on the campaign that he wants a “smooth, beautiful transition” after Election Day, but he offered an ambiguous follow-up caveat: “But it’s got to be an honest vote.” For months, the US president — who on Tuesday will battle Joe Biden at the polls to win another four years in the White House — has planted seeds of doubt about the legitimacy of the election. The Republican incumbent has questioned the validity of mail-in ballots, demurred on whether he will accept the results if he loses to the veteran Democrat, and been vague about what a transition to his rival would look like. After a campaign marked by its unrelenting nastiness, and amid a health crisis of a magnitude never before seen in modern times, what would a transition from Trump to Biden look like? In the words of Martin Anderson, author of “The Reagan Legacy,” it’s a time of “delicious chaos.”

## COMMENT

The leader of the most powerful nation on earth will be elected next week. We don’t know who God has planned to take the helm of this “young lion”. There are many who believe that we could see total chaos if the election is close. Normally the losing party concedes to the victor – but Trump himself has said he might not do this. We have all heard about “fake news” – we might be soon hearing about a “fake election”. If Trump fails to concede many predict rioting will ensue. Even if Trump wins there could be trouble. This is speculation but this “superpower” could be on the verge of being weakened even further than it has this year – with COVID19 taking its toll and the rioting and extreme weather. The time of trouble such as never was could be at hand.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.  
(Daniel 12:1)

# Tsunami hits Turkey after magnitude 7 earthquake

BBC, October 24, 2020



## EVENT

The streets of a Turkish city are underwater after a deadly earthquake triggered a small tsunami. There is heavy flooding in Izmir following a 7.0 magnitude quake that killed at least 19 people and left hundreds injured. Videos on social media show household items, including refrigerators, chairs and tables floating down the streets, as well as cars piled up. Ismail Yetiskin, mayor of Izmir's Seferihisar district, said sea levels rose as a result of the earthquake. 'There seems to be a small tsunami,' he told broadcaster NTV. Huseyin Alan, head of Turkey's Chamber of Geological Engineers, confirmed the quake triggered a small-scale tsunami in the Seferihisar district. He warned people to stay away from buildings amid fears more could collapse. One of those who died in Turkey had drowned, according to the country's disaster management authority. Two teenagers were also found dead on the Greek island of Samos, where a tsunami warning was also issued following the impact of the quake.

## COMMENT

An earthquake struck yesterday in the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey. The quake was felt in the capitals of both countries - Athens and Istanbul. The shallow tremor triggered a mini-tsunami that flooded Izmir and Samos. At least 20 buildings collapsed in Turkey. There is currently a dangerous standoff between these 2 countries who are both looking for oil and gas in the Aegean Sea. Last week Greece's navy issued an orange alert to its battleships in response to Turkey's growing aggression. And so we see political earthquake at the same time as physical earthquake. Jesus said that nation would rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and great earthquakes shall be in divers places. We see all this happening before our eyes...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

(Luke 21:10-11)

# World is facing insane danger greater than Covid-19

CNN, October 28 2020



## EVENT

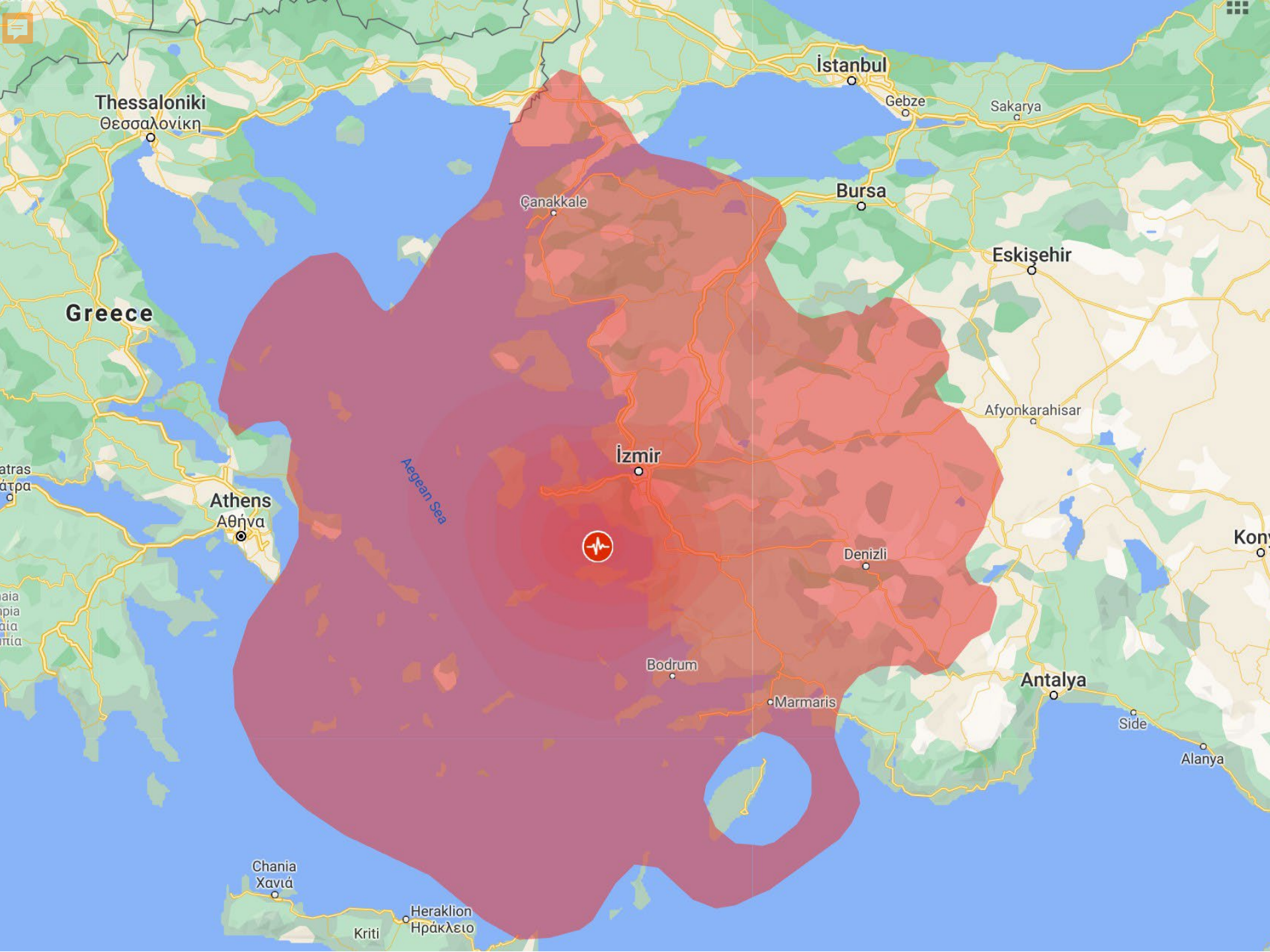
Honduras just became the 50th nation to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) on Saturday. The accord has now met the required threshold to enter into force in 90 days -- on January 22. This event marks the first time since Hiroshima that the simple possession of nuclear weapons will be deemed a crime under international law -- though it is not binding on nations who do not sign it. The treaty's entry into force could not be timelier. The President of the United States has the ability to launch a nuclear attack on his own authority, without requiring the authorization of Congress, the Cabinet, the vice president or the Joint Chiefs. It is hard to imagine a more perfect example of the insane danger that we continue to live with as long as we maintain massive arsenals of nuclear weapons. Even a healthy person, possessed of sound judgment, should not have the ability to launch these terrible weapons. The consequences are simply too great, and people are, well ... human.

## COMMENT

It seems incredible that one man can have ability to launch a nuclear attack. The president of the US can do this – and so can the president of Russia. As the article above says this is a "perfect example of insane danger." Studies over the last decade have shown that even a limited nuclear war, involving less than one or two percent of the world's nuclear arsenal, would kill tens of millions directly. Even worse, it would cause worldwide climate disruption and famine putting billions of people at risk. It is very possible these weapons may be used in the time of trouble such as never was – only the physical return of Christ will restore the earth and bring it back to sanity.

## BIBLE QUOTE

This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead. ....Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyed much good.  
(Ecclesiastes 9:3+18)



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Θεσσαλονίκη

Istanbul

Gebze

Sakarya

Çanakkale

Bursa

Eskişehir

Greece

Afyonkarahisar

Athens  
Αθήνα

Aegean Sea

Izmir

Denizli

Konya

Bodrum

Marmaris

Antalya

Side

Alanya

Chania  
Χανιά

Kriti

Heraklion  
Ηράκλειο



## **ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES**

**2020-10-30 DebkaFile** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

For Vladimir Putin, the great global troublemaker, problems are mounting closer to home - The Independent