

This Week's Developments

August 14 - 20, 2022

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Israeli strikes hit Iranian targets near Russia's Mediterranean bases

Reuters, August 14, 2022



EVENT

Israel hit Iranian targets in a series of strikes on Sunday near the ancestral home region of Syrian President Bashar al Assad, and close to Russia's main Syrian bases on the Mediterranean coast, regional intelligence and Syrian military sources said. The Syrian army earlier said three servicemen were killed and three were wounded in two simultaneous Israeli attacks south of the province of Tartous, and another on the capital of Damascus. It gave no details of the specific locations. The strikes on the northeastern outskirts of Damascus hit outposts run by Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hezbollah group, two Syrian military defectors familiar with the region said. Israel has staged hundreds of strikes against alleged Iranian targets in recent years, but has mostly avoided hitting the coastal provinces where Russia's main military assets are concentrated.

COMMENT

It was back in September 2015 when Russia entered the Syrian war. It began with airstrikes and has ended up with Russian bases in Syria with thousands of permanent troops stationed there. By the end of September 2017 Russia had conducted 19,160 combat missions and delivered 71,000 strikes on so-called terrorists. At the same time Iran also (working with Russia) sent many of its fighters to Syria as well. Israel would not tolerate this and so began attacking Iranian militia in Syria – whilst at the same time trying to avoid getting too close to Russian bases. However, as time has gone on Israel has struck closer and closer Russian bases where Iran's forces tend to take shelter. The Bible says that original king of the north was based in Syria. It also says the king of the north at the time of the end is Russia based in Syria. We see this happening now.

BIBLE QUOTE

"And at the time of the end ...the king of the north shall come against him [Constantinople / Istanbul – i.e. the "Dragon" power] 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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:

- Dan 11:40,41

Iran nuclear deal ‘imminent’ with crippling sanctions removed

Al Jazeera, August 19, 2022



EVENT

A European proposal to revive the nuclear agreement between Western countries and Iran is imminent and includes the release of billions of dollars in frozen Iranian funds and oil exports in return for the scaling back of its nuclear programme. The new deal will be carried out in four phases over two 60-day periods, sources with knowledge of the proposed agreement. Iran recently voiced optimism about an agreement on a renewed version of the 2015 nuclear deal with the United States and other foreign powers, formally called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Iran's negotiating team adviser Mohammad Marandi said earlier this week “we’re closer than we’ve been before” to securing a deal and the “remaining issues are not very difficult to resolve”. The European Union’s “final text” proposal for the accord, submitted last week, was approved by the US, which says it is ready to quickly seal the agreement if Iran accepts it.

COMMENT

There are still some sticking points but slowly and surely these talks are edging forward towards a compromise deal between Iran and the US. This deal is effectively all about giving Iran billions of dollars in exchange for not producing a nuclear weapon. A deal was originally done by President Obama but President Trump pulled out of it. President Biden wants to revive it (he was Vice President to Obama at the time the original deal was done.) So why is this deal so interesting? In Isaiah 21 we read of Iran making a treacherous deal. This treacherous deal is in a latter day context. Following this treacherous deal Iran then besieges the Persian Gulf we are told. 18% of the world’s total oil supply flows through the Persian Gulf. Isaiah who sees this vision is so distraught he collapses to the ground. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch factual video about this...

BIBLE QUOTE

The burden of the desert of the sea [Persian Gulf]. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land. A grievous vision is declared unto me; **the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously**, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam [South West Iran by Persian Gulf] : besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. (*Isaiah 21:1-2*)

Hezbollah leader says Iran deal won't stop attacks on Israel

Jerusalem Post, August 19, 2022



EVENT

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said on Friday that ongoing negotiations between world powers regarding the potential return to a nuclear agreement with Iran would not prevent Hezbollah from pressing its demands regarding Lebanon's "rights" in a maritime deal off the coast. In essence, he is reserving the right for Hezbollah to take over Lebanon's foreign policy and continue to threaten Israel and thus veto any chance of calm and peace in the region. The reason Hezbollah's leader made these comments is that he is concerned that some will believe there is a quid pro quo for a return to the Iran deal. If the western countries come to an agreement with Iran, it could be linked to Hezbollah. This is because Hezbollah is a powerful ally and proxy of Iran. The recent flare-up in the confrontation between Israel and Palestinian Islamic Jihad is also an example of this proxy phenomenon, where Iran negotiates with one hand and uses another hand to stir up tension and violence.

COMMENT

The problem with the Iran deal (if it happens) is not just Iran's treachery around the actual deal it is also the fact that the deal does not touch on Iran's proxy armies in the Middle East. Iran controls, funds and activates the likes of Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and the Palestinians in general. This is why the Hezbollah leader (with 150,000 rockets pointed at Israel) has said this week that any deal with Iran will not deter their goals against Israel. One scenario is that after an Iran deal, Israel retaliates against Iran. But Iran strikes back through its proxy forces around Israel – which leads to Psalm 83 being fulfilled as Israel removes all the pricking briers around it. This in turn leaves Iran to join with Russia in the outer ring war of nations that invade Israel.....

BIBLE QUOTE

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, ... They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

(Psalm 83:1-4)

Russia says nuclear weapons use possible only in 'emergency circumstances'

Reuters, August 18, 2022



EVENT

Russia's foreign ministry said on Thursday that Moscow would only use its nuclear arsenal in "emergency circumstances" and that it has no interest in a direct confrontation with NATO and the United States. Russia's defence minister had said on Tuesday that Moscow has "no need" to use nuclear weapons during its military campaign in Ukraine, describing media speculation that Moscow might deploy nuclear or chemical weapons in the conflict as "absolute lies". Speaking at a briefing on Thursday, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ivan Nechaev said nuclear weapons would be used solely as a "response" measure. "Russian military doctrine allows a nuclear response only in response to the threat of mass destruction, or when the very existence of the state is threatened," he said. "That is, the use of a nuclear arsenal is possible only as part of a response to an attack in self-defence and only in emergencies."

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BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **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.** (Ezekiel 8:23-25 NLT)

Israel and Germany condemn Palestinian leader's '50 Holocausts' claim

BBC, August 18, 2022



EVENT

Israeli and German leaders have expressed outrage after **the Palestinian president accused Israel of committing "50 Holocausts" against his people**. Mahmoud Abbas made the claim during a news conference with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin on Tuesday. Mr Scholz said nothing at the time, but later called the president's comments "intolerable and unacceptable". Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid said Mr Abbas's accusation was "not only a moral disgrace, but a monstrous lie". "Six million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, including one and a half million Jewish children," he tweeted. "History will never forgive him." Following the criticism, Mr Abbas reaffirmed in a statement that "the Holocaust is the most heinous crime in modern human history". Mr Abbas travelled to Berlin with the aim of winning Germany's support for a bid by the Palestinians to join the United Nations as a full member state and asking it to help restart long-stalled peace talks with the Israelis. See [Abbas; Jews Leaving Russia](#)

COMMENT

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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. **These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.** (Revelation 17:12-14)

Weather tracker: regions across world still reeling from an extreme July

The Guardian, August 9, 2022



EVENT

Central US states are still reeling from a week of extreme flooding events in the final days of July. Initially, the extreme rainfall into St Louis gave a quarter of the normal annual rainfall in just 12 hours, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). A few days later, in eastern Kentucky, at least 10-12 inches (about 25-30cm) fell in the space of a few days, causing devastating flooding in the Appalachian region of the state. Farther north, in Canada, a hailstone thought to be the largest ever measured in the country was found on Monday. In a severe storm near Innisfail, between Calgary and Edmonton in Alberta, the hailstone had a diameter of more than 12cm and a weight of just over 300g. Following a July marked by extreme heat, exceptional lack of rain and several wildfires, the drought situation in France is becoming increasingly grave. It was the driest month recorded in the country since March 1961. See [Europe](#); [US](#); [China](#)

COMMENT

Extreme weather is impacting the world at this time. Floods, fires and storms brought chaos and destruction across the world on Thursday and Friday (August 18-19) in two days of extreme weather. While the West swelters in record breaking heat, the East is suffering from extreme storms and floods. Torrential rain hit parts of New Zealand for a fourth day on Friday, forcing hundreds of people from their homes as rivers overflowed their banks. The earth is groaning under the weight of a godless population. We know there is a direct connection between sin and the physical world around us. This was established when God cursed Adam because he had sinned by not only cursing him but also cursing the GROUND. Only the return of Jesus will remove both curses....

BIBLE QUOTE

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake**; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Ground refers to the land and the entire earth. We all live under that curse.** In Revelation 22:3 the curse is removed.... **(Genesis 3:17)**

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

TV-7 Israel News

Watchman Newscast

2022-08-20 Iran drops 'red line' demand for nuclear deal; US firm on keeping IRGC on terrorist list - WION - 1.47 min - YouTube

2022-08-20 Is Ukraine ready for another Chernobyl-like catastrophe- - Latest International News - WION - 7.45 min - YouTube

2022-08-19 Why factories in China are shutting down - Gravitas - 5.07 min - YouTube

2022-08-18 Israel AIRSTRIKES in Yemen - Plus, Why Israeli Christians Are Joining the IDF - Watchman - 8.47 min - YouTube

2022-08-18 Israel, Turkey to restore full diplomatic ties - Latest English News – Fineprint - WION World News - 3.21 - YouTube

2022-08-18 Extreme weather- Farmers destroy their own crops in America - Gravitas - 4.54 min - YouTube

2022-08-17 Palestine President compares Israeli action to holocaust - Gravitas - 5.09 YouTube

2022-08-17 Mass exodus of Russian Jews amid Ukraine war - i24 News - 4.28 min - YouTube

2022-08-15 Israel AIRSTRIKES Hit Iranian Targets Near Russian Base; Message to Moscow- - Watchman - 10.25 min - YouTube

2022-08-12 Israel-Russia Tensions SURGE as Iran Trains Kremlin on Advanced Drones - Watchman - 9.17 min - YouTube

2022-08-11 Threat of nuke disaster- Russian forces fire 80 rockets from nuclear plant site - Gravitas- 7.45 min - YouTube

2022-08-11 Europe faces worst drought in 500 years - Gravitas - 5,59 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 BREAKING- Israel Operation Eliminates ALL Senior Islamic Jihad Leaders in Gaza - Watchman - 9.59 min - YouTube

2022-08-07 LIVE Israel's #IronDome defending #Israel against #rockets from Gaza. - By Jerusalem Dateline - 6.15 min - Facebook

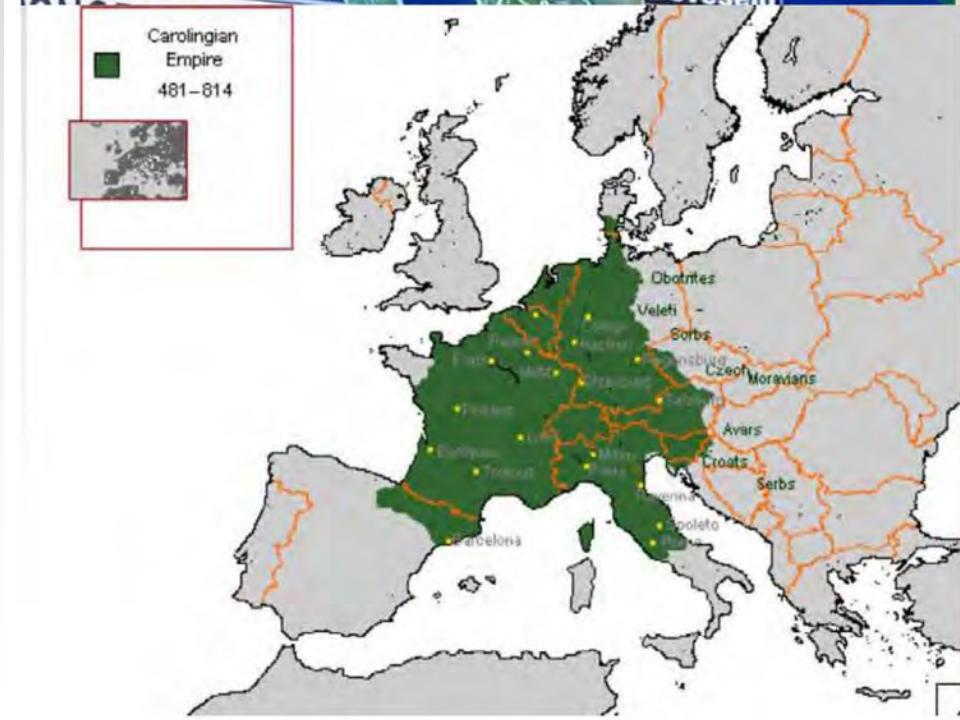
2022-08-06 Israel TARGETED by HUNDREDS of Islamic Jihad Rockets; Tel Aviv in Range - Watchman - 9.59 min - YouTube

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

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NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



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

