

# This Week's Developments

November 7 - 13, 2021

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# Russian bombers fly over Belarus as border crisis deepens

The Times, November 10, 2021



## EVENT

Russian strategic bombers carried out flights over Belarus today in a show of support for President Lukashenko as a stand-off over thousands of migrants continued on the country's border with Poland. The two Tu-22M3 bombers were flown in a test of Belarus and Russia's joint air defences, the Russian defence ministry said. The Russian foreign ministry warned the European Union against provoking Lukashenko with further sanctions, after Poland and its neighbours accused him of deliberately sending people from the Middle East, Asia and Africa to illegally cross their borders. Dozens of migrants were arrested last night after they breached the security fence between the two countries, despite the presence of 15,000 Polish soldiers sent to reinforce the area. European leaders and Nato warned of the risk of "serious conflict" resulting from the stand-off.

## COMMENT

Belarus was once part of the USSR. Russia has historically always considered Belarus to be Russian territory. Belarus is under EU sanctions so to retaliate President Lukashenko is allowing asylum seekers from the Middle East into his country by the thousands and then funnelling them westward toward Poland and the EU. Germany and Poland have accused President Putin of working with Belarus to escalate the humanitarian crisis on the European Union's eastern flank. On Friday, Putin sent 250 Russian paratroopers to Belarus into the region next to Poland. Putin delights in Western disorder and wants to pay back the West for its invasions of Iraq and Libya. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream he saw an image with iron legs. The 2 legs represent how the Roman empire split into east and west. Belarus is on the border of this division....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom;

(Daniel 2:40-41 NIV)

# British troops deployed to Polish border as tensions with Russia rise

The Times, November 12, 2021



## EVENT

**British troops have been deployed to Poland's border with Belarus as tensions escalate over a migrant crisis.** Mariusz Blaszczak, the Polish defence minister, said that British Royal Engineers had been sent on a "reconnaissance" exercise with Nato allies amid a standoff between Minsk and Warsaw **over the fate of hundreds of migrants trying to reach the European Union.** Syrian, Iraqi and Yemeni refugees have been massing on the border for days. The UN security council has accused Belarus of **using migrants to destabilise** the EU's eastern border. Russia has been conducting snap drills in Belarus close to the frontier with Poland in a show of support for its close ally. Warsaw has accused **Vladimir Putin of exploiting the migrant crisis in an attempt to destabilise the West.** Defence sources said that **the deployment of British troops was a sign of "allied solidarity"**.

## COMMENT

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "The **UK and Poland** have a long history of friendship and **are Nato allies.** A small team of UK armed forces personnel have deployed following agreement with the Polish government to explore how we can **provide engineering support** to address the ongoing situation at the Belarus border." Poland is seen as an enemy by Russia. Over centuries, there have been several Polish–Russian Wars, with Poland once occupying Moscow and later Russia controlling much of Poland. What we are seeing now is **a crisis between Belarus and Poland.** Russia is backing Belarus and Britain is backing Poland. In Bible terms we have the **king of north (Russia) pushing against the king of the south (Britain) on the Polish / Belarus border.** We know the king of the south will "push" at the king of north....

## BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south push [militarily provoke] at him [Gog]:** 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)

# Prepare for Russian invasion of Ukraine, US warns European allies

The Telegraph, November 11, 2021



## EVENT

New satellite photos show that **Russia is once again massing troops and military equipment on the border with Ukraine.**

The United States has warned European allies that Russia could be plotting to invade Ukraine in a **repeat of the 2014 annexation of Crimea.** US officials have privately briefed their EU counterparts on a possible military operation as tens of thousands of Russian troops amass near the border. Senior Whitehall sources told The Telegraph that the Government was concerned about the reports and that there was "twitchiness" and "anxiety" among officials. It came amid heightened tensions, with Vladimir Putin, the Russian president, **accused of orchestrating a migration crisis on the border between Belarus and Poland to destabilise Europe.**

## COMMENT

Not only do we have spiralling tension **between the EU and Russia over Belarus** we have warnings of a similar situation brewing with Ukraine. The Ukrainian Defence Ministry said Wednesday that **about 90,000 Russian troops are stationed not far from the border** and in rebel-controlled areas in Ukraine's east. It is interesting to read about "rebel controlled areas". In Daniel 8 we read of a latter day Antiochus Epiphanes (the original king of the north). This is the same person as Gog of Ezekiel 38. We read in Daniel 8 that he comes to power "when rebels have become completely wicked." **The rebels in eastern Ukraine are Russian soldier's in disguise.** Putin (Gog) wants to take back eastern Ukraine as **he sees it as part of Russia.** Eastern Ukraine was once part of Magog – it is highly likely therefore that Gog will retake this territory one day...

## BIBLE QUOTE

"In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does.

(Daniel 8:23-24 NIV)

# Risk of accidental war with Russia highest in decades, general warns

The Times, November 13, 2021



## EVENT

Britain's most senior military officer has warned there is "a greater risk" of an accidental war with Russia now than at any time during the Cold War. In an eve of Remembrance Sunday interview with Times Radio, General Sir Nick Carter, chief of the defence staff, said the threat of "escalation leading to miscalculation" was "a real challenge". The four-star general spoke as tensions were spiralling with President Putin's regime over fears that it is preparing to invade Ukraine and the use of mass migration as a weapon. Asked whether tensions with Russia and the risk of a war were greater now than at any stage in his 44-year career, Carter said: "Yes. When you and I were growing up, it was a bipolar world. Two blocks, the Soviet Union and the West. We're now into a period where it's more multipolar." The general said that Russia was prepared to go to any lengths to undermine western Europe and the US, including using mass migration and cutting Europe's gas supply.

## COMMENT

There is no doubt that things are approaching a conclusion. Russia has been preparing for conflict since Putin came to power in the year 2000. The British general is warning that accidental war with Russia now at its highest risk since the Cold War. America is also concerned about Russian intentions because recent trends carry echoes of the run-up to Putin's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. Eastern Ukraine was once part of the original territory of Magog. We know that Gog (the Russian leader) is "of the land of Magog". It makes sense then for Putin to want to control that area – and it also makes sense he will control at the time of the end. All this leads us to the conclusion there could well be more conflict in this region - and it make come very soon....

## BIBLE QUOTE

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of[a] Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him and say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of[b] Meshech and Tubal.

(Ezekiel 38:1-2 NIV)

# American hypersonic missile plan for Europe has echoes of Cold War

The Times, November 9, 2021



## EVENT

An **American nuclear artillery unit** has been reactivated in Germany for the first time since the Cold War and is to be armed with new **long-range hypersonic weapons**. The 56th Artillery Command, based in Mainz-Kastel, will control the Dark Eagle weapon, which when fully developed and deployed will be capable of accelerating to more than five times the speed of sound, or nearly 4,000mph. The reactivation reflects growing concerns in the Pentagon that **Russia has succeeded in outgunning the US and Nato in Europe** with longer-range artillery rockets and its own development of hypersonic weapons. The command was stood down in 1991 with the fall of the Soviet Union and after its main weapon, the Pershing II ballistic missile, was banned under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. However, **the INF was dumped by the Trump administration in 2019 after it accused Russia of violating the terms**.

## COMMENT

**Hypersonic weapons could change the face of modern warfare**. Intercontinental ballistic missiles approach its target at 15,000mph but cannot change course in flight, making it potentially easier to track. Hypersonic weapons travel at 4000mph (8 times faster than cruise missiles) but are more manoeuvrable and so fast as to give **little warning of their launch and make them impossible to track and destroy** with existing air defences. Last week Putin announced Russia's own Zircon hypersonic cruise missile is completing more tests and will be **ready to deliver to the Russian navy by 2022** much earlier than expected. The Bible says that Gog will prepare for war. We see this happening now. Previous treaties and nuclear agreements have one by one come to an end. There is now a race for dominance. **The gentile nations are preparing for war...**

## BIBLE QUOTE

**Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war**, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

(Joel 3:9-10)

# Bar-tailed godwit breaks record for longest non-stop bird flight

The Times, November 10, 2021



## EVENT

A bird said to have the aerodynamics of a jet fighter has been tracked flying non-stop more than 8,000 miles from Alaska to Australia, setting a world record for continuous avian flight. It was the second time the bird had broken the world record. The bar-tailed godwit left southwest Alaska for his summer grounds in New Zealand on September 17 but hit strong winds over the Pacific, south of Fiji, forcing a detour far west to Australia. Carrying a tiny solar-powered satellite tracking device, he landed at Tweed Heads, 500 miles north of Sydney at about 9.30am on September 27. He had flown non-stop for 8,108 miles, making the longest continuous land bird flight ever recorded. The godwit, tagged and known as 4BBRW, flew for 239 hours (nearly ten days) on its journey over the Pacific. He has since left Australia and flew 1,200 miles to New Zealand where he arrived 11 days ago.

## COMMENT

It is almost beyond belief that a bird can fly non stop for 10 days over 8000 miles around the world. Experts have likened godwits to a jet fighter because of their long, pointed wings and sleek shape, which give them highly efficient fuel-to-energy rate. They can also shrink their internal organs to lighten their load!! There is evidence that they can sleep during soaring and gliding flight. Scientists have no idea how the godwit's navigation system works. They eventually fly back the exact same route and land within meters of where they took off from. How does a bird evolve with all this ability? Evolutionists say the creature itself was clever enough to work all this out – we know the truth..... It was designed by God. Don't worship the creature – worship the Creator.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. Evolution is worshipping the creature – because (they say) the creature was able to design itself through random mutations over millions of years. And even change itself from one species into another. It's a theory that doesn't fly! (Romans 1:25)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

**TV-7 Israel News**

2021-10-28 Turkey Claims Israeli Mossad Agents Arrested; Accuses West of Meddling – YouTube 9:15 min

2021-10-25 Gravitas- Israel preparing to strike Iranian nuclear sites - YouTube 5:08 min

2021-10-21 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-22 Israeli PM Bennett Vows to Build Up Golan Heights as Iran & Hezbollah Loom – YouTube 15.19 min

2021-10-21 Israeli PM Bennett Meets Putin in Russia as Iran & Syria Tensions Grow – YouTube 12.33 min

2021-10-20 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-19 Hezbollah Boasts of 100K Trained Fighters; Israel Prepping Iran Strike – YouTube 9.43 min

2021-10-18 China STUNS U.S. Officials With Nuclear-Capable Hypersonic Missile Test – YouTube 8.57 min

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



Russia would aim to seize as much of Ukraine as possible before the West could react

# RUSSIA

Putin would use pro-Russian Ukrainian militias to protect his advance

Russia would use missiles and artillery to blow up bridges, airfields and train lines

# UKRAINE

Russia would rely on a 'blitzkrieg' style assault

**Odessa** may be the furthest advance point for Russia

Paratroopers would be key to Russia's lightning attack





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