

# This Week's Developments

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# Russia's Putin hosts Israeli PM Bennett

ABC News, October 22, 2021



## EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed hope on Friday that new Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett would continue in the footsteps of his predecessor in maintaining close and “trusting” relations with his country. After talks at Putin’s lush Black Sea residence in Sochi, Bennett hailed bilateral ties as “strategic” and emphasized the need to maintain an “intimate” dialogue with Moscow. Greeting the Israeli prime minister at the start of their first meeting, Putin described Russian-Israeli ties as “unique,” noting that Israel is home to the largest Russian-speaking community. Putin kept close personal ties with former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has repeatedly visited Russia. On Friday, Putin pointed to Russia’s “business-like and trusting relationship” with Netanyahu’s government and expressed hope that Bennett’s government would pursue a “policy of continuity” in Russian-Israeli ties.

## COMMENT

It was all smiles on Friday between the Russian and Israeli leaders. They both talked about cooperation and trust. But behind the friendliness we know that Russia actively supports and arms Israel’s sworn enemies – Syria and Iran. They in turn support and arm more of Israel’s enemies – Hezbollah and Hamas. But when you listen to what they said carefully you can hear the differences between them. Putin said ““As you know we are working hard to restore Syria’s basic utilities. There are problematical issues and difficulties, but also good opportunities for cooperation.” He also said “I truly hope that despite the internal political battles, which are unavoidable in every country, your government will pursue a policy of continuity on Russian-Israel relations.” The Bible explains Gog’s true intentions – it is not one of peace with Israel – but war...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy. Russia is latter day Assyria (Isaiah 10:5-7)

# Israel to Hold National Emergency Drill

Israel Radar, October 20, 2021



## EVENT

Israel will hold a national war exercise to test emergency response on the home front during a large military conflict. The drill will simulate rocket attacks by Hezbollah and Hamas as well as an eruption of nationwide violence by Israeli Arabs.

Scenarios on the domestic front will include wide-scale rioting and blocking of major roads, Maariv daily reported. The police previously warned that Arab violence within Israel will be more intensive than events during the Gaza war in May.

A new command centre for all of Israel's emergency and rescue forces will be activated during the exercise, the report said. The week-long drill will be held at the end of October. The large exercise is the latest in a series of home front and military training manoeuvres. This week, the IDF is testing the response to rocket attacks in the central Israel towns of Lod and Ramle, near Ben-Gurion international airport. Earlier drills tested the rocket alert system in northern and southern communities.

## COMMENT

As well as a national emergency drill on land the Israeli Navy also launched a surprise drill Monday morning on multiple fronts. The large scope of these exercises appear to simulate scenarios expected in a broad regional war. Interestingly during the drill, warships will test defences at strategic sites such as offshore gas rigs, military and civilian ports, and electricity production sites. We know that these gas rigs could well be the focus of Gog (Russia's ruler) at the time of the end. This is because Ezekiel 38 speaks of Gog thinking an evil thought and deciding to invade Israel to take a spoil. Putin understands the value of energy supplies – it is pretty much all Russia can offer the world. Israel is preparing for this invasion and also the initial conflict with Hezbollah.

## BIBLE QUOTE

On that day thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil scheme. You will say, "I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people—all of them living without walls and without gates and bars. I will plunder and loot and turn my hand against the resettled ruins and the people gathered from the nations,"

(Psalm 2:12-13)

# Russia freezes out Nato in payback for spy expulsions

The Times, October 19, 2021



Russia suspends its mission to NATO

## EVENT

Russia has said **it is freezing ties with Nato** after relations between the two plunged to a new low over a spying row. Sergei Lavrov, the foreign minister, said Russia was suspending the work of its mission to Nato and **closing down the alliance's military liaison and information offices in Moscow**. He said the move was retaliation for the expulsion by Nato this month of eight members of Moscow's mission in Brussels, where the alliance has its headquarters. Nato said the **Russians were "undeclared intelligence officers"**. Russia denied the claim. "Nato is not interested in equitable dialogue and joint work," Lavrov, 71, said. "If that's the case, then we don't see the need to keep pretending that changes in the foreseeable future are possible." He said the decision would come into force by November 1.

## COMMENT

**NATO** is a military alliance of the West to **protect the EU from the East (Russia)**. It was created in 1949 during the Cold War with the USSR. **Tension has been building** over the past few years with Russia especially **since Russia invaded Ukraine and annexed Crimea**. There have been tensions over Russia's military support for President Assad in Syria and an attempt to assassinate Alexei Navalny, the Russian opposition leader. Nato has accused Russian fighter jets of buzzing allied ships. This week, Jens Stoltenberg, the Nato secretary general, said the Russians had been expelled from Brussels as a response to "malign" Russian activity. "We need to be vigilant," he said, **pointing to Russia's military build-up on Ukraine's borders**. We also need to be vigilant. We have long looked for Russia to rise up and descend – **all this is building up to that point...**

## BIBLE QUOTE

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: You [Gog – Russian leader] are the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel. At that time **they prophesied for years that I would bring you against them**. We as a Christadelphian community have also said for over 150 years that Gog (Russian leader) would one day come against Israel.

(Ezekiel 38:17)

# Hezbollah claims more soldiers than Lebanese army

The Times, October 19, 2021



## EVENT

The Lebanese Shia militia Hezbollah has 100,000 trained fighters, its leader has said, sending a warning to rival groups and to its current political ally President Aoun. That figure, if accurate, would put the group ahead of the official Lebanese army in numbers — and even ahead of the British army. Hassan Nasrallah made the claim during a speech addressing the clashes on the streets of Beirut last week that claimed seven lives. It was the first time he had outlined the militia's strength in such detail. The confrontation began when Hezbollah members protesting against the judge investigating last year's explosion at Beirut port marched through a Christian area and came under fire from surrounding apartment blocks. Nasrallah has been under growing pressure as the judge, Tarek Bitar, has begun issuing subpoenas to politicians who are part of the Hezbollah-led alliance that has a majority in parliament.

## COMMENT

No one really knows if Hezbollah has 100,000 trained fighters or not. But whatever the true number there is no dispute that Hezbollah has built up a substantial force, with support from its Iranian backers. Hezbollah has a military wing and a political wing all based in Lebanon where Hezbollah is the most powerful political party. Hezbollah is designated a terrorist organisation by several countries. Since the huge port explosion in Lebanon last year Hezbollah has been under pressure. Many Lebanese believed the ammonium nitrate that blew up in the port was put there by Hezbollah to turn into weapons. The Bible says that "the inhabitants of Tyre" will form a confederacy against Israel along with other peoples that surround Israel. The main base of Hezbollah is the port city of Tyre in Lebanon. We are getting ever close to Psalm 83 being fulfilled...

## BIBLE QUOTE

"Come," they say, "let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel's name is remembered no more." With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites, Byblos, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them  
(Psalm 83:4-8)

# Britain in talks to sell missiles in first arms deal with Ukraine

The Times, October 21, 2021

Scythia / Magog covered eastern Ukraine



## EVENT

Britain is in discussions with Ukraine to sell it weapons for the first time amid concerns that Russia could exploit the gas crisis to seize territory. Under the plans, Britain would provide surface-to-surface missiles for Ukrainian patrol boats and missiles for aircraft as the nations increase co-operation after Brexit. The Ministry of Defence is discussing the sale of surface-to-surface maritime Brimstone missiles designed by MBDA UK that can hit “swarms” of targets simultaneously and would be deployed on vessels that the Ukrainian navy has in service. The proposals come amid anxiety in the Ukrainian defence ministry that Russia could try to exploit the gas crisis to seize more of its territory. A Ukrainian diplomat told The Times that any escalation in fighting between Russia and Ukraine would have “unpredictable consequences” for European security, as details emerged of plans for a new arms deal between the UK and the Ukraine.

## COMMENT

As it stands today Russia depends on sending its gas supplies to the EU through Ukraine. However, Russia’s new Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline will divert gas flows to the north and Putin will no longer need Ukraine’s co-operation. Even though the pipeline is complete no gas is flowing yet because it needs German government sign off. But it will happen at some point. As soon as it is switched on Ukraine could well be in trouble. Experts say they believe the main reason Russia has not tried to take the rest of Ukraine was because it was reliant on the country acting as a transit for its gas pipelines to Europe. Eastern Ukraine was once part of ancient Magog - the territory of the Scythians – which also covered southern Russia [*& Germany!*]. Ezekiel 38 tells us the Gog is “of the land of Magog”. So it is highly likely Russia will take Eastern Ukraine at some point.

## 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 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 Jewish historian Josephus identified the Gog and Magog people as Scythians (Ezekiel 38:1-2)



## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

**TV-7 Israel News**

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

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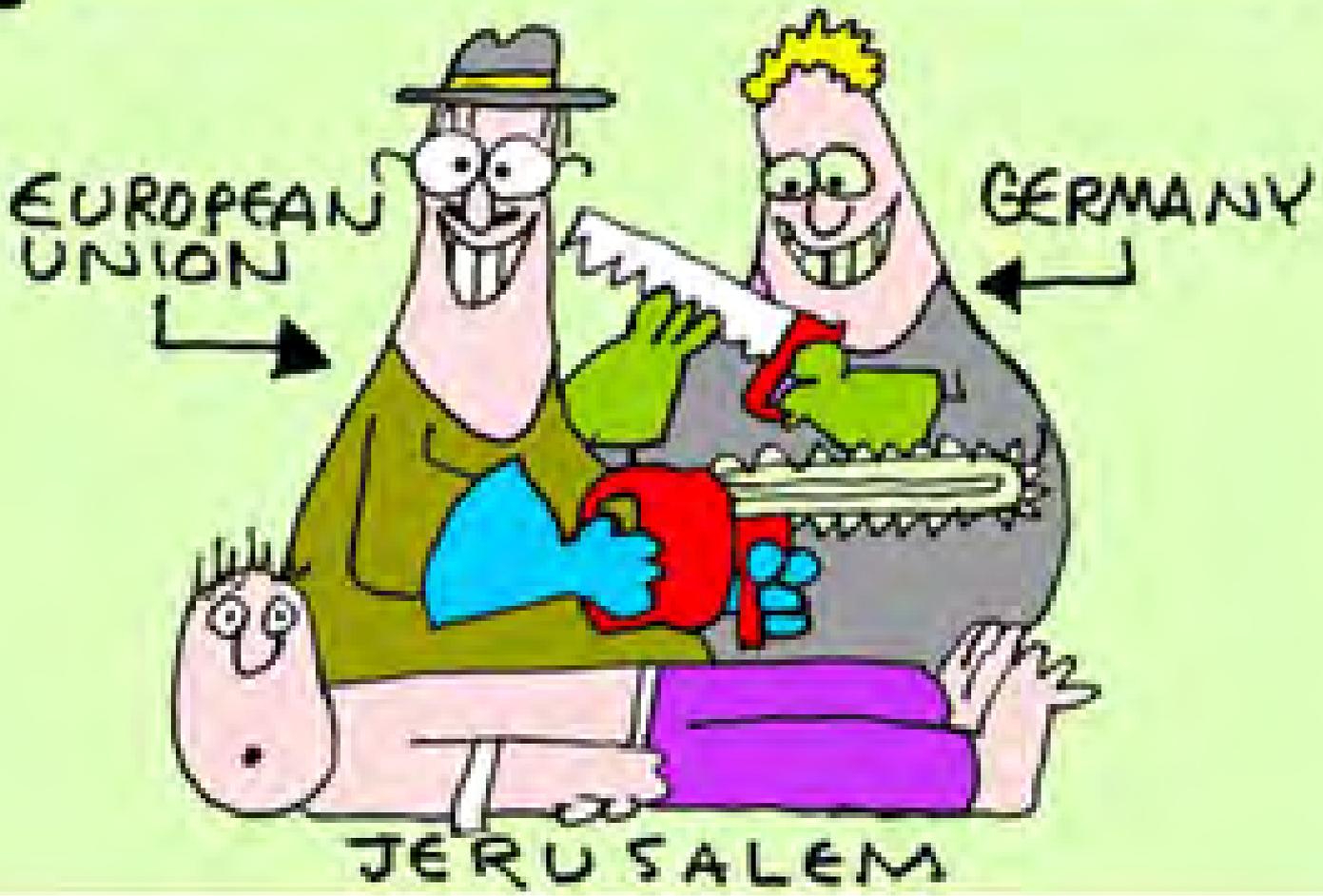
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Their "Tourism" Plan for Israel's Capital City



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