This Week's Developments

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China's Man in Moscow; Emergence of a New Eurasia?

Washington Examiner Feb 25, 2023



EVENT	Chinese President Xi Jinping's top envoy traveled to Moscow to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin this week, helping solidify the burgeoning alliance between Beijing and the Kremlin as China confronts the United States on the world stage. Wang Yi, Beijing's top diplomat and Xi's top foreign policy adviser, met with Putin in Moscow on Wednesday, declaring that "Chinese-Russian relations aren't directed against any third countries and certainly can't be subject to pressure from any third countries" as the Biden administration has warned Beijing against providing military support to the Russians in Ukraine. "Russian-Chinese relations are developing as we planned in previous years," Putin said as he sat next to Wang on Wednesday. "Cooperation in the international arena between the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China, as we have repeatedly said, is very important for stabilizing the international situation." China has been and remains willing to maintain the positive trend with Russia in building a new type of cooperative relationship between major powers." Wang also met with Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev on Tuesday. "Sino-Russian relations are mature and solid as a rock and will withstand the test of the changing international situation," he said.
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BIBLE QUOTE	Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: There is evidence that Magog was also the father of the Asian-Sino peoples, which, if so, ties this prophecy together wonderfully! (Ezekiel 38:2 RSV)

Russia to send 24 advanced Su-35 fighter jets to Iran

Jewish Press, February 18, 2023



- **EVENT** Russia plans to send advanced fighter jets to Iran by March 2023, in a deal that was closed last month. Iran said that Russia will send 24 4.5-gen, twin engine Su-35 fighter jets to the Islamic Republic. The Su-35 is one of Russia's most powerful aircraft. The jets are expected to arrive in Iran by March 21, the start of the Iranian new year, according to the semi-official Iranian Tasnim News Agency. Shahriar Heidari, a member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission said in a statement that Iran "has also ordered a series of other military equipment from Russia, including air defense systems, missile systems and helicopters, most of which will be received soon." Iran has not acquired any new combat aircraft in recent years, except some Russian MiG-29 Fulcrum fighters it purchased in the 1990s. Iran and Russia "have signed important agreements in recent months to strengthen their economic, trade, energy, and military cooperation," Tasnim reported.
- **COMMENT** A full scale defence partnership is developing between Russia and Iran. The White House has said that Russia and Iran have "an unprecedented level of military and technical support." The alignment between two pariah nations now threatens a delicate alignment in the Middle East. The Ukraine war has allowed Iran to hone is drone warfare skills as it can see them operating in action. This allows it to expand its capabilities with its proxy armies around Israel. All of this massively increases the risk of a conflict with Israel. Israel itself is speaking ever louder about halting Iran's progress to a nuclear weapon. Psalm 83 refers to Assur (Assyria) which is a reference to Syria, Iraq and Iran. It is Assur that supports the enemies around Israel who Israel destroyed.

BIBLE QUOTE For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee [Israel]: 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 helped the children of Lot. (Psalm 83:5-8)

Putin walks away from world's last remaining nuclear arms treaty

The Telegraph, February 21, 2023

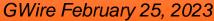


- **EVENT** Vladimir Putin walked away from the world's last remaining nuclear arms control treaty on Tuesday, sparking fears of a new global arms race as he laid the groundwork for a long-term conflict in Ukraine. In his first state-of-the-nation address since unleashing the war in Ukraine, the Russian president said he would suspend the New Start treaty, calling efforts to allow US inspections on Russian soil a "theatre of absurdity". The announcement follows months of bickering between Russia and the United States as the two accused each other of blocking on-site inspections to make sure each country is sticking to a limit of 1,550 strategic warheads. The Russian president told a gathering of MPs, members of his cabinet, governors and religious leaders Russia would not let American experts visit its nuclear sites "during the current confrontation". Mr Putin's decision to suspend the treaty came at the end of a long speech in which he blamed the West and the US for triggering war in Ukraine.
- **COMMENT** Far from backing down Putin is ramping up the rhetoric and his anti West actions. This week he pulled out of the last nuclear agreement which effectively then allows Russia to begin testing nuclear weapons again. It is clear that Putin is preparing for a long war, marshalling more troops and material and putting his economy on a war footing. Last week Jens Stoltenberg, the secretary-general of Nato, gave a warning that the West is running out of ammunition. We don't know the precise outcome with Ukraine however we do know Russia will be strong enough to descend south into Israel. We also know that eastern Ukraine was part of Magog. It is likely therefore that Putin will manage to keep this part in some forced settlement following a dramatic escalation still to come...

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 [latter day Antiochus Epiphanes / king of the north] 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 NIV)

By Caving to Israel, Biden Opens the Door to War With Iran





EVENT	The United States has a long history of actively preventing Israel from starting a war with Iran for obvious reasons. War with Iran will be disastrous for the region, for the United States — and for the Iranian people's struggle for freedom and dignity. George W. Bush denied giving Israeli leaders the green light to bomb Iran in 2008. Obama went out of his way to stop the Israelis, even telling CNN that he is "absolutely not" giving Israel the green light to attack Iran. As all eyes were on Ukraine and Chinese balloons in the sky, the Joe Biden administration seemingly shifted America's longstanding opposition to Israel starting a disastrous war with Iran. U.S. Ambassador to Israel Tom Nides told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Sunday that "Israel can and should do whatever they need to deal with [in regards to Iran] and we've got their back" — a thinly veiled reference to military action. These comments do not appear to be outliers. After Israel struck a defense compound in Iran on January 29, the Biden administration uncharacteristically hinted to reporters that the Israeli operation was part of a new joint effort by the U.S. and Israel to contain Tehran's nuclear and military ambitions.
COMMENT	Slide #6 is about the US siding with the UN in supporting a watered-down "statement" expressing "dismay" about the Israeli settlements on the West Bank. This slide presents
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the "other side of the story" whereby the US appears to have given Israel the "green light" to proceed with military action against Iran, indicating that Israel has the support of the US in what it chooses to do. All these articles are tied together showing the thread of the development of the Divine purpose as the nations go about devising their schemes. Russia is becoming increasingly linked to Iran whose single objective is to eradicate the nation of Israel. What will Russia (& China) do if Israel (& US) strike Iran?

BIBLE QUOTE

Gog, prince of Ros, of the land of Magog and Tubal... Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you against the many peoples upon the mountains of Israel. (Ezekiel 38:5 NIV)

Israel exports crude oil for first time, with shipment heading for Europe

The Times of Israel, February 16, 2023



- **EVENT** Israel has exported crude oil material for the first time, with a shipment headed to Europe from the country's offshore Karish gas field, according to an announcement Tuesday by Greek gas company Energean. The London- and Tel Aviv-listed firm is in charge of production at the Karish and Tanin natural gas fields in Israel's economic waters in the Mediterranean. In a statement Tuesday, Energean said "the first ever lifting of an Israeli crude oil cargo has taken place at the company's Karish field," and a cargo ship of hydrocarbon gas liquids (HGLs) extracted from natural gas (and then used in a mixture to make crude oil) was exported to global markets "for the first time in the history of Israeli oil and gas production." "This creates a significant differentiated income stream, fundamentally separate to gas-derived revenues," Energean said, welcoming Israel into the "club of international oil exporters." The cargo was "sold as part of a multi-cargo marketing agreement with Vitol; the first of a new source of East Med energy to reach Europe," it added.
- **COMMENT** This is quite remarkable as it takes me back personally to talks I heard as a teenager in the 1980's that said Israel might well find oil / gas one day to fulfil the prophecy in Ezekiel 38 that speaks of Gog (Russian leader) coming down to take a spoil. In fact the speaker had on an Overhead Projector slide the word "spOIL." Back then there was no sign of oil or gas in Israel. But in recent years Israel has found some of the world's largest finds over the last 2 decades. In June Israel signed a new deal with Egypt to export gas to the EU. The EU is trying to replace Russian gas. Therefore, Putin will see Israel as taking his own income. Hence one day he decides to invade Israel for a spoil!

BIBLE QUOTE And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, (Ezekiel 38:11-12)

US backs UN Security Council condemnation of settlements

Israel National News, February 20, 2023



- **EVENT** The UN Security Council on Monday published a statement expressing its "dismay" over Jewish settlement activity in Judea and Samaria during a briefing on the situation in the Middle East. The statement, which received the support of all 15 members of the Security Council, including the US, reads: "The Security Council reiterates that continuing Israeli settlement activities are dangerously imperiling the viability of the two-state solution." The statement is non-binding, unlike a resolution which was proposed last week, which would have demanded that Israel "immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory." That resolution was shelved at the behest of the Biden Administration. US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield, condemned both the recent terrorist attacks in Jerusalem in which 11 Israelis have been murdered and Jewish "settlement" activity, appearing to draw a moral equivalence between the murder of civilians and the building of homes by Jewish people in the disputed region of Judea and Samaria.
- **COMMENT** US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield spoke at the UN this week. She said: "Now, let me add a clear, unequivocal statement: We strongly oppose Israel's announcement that it will advance thousands of settlement units. And we strongly oppose Israel's announcement that it begin a process to retroactively legalize nine outposts in the West Bank that were previously illegal under Israeli law." Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the UN Security Council's statement on settlement activity. The fact is that the so called "West Bank" IS part of Israel's land given to them by God.

BIBLE QUOTE And I [God] will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. The mountains of Israel run like a spine down through the West Bank. They are part of "the land" God has given to His people – Israel. (Ezekiel 34:13)

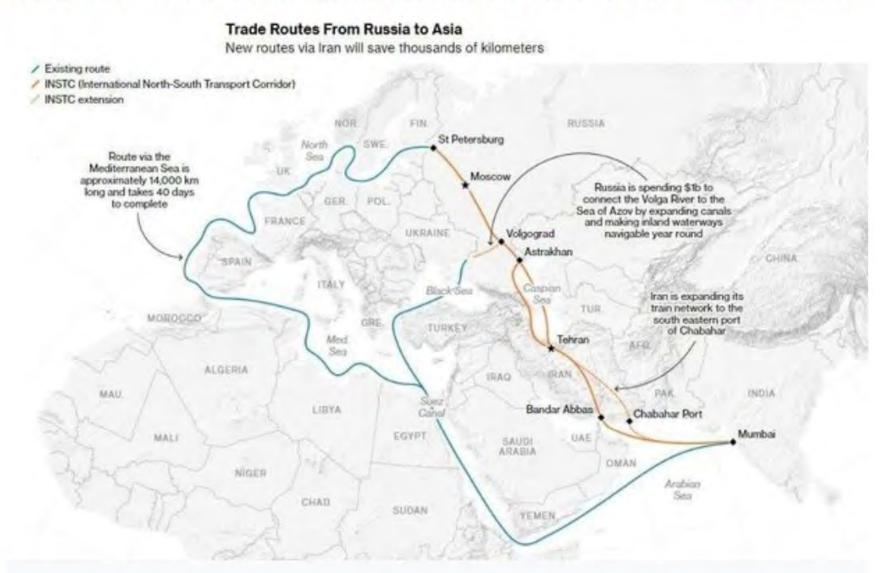
ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** Watchman Newscast 2023-02-25 Turkey maintains cordial links with Russia on first anniversary of Ukraine war 2023-02-25 EU introduces sanctions against 96 Russian, Iranian entities - World - TASS 2023-02-25 By Caving to Israel, Biden Opens the Door to War With Iran - GV Wire - Explore. Explain. Expose 2023-02-23 Russia- Ukraine plans to invade Transnistria - Gravitas - 3.24 min - YouTube 2023-02-23 Israel's Foreign Minister Vows Israel - Ukraine ALLIANCE Against Iran - Watchman Newscast - 11.32 min - YouTube 2023-02-23 Israel approves over 7,000 settlement homes, groups say - The Hill 2023-02-23 Israel Airstrikes Target Hamas After ROCKETS Fired at Israeli Cities - Watchman Newscast - 9.49 min - YouTube 2023-02-22 Who is Wang Yi, Xi Jinping's man in Moscow- - Washington Examiner 2023-02-22 China & Russia to carve a new Eurasia - Gravitas - 6.46 min - YouTube 2023-02-21 For First Time in 6 Years, US Allows UN Security Council to Denounce Israeli Settlements 2023-02-20 Israel AIRSTRIKES Target Iranian Assets in Damascus as Russia CONDEMNS Attack - Watchman- 10.17 min - YouTube 2023-02-19 China, Iran & Russia to create a new World Order - Gravitas Plus - 9.12 min - YouTube 2023-02-11 Turkey - Devastating guakes leave Erdogan vulnerable, looking to extend his rule into third decade - 9.54 min - YouTube 2023-02-10 Turkey earthquake failures leave Erdogan looking vulnerable - BBC News 2023-02-09 Nord stream bombing masterminded by US- Report - Gravitas - 6.02 min - YouTube 2023-02-09 Israel's Syria DILEMMA- Stop Iran But ANGER Russia - Watchman Newscast - 9.22 min - YouTube 2023-02-09 Israel ROCKED by Another Jerusalem Terror Attack; WARNS Iran Over Syria - Watchman - 11.51 min - YouTube 2023-02-08 Iran unveils first-of-its-kind underground Airbase - Gravitas - 5.37 min - YouTube 2023-02-07 Explainer- Why was the Turkey-Syria earthquake so bad- - Reuters Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

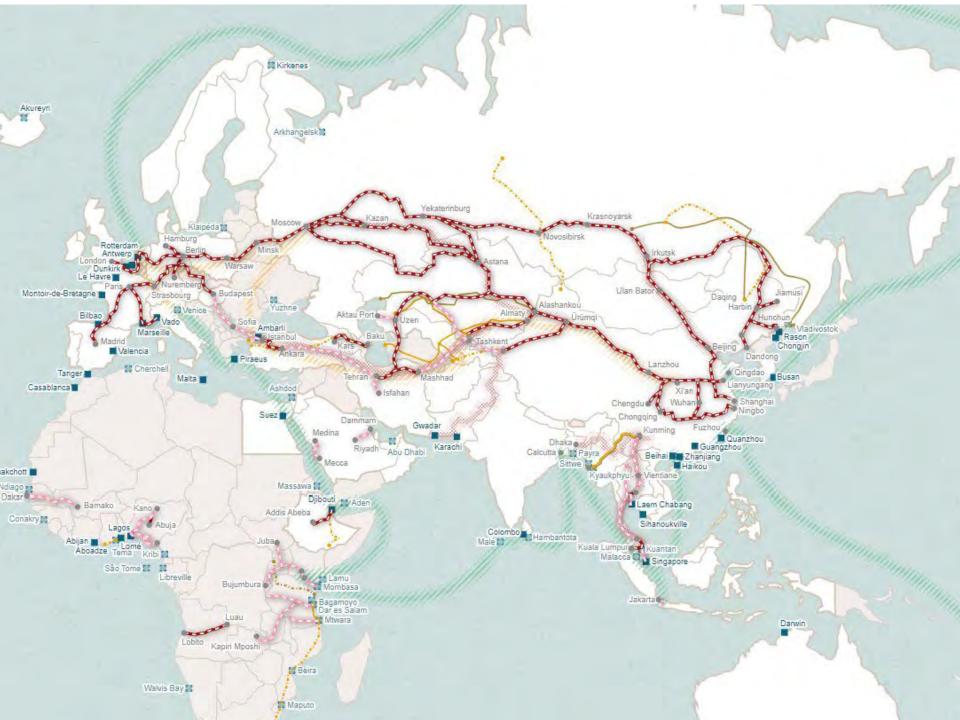




Iran, Russia building trade route that defies sanctions



TEHRAN, Dec. 21 (MNA) – Russia and Iran are building a new transcontinental trade route stretching from the eastern edge of Europe to the Indian Ocean, a 3,000 km (1,860–mile) passage that's beyond the reach of any foreign intervention, media say.



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- Sudan finishes review of Russian Red Sea base deal

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Biden visits Kyiv and taunts Putin from Warsaw

Associated Press, February 21, 2023



EVENT Basking in the afterglow of his well-received, unexpected trip to Kyiv, **President Biden spoke from the heart of Eastern Europe on Tuesday, telling Russian President Vladimir Putin that he had profoundly miscalculated the extent of Ukrainian bravery and Western resolve.** "When President Putin ordered his tanks to roll into Ukraine, he thought we would roll over. He was wrong," Biden said in a speech in front of the Royal Castle in Warsaw, as night fell on the Polish capital. Biden gave the address one day after he made the first visit by a modern U.S. president to a war zone where U.S. troops had not been deployed. In Kyiv, he met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and paid tribute to fallen Ukrainian soldiers. The surprise stopover seemed to rebuke Biden's domestic and foreign critics, who have made a point of highlighting his age and verbal stumbles. To a large extent, Biden's remarks on Tuesday targeted **Putin**, who ordered the invasion of Ukraine almost exactly a year ago.

COMMENT It's not that often that the president of Russia and the president of the United States give major speeches on the same day, speaking on opposing ideas. That it happened this week was no accident: Friday was the first anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden were both interpreting that war to their audiences. But those audiences were very different. So were the visions of the world on offer. There would be nothing more infuriating to Putin than seeing his adversary in Ukraine - the very land that he considers part of Russia's sphere of influence. It was a major provocation. Biden said Putin would NEVER defeat Ukraine. This was a personal "attack" from the king of the south to the king of the north. Putin is likely to react to this...

BIBLE QUOTE Son of man, set thy face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: Eastern Ukraine was part of the Scythian kingdom (as well as much of south Russia) so it makes sense Putin will take that final piece. *(Ezekiel 38:2 RSV)*

Sudan military finishes review of Russian Red Sea base deal

Associated Press, February 9, 2023



- **EVENT** Sudan's ruling military has concluded a review of an agreement with Russia to build a navy base on the Red Sea in the African country, two Sudanese officials said Saturday. They said the deal was awaiting the formation of a civilian government and a legislative body to be ratified before it takes effect. The officials said Moscow met Sudan's most recent demands, including providing more weapons and equipment. "They cleared all our concerns. The deal has become OK from the military side," one official said. The officials did not provide further details and spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. A spokesman for the Sudanese military declined to comment. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also said Thursday the deal still needs ratification by Sudan's yet-to-be-formed legislative body. The agreement allows Russia to set up a naval base with up to 300 Russian troops, and to simultaneously keep up to four navy ships, including nuclear-powered ones, in the strategic Port Sudan on the Red Sea.
- COMMENT
 Sudan is mentioned in the Bible not by its "modern" name but by its ancient name Cush. The Authorised version translates Cush as Ethiopia. Cush isn't really Ethiopia. Cush at the time of Ezekiel corresponds almost exactly to Sudan. Or to be even more accurate North Sudan. North Sudan is mainly Islamic. Sudan will ultimately align to Russia and join forces with them. From 1070 BC to AD350 the area we now know as North Sudan was called the Kingdom of Kush. Many sources say that Kush and Cush are the same area. Ezekiel 38 says that one of the nations allied with Gog / Russia (in fact second on the list) is Cush. Amazing then to see Sudan agreeing for Russia to build a naval base on the Red Sea in that African country. God said this would happen.
 BIBLE QUOTE
 Persia, Cush[c] and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you. [c] Cush is ancient Kush the area we now know as Sudan or North Sudan. Gog will join forces with this area. Daniel 11:40 says he also comes with "many ships" (Ezekiel 38:5 NIV)