

This Week's Developments

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Israel approves \$1.5 billion budget for potential strike on Iran

Times of Israel, October 19, 2021



EVENT

Israel has approved a budget of some 5 billion shekels (\$1.5 billion) to be used to prepare the military for a potential strike against Iran's nuclear program, Channel 12 reported Monday.

The NIS 5 billion budget is made up of NIS 3 billion from the previous budget and an additional NIS 2 billion from the next budget slated to be approved by the government in November.

It includes funds for various types of aircraft, intelligence-gathering drones and unique armaments needed for such an attack, which would have to target heavily fortified underground sites, the unsourced report said.

The report comes days after the US Air Force announced that it had carried out a successful test of its new "bunker buster," the GBU-72 Advanced 5K Penetrator. The 5,000-pound bomb could be used as a tool to strike Iranian nuclear sites.

Crucially, the GBU-72 is designed to be carried by a fighter jet or a heavy bomber.

Israel does not have bombers capable of carrying the massive bunker busters in the current US arsenal.

COMMENT

Israel is not waiting for the US to complete talks with Iran to reinstitute the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) cancelled by Trump.

However, there is US support available to Israel in terms of enhanced weaponry, and for that the Israeli government has budgeted 1.5 billion US dollars. This is significant in view of Bible prophecy that the time of the end will witness a build-up of arms and that the focus of all the world will be upon the Middle East and Jerusalem.

BIBLE QUOTE

On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.
(Zechariah 12:6 NIV)

Large-scale Israeli multi-national military drill

TeleSurENGLISH, October 25, 2021

Dedan – exactly where UAE and Bahrain are today



EVENT

The chief of Israeli air force operations, Amir Lazar, told reporters at the Ovda airbase the drills "don't focus on Iran." Yet, army officials have remarked that Iran remains Israel's top strategic threat—at the center of its military planning. Israel has held the "Blue Flag" exercises every two years since 2013 in the Negev desert to synchronize different types of aircraft manned by different countries to contest armed drones and other threats.

Lazar said this year's drills are the largest ever held in Israel, with more than 70 fighter jets and some 1,500 personnel participating. Other nations participating are France, the United States and Germany and the United Kingdom, whose aircraft flew over Israeli territory for the first time since the Jewish state's creation in 1948.

The Emirate's air force chief will be inspecting the drills even if its countries planes are not flying.

Lazar said the visit, set for Tuesday, was "very significant" as "someday" the nations participating in the drill would be "working together" to counter the Iranian threat.

COMMENT

This is the largest air defence exercise Israel has ever conducted. This is obviously a response to Iran's military and air defense drill held a couple of weeks ago. Clearly Israel is not letting that go by without a counter-message! This in conjunction with the announcement of a 1.5 Billion US\$ war budget and supported by US and UK arms as well as UAE support. This is a clear message to Iran and its proxy affiliates that Israel has the means to respond to any threat as well as to make a strike against what it deems to be a potential nuclear threat before that threat becomes actionable. What is particularly interesting is the support of the UAE, prophesied to be lined up with the King of the South.

BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

(Ezekiel 38:13)

The Abraham Accords—One Year Later and Whither Sudan?

Newsweek, October 29, 2021



It has been just over a year since the first Arab nation in over a quarter-century made peace with the Jewish state of Israel. On August 13, 2020, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) established relations with Israel. The UAE was soon followed by Bahrain. The two Gulf countries were quickly followed by Morocco and Sudan. In a few short months, Arab leaders broke decades of impasse and opted for peace over conflict.

The new relations have come easier to some than to others. In Israel, new relations with former adversaries—and, in the case of Sudan, with a former enemy—have been greeted with great support and joy. With the establishment of direct flights from Tel Aviv to the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco, even in the middle of a global pandemic and with arduous health regulations in place, hundreds of thousands of Israelis have set out to explore their neighbors' countries and cultures.

Unfortunately, one of the Arab countries signing on to the Accords, Sudan, has seen less in the way of positive interaction since its fragile government's decision to make peace with Israel. Sudan's fledgling government was overthrown this week in a military coup, and the country is now at risk of abandoning the Accords in their entirety.

COMMENT

Although the label “Abraham Accords” may not have been Biblically appropriate, some of the connections of these Arab countries (e.g. Bahrain and UAE) with Israel did make sense from a prophetic point of view. However, the African countries of Morocco and the Sudan do not occur in the Bible as being lined up with Israel or at any time with the King of the South. So, although the break has not officially happened yet, we are not surprised to witness this event and do expect at some point to see this part of the Abraham accord break down. These countries are predicted in the Bible to line up with the King of the North.

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)

Mercenaries tighten Putin's grip in Africa

The Times, September 28, 2021



EVENT

Mercenaries have been around since the days of Alexander the Great but they have come into their own in this age of deniability and hybrid warfare. **Russian mercenaries from the Wagner Group (Putin's private army) have been expanding their presence across Africa, helping the forces of Khalifa Haftar in Libya, meddling in the Central African Republic, Sudan** and Mozambique. Contracts have been signed this year with **Ethiopia** and Nigeria. Some western analysts estimate the Wagnerian presence in Africa at about 10,000 men. Mercenaries are tougher than most regular soldiers realise. Wagner fighters are promised \$60,000 for their families if they die in battle. And **increasingly they are being treated as heroes, men unafraid to die for Russia. "It took America's most elite troops and advanced aircraft to defeat 500 mercenaries,"** says Sean McFate, a professor of strategy at Georgetown. "What happens when they have to face a thousand? Five thousand?"

COMMENT

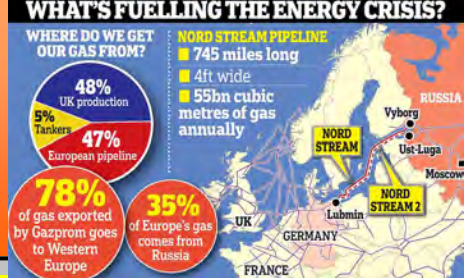
The Wagner Group is a **Russian paramilitary organization** who have been involved in operations in **Syria, Ukraine** and **Africa**. It is owned by Yevgeny Prigozhin, a businessman with **close links to Russian President Vladimir Putin**. The company trains its personnel at a Russian MoD facility. It is seen by many analysts to be Putin's private army who can act with incredible force and skill but without having to wear a Russian military uniform. With Bible in hand it is interesting to see where these "soldiers" are involved in. Notice the **article says Libya and Sudan** - both countries mentioned in Ezekiel 38 that **join Russia in invading Israel**. The AV says Libya and Ethiopia – but the Hebrew word for Ethiopia is **Cush** and Cush corresponds to **modern day north Sudan**....

BIBLE QUOTE

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, 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...: Persia, **Ethiopia [Sudan], and Libya** with them; all of them (Ezekiel 38:4-5)

Vladimir Putin accused of 'choking' gas supply to push up price

The Times, October 8, 2021



EVENT

Britain has accused President Putin of “choking off” the supply of gas to Europe to increase energy prices and win approval for a new gas pipeline. Ministers believe that Russia is deliberately restricting gas exports as part of a strategy to force European Union nations into approving Nord Stream 2, a pipeline under the Baltic Sea. The shortage of gas in Europe has pushed up international prices, leading to a significant rise in household energy bills in the UK and pushing a string of suppliers into administration. Boris Johnson warned last night that approval of Nord Stream 2 by the EU would have “significant security implications”. A No 10 spokesman said: “Although Nord Stream 2 will not directly impact the UK’s energy security, it could have serious implications for central and eastern European countries. Some European countries are nearly wholly dependent on Russian gas, which raises serious concerns about energy security.”

COMMENT

There is an energy crisis in Europe and Russia is taking full advantage of it – in fact some of the crisis could be Russia’s own doing. As the article says Britain has accused Russia of choking off supplies of gas to Europe which is massively pushing up prices. Putin then offered on Wednesday to increase supplies. Market analysts quickly suspected that the offer to increase supplies to Europe was likely intended to put pressure on Germany to certify the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline (which will take Russian gas supplies to Germany via the Baltic Sea) for use, as Russia is waiting on Germany’s energy regulator to authorize the \$11 billion pipeline, a process that could take several months. We see Putin using energy to increase control and influence. We read that Gog will be drawn down to Israel to take a spoil – Israel recently found gas!

BIBLE QUOTE

And thou [Gog] 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)

French Catholic church covered up abuse of 330,000 children

The Times, October 5, 2021



EVENT

The French Catholic church systematically covered up sexual abuse by clergymen and lay personnel against 330,000 children over the past seven decades, an investigation concluded today. The long-awaited findings of the 18-month inquiry were even more devastating than expected, Jean-Marc Sauvé, who led the investigation, said. “Until the early 2000s the Catholic church showed a profound and even cruel indifference towards the victims,” he said. The “failures and silence” of the church were “systemic”. Sauvé, a retired senior civil servant, said the investigation had found that “the Catholic church is, after the circle of family and friends, the environment that has the highest prevalence of sexual violence”. The church must financially compensate all the victims of the paedophile crimes whether or not they could be proven and “must not view the payments as a gift but as a duty”, he added.

COMMENT

This is a sickening report about one of the world’s largest religious organisations. It said that a minimum of 3,000 priests and church officials had performed criminal acts. About 60 per cent of the victims were boys. The French report echoed investigations into sexual abuse in the Catholic churches of Germany, the United States, Australia and other countries. Pope Francis this year called the church’s global record of sexual abuse of children a disaster. We must understand that the Catholic Church is nothing more than an extension of the false religion of Babel and Babylon masked in a cloak of Christianity. It has nothing to do with the Truth but worships false gods – making Mary the mother of God and the Pope himself God the Father. It will all come to an end.

BIBLE QUOTE

And the woman [RC Church] was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (Revelation 17:4-5)

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