

This Week's Developments

July 16 - 23, 2022

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Putin plots unholy alliance with Iran and Turkey

The Telegraph, July 19, 2022



EVENT

The summit taking place in Tehran between the leaders of Russia, Turkey and Iran has all the makings of creating a new unholy alliance capable of presenting a formidable challenge to the West. That is certainly the calculation that will be at the forefront of Vladimir Putin's mind, as the Russian president makes only his second overseas visit since the invasion of Ukraine. His first trip was to Kazakhstan in June. Putin is in desperate need of new allies. This is no doubt the primary objective of his visit to Tehran, where he will have bilateral meetings with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Iranian supreme leader, and Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Turkish president. Ostensibly, the main item on the agenda is the decade-old conflict in Syria, where all three countries have been deeply involved for differing reasons. But the real purpose of the Tehran summit is to explore whether it is possible for these rival powers to set aside their differences and unite in the common cause of resisting Western pressure.

COMMENT

The Ukraine conflict has isolated Russia like never before. At a recent vote in the UN only four other authoritarian regimes - North Korea, Eritrea, Syria and Belarus, voted with Russia supporting its invasion of Ukraine. Russia therefore is looking to strengthen ties with nations who will challenge the West. Putin has therefore visited Iran – a nation whose number one item of its agenda is to destroy Israel. Turkey is also part of this meeting and “unholy alliance.” What is incredible about this is that in Ezekiel 38 we have exactly these nations coming together as an alliance against Israel. Russia is described as Magog, Meshech and Tubal. Iran is described by its ancient name of Persia. And Turkey is there described as Togarmah. The “unholy alliance” is forming.

BIBLE QUOTE

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 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, and all his bands: and many people with thee.
(Ezekiel 38:3,5-6)

Russia condemns alleged Israeli airstrike in Tartous

Jerusalem Post, July 5, 2022



EVENT

Russia has again condemned an alleged Israeli airstrike that hit targets in Syria over the weekend, calling the IDF's war-between-wars campaign in Syria "categorically unacceptable" and demanding it to stop. While Syria's SANA state media said that the missiles targeted "several poultry farms in the vicinity of Hamadiyah, south of Tartus," Israeli reports said that they targeted advanced air defense systems that had been transferred to the country by Iran. The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights meanwhile said that the strike targeted weapons that were headed to Hezbollah in Lebanon. The rare daytime strikes come as Israel has ramped up its war-between-the-wars campaign (known by the Hebrew acronym Mabam), targeting dozens of sites in Syria over the past month. Tartus, along with the Hmeimim air base in the nearby province of Latakia, are the main Russian bases in the country. Israel has warned repeatedly about Iran's nuclear ambitionsand has admitted to hundreds of airstrikes as part of its campaign to prevent the transfer of advanced weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon and the entrenchment of its forces in Syria where they could easily act against the Jewish state.

COMMENT

This strike by the IDF on the very doorstep of the highly influential Russian (K of N) presence in Syria is an indication of Israel's fearless resolve to protect the state and its people against all odds. This is slowly but very surely building up an antagonism between Israel and the K of N as the Bible predicts. Israel is aiming to "dwell securely, without bars or gates" or any outside threat. One day it will, but there is a huge lesson for it to learn in the interim before that development takes place. It will be a re-learning of the same lesson they had to learn at the first as they initially possessed the land...

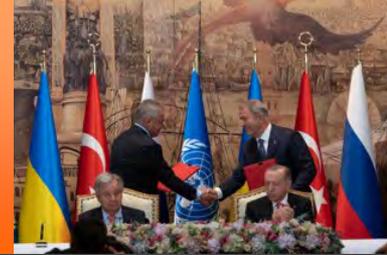
BIBLE QUOTE

O God, our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Psa 44:1-3

Russia Bombs Odesa Port, Compromises Grain Deal

VOA News, July 23, 2022



EVENT

Russian missiles struck infrastructure in Ukraine's port of Odesa Saturday, one day after Russia and Ukraine signed U.N.-backed agreements to reopen Black Sea ports to resume grain exports. "The enemy attacked the Odesa sea trade port with Kalibr cruise missiles; 2 missiles were shot down by air defense forces; 2 hit the infrastructure of the port," Ukraine's Operational Command South wrote on the Telegram messaging app. Ukraine's Ministry of Agriculture confirmed there was grain stored at the port at the time of the attack, the Kyiv Independent reported. The grain was expected to be exported in the next couple of days, according to the ministry's comment. Ukraine's Foreign Ministry said that "Russia would bear full responsibility for deepening the global food crisis" if the deal collapsed. "It took less than 24 hours for Russia to launch a missile attack on Odesa's port, breaking its promises and undermining its commitments before the UN and Türkiye under the Istanbul agreement," Ukraine Foreign Ministry spokesman Oleg Nikolenko said on Twitter. "In case of non-fulfillment, Russia will bear full responsibility for global food crisis."

COMMENT

Barely 24 hours after inking the deal in which Russia agreed to allow Ukraine safe passage of grain shipments from Odessa via the Bosphorus to the Middle East & Africa, Russia sends in 4 cruise missiles to bomb the port, 2 of which were successful. Although apparently no grain was destroyed, the real damage is to the trust of the agreement. Will insurance companies continue to insure ships carrying the grain if a condition of war exists in the corridor and especially at the port? This will damage security in that area and perhaps guarantee that Russia will be the only supplier & shipping from their own port. And in the middle of it is Turkey, in control of the only passageway to the world

BIBLE QUOTE

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there... shall be famines and troubles ...
(Mark 13:8)

Rishi Sunak tops fifth round of voting to elect next UK prime minister

Scroll.in Jul 20, 2022



EVENT

Former British Finance Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday topped the fifth round of voting to elect the next Conservative leader and prime minister of the country, PTI reported. Sunak will now compete with Truss for the prime minister's post. The former finance minister expressed gratitude to his party colleagues for having put their trust in him. "I will work night and day to deliver our message around the country," he said. "We need to restore trust, rebuild the economy and reunite our country. I'm confident that we can do that." However, while the former chancellor topped all five rounds of voting among Tory MPs, it's the party's wider grassroots membership of some 175,000 people who will choose between him and Truss to decide the winner. According to a YouGov survey of 730 Conservative Party members, 62% said they would vote for Truss and 38% opted for Sunak. The survey shows the uphill battle faced by Sunak to replace Boris Johnson and secure the top job in UK politics.

COMMENT

Last week we covered the topic of the race among 11 conservatives to replace Boris Johnson in the UK politics top job. We commented concerning Rishi Sunak's Indian background as being of interest in view of Bible prophecy. Many immigrants from India, once a part of the British Empire, have become citizens of more than a little political and business significance in many countries that were once part of the empire, from Africa to the UK to Canada, the US and Australia. And now we see the 11 contestants for Johnson's job reduced to two, with the top contestant being Rishi Sunak, albeit trailing Liz Truss in the political affections of the broader base of 175,000 conservatives who will make the final choice between the two. Or is it God that makes that choice? The Bible has the answer.

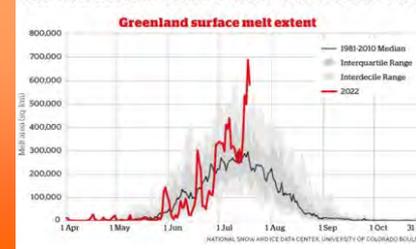
BIBLE QUOTE

This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Daniel 4:17

Greenland is melting at a rate of 6 billion tons a day

World, July 21, 2022



EVENT

A heatwave in northern Greenland melted nearly six billion tonnes of ice in just three days – enough water to leave the entire state of West Virginia standing in a foot water, scientists said. Temperatures in the Arctic region have recently hit 60 degrees Fahrenheit (nearly 16 degrees Celsius). Northern Greenland (at an elevation of +/- 9000 ft) normally remains below freezing, even in summer, with maximum temperatures around 32F (0C). July 16 was 60F. The extreme heat led to vast melting from the island's gigantic ice sheet, between 15-17 July, sending billions of gallons of freshwater into the ocean. Ice sheets are melting because of excess heat trapped in the atmosphere, fueling global sea level rise. If Greenland's entire ice sheet were to melt, the world's oceans would rise by seven metres (23 feet), Nasa says. "Looking at 30 to 40 years of climate averages, the northern melt this past week is not normal," said Ted Scambos, a University of Colorado scientist with the National Snow and Ice Data Center. Climate scientists are gravely concerned about the Arctic which is now warming at four times the rate of the rest of the world. There are concerns that the island's ice sheet is approaching a "tipping point", where the ice destabilizes enough to accelerate even more melting.

COMMENT

Just a few weeks ago some of you may recall the video about the rising waters of the Atlantic along the shoreline of West Virginia, resulting in the swamping of homes along that coastline that had been there for decades. Only recently was the accelerated rise in water noticeable and observed to be rising at an escalating yearly rate. How about another 23 ft? What this story tells us is that what is happening in Greenland is also happening throughout the Arctic and Antarctica. Note that the Arctic is experiencing a warming trend 4 times that of the rest of the world. Man's stewardship of God's world is failing and failing fast.

BIBLE QUOTE

The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. (Psa 115:16; Mat 24:22,37-39 Rev_22:20)

Giant swarms of locusts ravage over 80% of crops and livestock feed in region of Russia

Natural News, July 18, 2022



EVENT

Giant swarms of locusts have ravaged over 80 percent of crops and livestock feed in Yakutia, a republic in northeastern Russia. In Krasnodar Krai, a Russian federal subject, the insects have been destroying crops in the Primorsko-Akhtar region near the Black Sea. Russian media reported that “local authorities had no idea how to get rid of the plague.” Petr Andryushchenko, adviser to the mayor of the Russian-occupied Ukrainian city of Mariupol, posted on social media that the locusts have targeted a city in the Primorsko-Akhtarsk district where military planes take off daily to bomb Ukraine’s Donetsk region. “And now this city is under attack by the militant Ukrainian locust. This is an invasion that they cannot do anything about. Nature itself is taking revenge for what they did to Mariupol,” he said on Telegram. “The locusts have destroyed more than 80 percent of the hay. Here we will no longer be able to stock up on hay for the winter,” stated the mayor of Syulya, a rural Russian district.

COMMENT

Locusts are devastating parts of Russia. Remarkably God compares the Russian army to locusts when it invades Israel. In Joel 1 we read about a plague of locusts coming. Read it in a modern version as it talks about the different stages of the locust. In verse 6 we read that the locusts are symbolic of a nation powerful and without number invading God’s land. In chapter 2 the army comes. And there has never been an army like this one. It devours everything in front of it. Before them it looks like Eden, behind them as they pass over it is a desert waste. So who is this army? Well Joel 2:20 tells us they are a “northern army”. The northern army is Russia who are destroyed by God see Joel 2:20

BIBLE QUOTE

What the locust swarm has left the great locusts have eaten; what the great locusts have left the young locusts have eaten; what the young locusts have left other locusts have eaten. Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail; wail because of the new wine, for it has been snatched from your lips. A nation has invaded my land, a mighty army without number; (Joel 1:4-6 NIV)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**

2022-07-23 [Russian missiles hit Ukrainian port city; Russia denies attack on Odessa](#) - World English News - 4.37 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 [Russia losing ground in global arms market](#) - Gravitas - 5.13 min - YouTube

2022-07-22 [Israel Targets Iran Weapons Depot Near Damascus; Nuclear ENDGAME](#) - 11.57 min - Watchman Newscast - YouTube

2022-07-22 [Putin's gas war divides Europe](#) - Gravitas - 6.05 min - YouTube

2022-07-20 [How Europe is sidestepping its own sanctions](#) - Gravitas - 6.47 min - YouTube

2022-07-19 [Europe braces for tough winter as Russian gas disrupted](#) - Gravitas - 6.10 min - YouTube

2022-07-14 Rupee's historic plunge, breaches 80 against dollar - Gravitas - 5.37 - YouTube

2022-07-14 Israel & U.S. Sign "Jerusalem Declaration"; MILITARY ACTION Against Iran Coming - Watchman - 11.18 min - YouTube

2022-07-14 Biden will use force against Iran, if needed - Gravitas - 3.58 min - YouTube

2022-07-12 Ukraine War- HIMARS rocket system used to strike Russian ammunition depots - 4.26 min - YouTube

2022-07-11 Which countries are going the Sri Lanka way- Gravitas - 5.56 min - YouTube

2022-06-11 Eastern Orthodox Church under Ottoman Rule - Wikipedia

2022-04-14 Why This Desert is Turning Green - 4.59 min - YouTube

2022-03-01 Can LNG Replace Europe's Imports of Russian Gas - Bloomberg

2022-01-17 Why Egypt's lifeline is drying up - Nile Conflict - 7.50 min - YouTube

Snam Natural Gas Atlas

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

Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

NATO members
January 2022
By joining date

- 1949-1989
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s

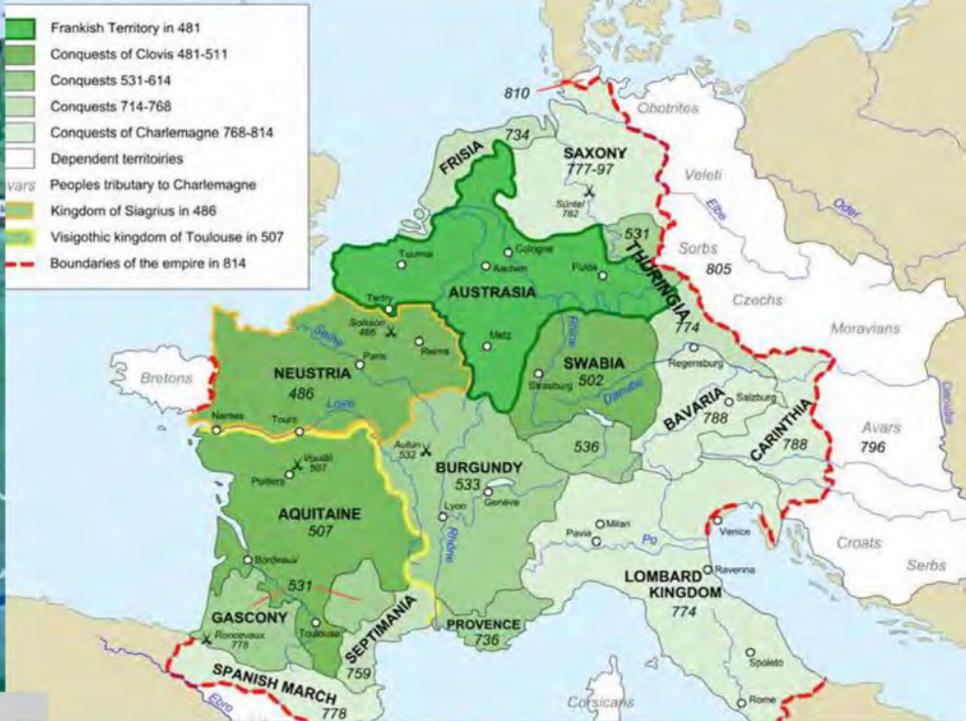


NATO PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE



SOURCE: NATO

- Frankish Territory in 481
- Conquests of Clovis 481-511
- Conquests 531-614
- Conquests 714-768
- Conquests of Charlemagne 768-814
- Dependent territories
- Peoples tributary to Charlemagne
- Kingdom of Siagrius in 486
- Visigothic kingdom of Toulouse in 507
- Boundaries of the empire in 814



- Carolingian Empire 481-814



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

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



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS"
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION"
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

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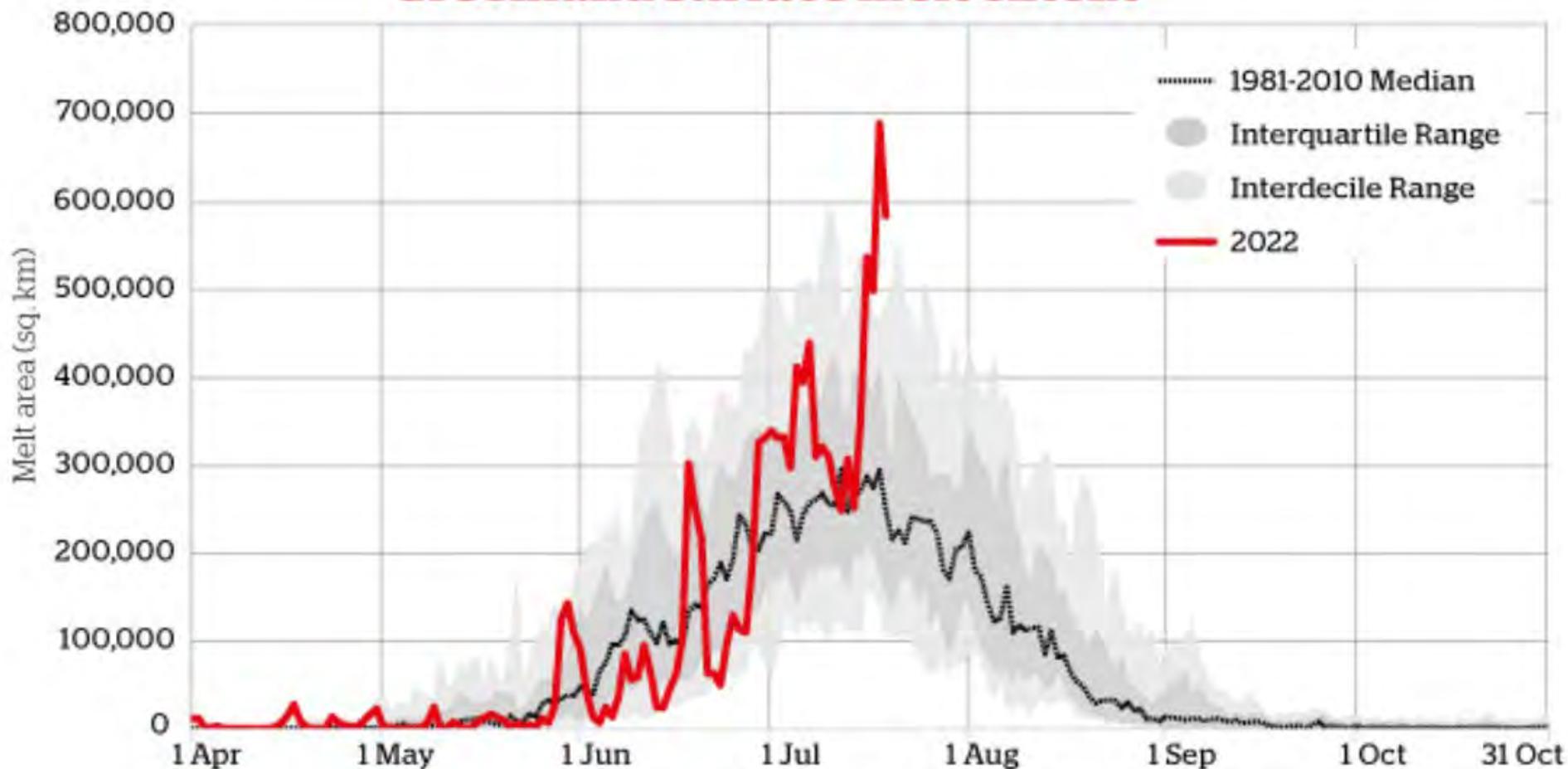
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