

This Week's Developments

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2021 kicks off with a historic - and tragic - week

MSNBC, January 8, 2021



EVENT

After an already a turbulent two months since November's election, **this week took a dizzying, unforgettable and tragic turn that will end up defining the Trump Era**. On Tuesday, Georgia held its twin Senate runoffs, both of which Democrats would win — allowing them to take control of the U.S. Senate. On Wednesday, as Congress was set to confirm the Electoral College results and Joe Biden's victory, President Trump addressed his supporters who had gathered in Washington; **many of those supporters stormed the Capitol to interrupt the proceedings**; and Facebook and Twitter locked Trump's accounts **after he praised the rioters**. On Thursday, Congress completed its Electoral College count and Vice President Mike Pence declared Biden the winner; **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called for Trump's removal from office, either through the 25th Amendment or impeachment**

COMMENT

In an **unprecedented assault** on democracy in America, **thousands of supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the US Capitol and clashed with police, resulting in at five deaths**. Capitol Hill is of vast importance to American democracy as it is the home of the United States Capitol building and the location of Congress. **For Americans, it stands as a symbol of their government**. It has shocked America to its core to see scenes like this. **There is a direct connection to the downfall of Trump and these events and Israel**. During 2020 Trump produced a map that would **divide Israel and Jerusalem**. The first president ever to do so. He also persuaded Israel to **give up annexing any part of the West Bank to achieve peace with Arab Gulf States**. God says that if anyone touches Jerusalem it is **like touching the pupil of his eye** – God has reacted....

BIBLE QUOTE

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you [Jerusalem]: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple [pupil] of his eye. For, behold, **I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants**: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. (Zechariah 2:8-9)

Adversaries gloat over capitol siege by pro-Trump mob

Military News, January 8, 2021



EVENT

U.S. allies responded with shock and dismay at the storming of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters, while adversaries gloated over the chaos. "The holiday of democracy is over [in the U.S.]," Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the upper house of Russia's parliament, said in a Facebook post. "America no longer charts the course, and therefore has lost all rights to set one, let alone to impose it on others." An editorial posted by China's state-run foreign news outlet CGTN mocked America's political system as contributing to disorder. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani charged that what happened in Washington was to be expected. "What we saw in the United States last night showed the failure and frailty of Western democracy in the world," he said, according to Iran's Tasnim news agency, as reported by CBS.

COMMENT

The events in Washington DC this week have seriously undermined America as the world's No1 superpower. America's adversaries have gloated this week over the chaos and this in turn strengthens their hand and weakens the US position. The US over the decades has been the key nation that can influence outcomes and agreements with sensitive issues like the Middle East. But the US voice is greatly weakened at this time. Russia, China, Iran and North Korea have all made statements as such this week. In Ezekiel 38 we read of Tarshish (UK) and the young lions. The young lions refer to the offspring nations of Britain eg America. They are only able to ask why Russia is invading Israel. They appear at that time to have lost their ability to repel Russia.

BIBLE QUOTE

Do you rulers indeed speak justly? Do you judge people with equity? No, in your heart you devise injustice, and your hands mete out violence on the earth. Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward, spreading lies... Break the teeth in their mouths, O God; Lord, tear out the fangs of those [young] lions! Amazing words in the light of events (Psalm 58:1-3+6 NIV)

US and Israel on top military alert for Iran to exploit DC political mayhem

DEBKAFfile, January 9, 2021



EVENT

Amid the political havoc in Washington, the US military and its Mid-East allies were keeping a wary eye on possible moves by Tehran or its proxies to exploit for malign purpose the incoming administration leaders' preoccupation with assaulting Trump in the last days of his presidency. Saudi Arabia's Royal Air Force (RSAF) and the US Air Force completed a bilateral military drill, in which Saudi F-15SE fighters and American B-52 strategic bombers and F-16 fighters participated. The heavy B-52 bombers had been flying over the Middle East for the past two weeks, repeatedly crossing the skies over Israel, amid high tension with Iran. The swearing-in of the president and vice president will be scaled down due to the soaring covid virus assault on America. The US saw a record of 4,000 deaths from the pandemic in one day on Friday, raising the total death toll to 380,000. More than 22 million Americans are infected.

COMMENT

There are desperate attempts underway to try to remove President Trump from office. With only 11 [10] days left of his presidency there is still concern over what he may do during that time. As one report saidthis man has been banned from using Twitter and Facebook but still has access to the nuclear weapon launch codes. America's weakness could well be a time for a key adversary like Iran to strike. They could do so believing it unlikely the US would react due to the turmoil. They could do so hoping to show the new Biden administration they are a force to be reckoned with. The world is extremely destabilised at this point and we should be watching for nations to make moves at this time. We could be entering the time spoken of by Jesus when "men's hearts fail them for fear for looking after the things that are coming on the earth...."

BIBLE QUOTE

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

(Luke 21:25-26)

Iran reveals new missile base on the Persian Gulf

Deutsche Welle, January 8, 2021



EVENT

Iran's Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) published photos of a **new underground missile base on the coast of the Persian Gulf** on Friday, amid **increasing tensions** between the Islamic Republic and the US. "The base is one of several bases housing the Guards' Navy's strategic missiles," state media quoted IRGC Chief Commander Hossein Salami, regarding the base located somewhere in the province of Hormozgan. "Our logic in defending the territorial integrity, the independence of the country, and the achievements of the Islamic Revolution is strengthening," Salami said, according to the national newspaper Mehr News. The commander also boasted that **the new Naval Missile Facility held long-range missiles with pin-point precision and "huge destructive power."** Rising tensions between the Islamic Republic and the US came to a head on Monday when **Revolutionary Guards seized a S. Korean tanker in the straits of Hormuz.**

COMMENT

This week has seen a **number of aggressive moves** by Iran. The **seizing of a South Korean tanker** in the Persian Gulf. The announcement that they will **now enrich uranium to 20%** (half way to that needed to make a nuclear bomb). Another announcement that they are **installing another 1000 centrifuges** at its nuclear facilities to speed up the rate at which it can enrich uranium. And then on Friday the **unveiling of a new underground missile base**. This base is interesting because it is in the exact territory of ancient Elam. **Elam is south west Iran bordering the Persian Gulf**. Elam is mentioned in Isaiah 21. We are told Elam will "go up"- means to arise, ascend, to burn brightly! The chapter is headed up **"the burden of the desert of the sea". The sea is the Persian Gulf**. When Isaiah saw what was to happen he was totally dismayed....

BIBLE QUOTE

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. **Go up, O Elam**: besiege, O Media; Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; **I was dismayed at the seeing of it.**

(Isaiah 21:2-3)

Saudi Arabia & allies restore diplomatic ties with Qatar

BBC, January 6, 2021



EVENT Diplomatic relations have been restored between Qatar and four Arab states that imposed an embargo against it for three years, the Saudi foreign minister says. Prince Faisal bin Farhad told reporters that the countries had agreed to "fully set our differences aside" at a Gulf Co-operation Council summit on Tuesday. Earlier, Saudi Arabia's crown prince publicly embraced the emir of Qatar. Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt cut ties with Qatar in 2017, accusing it of supporting terrorism. The tiny, gas- and oil-rich state denied the accusation and rejected the conditions for ending the partial blockade, including closing the Doha-based Al Jazeera broadcast network and curbing relations with Iran. In recent months, Kuwaiti and US mediators stepped up efforts to end the stand-off. At Tuesday's summit in the Saudi heritage site of al-Ula, leaders of the six GCC member states signed an agreement that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said affirmed "our Gulf, Arab and Islamic solidarity and stability".

COMMENT We are getting close to Iran (Elam and Media) creating havoc and war. Saudi Arabia sees this and itself is making amends with Qatar which is a small Gulf Arab nation that has sided with Iran in recent years. Saudi Crown Prince said this week... "There is a desperate need today to unite our efforts to promote our region and to confront challenges that surround us, especially the threats posed by the Iranian regime's nuclear and ballistic missile programme and its plans for sabotage and destruction," he added." We see Sheba and Dedan (Saudi and the Gulf Arab States) coming together to unite against Iran. Iran under pressure could well be the power that activates the initial inner ring war around Israel through its proxy armies of Hezbollah and Hamas.

BIBLE QUOTE They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes...; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur [Iran?] also is joined with them: (Psalm 83:4-8)

Russia prepares to test missile that can 'beat any defence system and destroy Texas'

The Times, January 1, 2021

Sarmatians



EVENT

The Russian military is preparing to carry out flight tests of its next-generation intercontinental ballistic missile, a weapon it claims can overcome any defences. The **RS-28 Sarmat** is destined to replace the R-36, named SS-18 Satan by Nato. Weighing 208 tonnes and with a range of about 6,200 miles, the Sarmat will carry up to 16 warheads and, according to Moscow, will be able to bypass any missile defence system. It could carry a payload capable of destroying an area the size of Texas or France, according to Zvezda, the Russian defence ministry's TV channel. The introduction of the missile has been put back several times because of delays in testing but Alexei Krivoruchko, the deputy defence minister, told Krasnaya Zvezda, a military newspaper, that long-distance launches were imminent.

COMMENT

This missile is interesting because of what the Russians have called it. NATO dubbed it "Satan 2" but Russia called it the **Sarmat after the Sarmatians** (not Samaritans!). The Sarmatians were a large Iranian confederation that existed in classical antiquity, flourishing from about the 5th century BC to the 4th century AD. The Sarmatians started migrating westward around the 4th and 3rd centuries BC, coming to dominate the closely related Scythians by 200 BC. Their territory, which was known as Sarmatia corresponded to the western part of greater Scythia (mostly **modern Ukraine and Southern Russia**). **Ancient Magog corresponds almost exactly to this territory.** Josephus tells us that the Magogites were the same people as the Scythians. Therefore **this missile is as good as named after Magog** which is quite amazing.

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: **Josephus refers to Magog son of Japheth as progenitor of Scythians, or peoples north of the Black Sea.**

(Ezekiel 38:2-3)



Niniveh
ASSYRIA

Assur

Tigris

BABYLONIA

Sippar

Eshnunna

Babylon

Kish

Nippur

SUMER

Uruk

Lagash

Ur

Euphrates

Awan

Susa

Susa

ELAM

MEDES

PARTHIANS

Anshan

PERSIANS

ARABS

Persian Gulf



ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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Iran unveils new secret underground missile base filled with anti-ship weapons in Persian gulf - Daily Mail Online

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