

This Week's Developments

September 18 - 24, 2022 (Edited)

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Navy tests new generation of anti-ship missiles as tensions with Hezbollah soar

Times of Israel - 21 September 2022



EVENT

The Israeli Navy conducted a successful test of the latest generation of anti-ship missiles last month, the military and Defense Ministry announced Wednesday. The Gabriel V is the fifth generation of the anti-ship missile developed by the Israeli Aerospace Industries and the Defense Ministry's research and development division, known by the Hebrew acronym MAFAT. In the "complex" trial in August, the Sa'ar 6-class corvette INS Oz launched a missile at a mock ship, destroying it. The Israel Defense Forces said the missile is capable of flying hundreds of kilometers in various sea and air conditions." The Gabriel V missiles are being deployed on the navy's Sa'ar 6-class corvettes, replacing the Gabriel IV, developed in the 1990s. "The advanced missiles ensure the preservation of the IDF's naval superiority, including the protection of the strategic assets of the State of Israel," the military said in a statement. The announcement came as tensions ran high between Israel and the Lebanese Hezbollah terror group, as the latter has threatened Israeli gas installations amid US-mediated talks over a maritime dispute.

COMMENT

This missile test comes amidst increasing threats from the Iran backed Hezbollah regarding the disputed gas field just off the Israel / Lebanese coastline. Israel is expected to begin NG production soon and when it does the threat from Hezbollah is that they will consider that an act of war. Anthony Blinken is quoted as telling the UN General Assembly this past week that if that war breaks out, the US will not stop Israel from defending its coastal waters. This is significant from the point of view of Biblical predictions which foretell of a situation where Israel will have the upper hand over its neighbors - until the invasion of the northern host.

BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: **like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf**; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left. (Zec 12:6 NLT)

Iran will act decisively after biggest protests in years

Reuters September 24, 2022



EVENT

Iran must deal decisively with protests which have swept the country after the death in custody of a woman detained by the Islamic Republic's morality police, President Ebrahim Raisi said on Saturday. At least 41 people have been killed in the week-long unrest, state television said on Saturday. Protests have erupted in most of the country's 31 provinces. The protests broke out in northwestern Iran a week ago at the funeral of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Kurdish woman who died after falling into a coma following her detention in Tehran by morality police enforcing hijab rules on women's dress. Her death has reignited anger over issues including restrictions on personal freedoms in Iran, the strict dress codes for women, and an economy reeling from sanctions. Women have played a prominent role in the protests, waving and burning their veils. Some have publicly cut their hair as furious crowds called for the fall of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The protests are the largest to sweep the country since demonstrations in 2019, when 1,500 people were killed - the bloodiest confrontation in the Islamic Republic's history.

COMMENT

The Iranian regime has intensified its restrictive rules since the appointment of hardliner President Raisi. There is apparently a pent-up energy that, according to one insider, once released could erupt into a backlash that has possibilities of overthrowing the regime. The majority of the population of Iran consist of "modern, well educated western oriented people". Most privately disagree with the government aggression against Israel and the development of nuclear weapons. The only thing that still binds them to their government is their adherence to Islam. However, there is widespread resistance to the restrictive rules which goes beyond the requirements of the belief in the eyes of most, and certainly to the oppressive persecution that accompanies it. We are reminded of the Bible warning against all teachings not contained within its pages.

BIBLE QUOTE

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it... though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed... If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book... Deut 4:2, Gal 1:8, Rev 22:18

Putin announces partial mobilisation of Russian troops for Ukraine

Reuters, September 21, 2022



EVENT

Russia will draft 300,000 reservists to support its military campaign in Ukraine, Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said on Wednesday in televised remarks. In Moscow's first update on casualty numbers in almost six months, Shoigu said 5,937 Russian soldiers had been killed since the start of the conflict. President Vladimir Putin had ordered Russia's first mobilisation since World War Two in an early-morning television address, saying the additional manpower was needed to win a war against not only Ukraine but also its Western backers. The decree published on the Kremlin's website said the call-up would apply only to reservists with previous military experience. Shoigu said this meant around 300,000 men. He said they would be given additional training before being deployed to Ukraine, and that they would not include students or those who were currently serving as conscripts.

COMMENT

Putin is losing ground in Ukraine with some 3000 square miles of occupied land being taken back by the Ukraine army. Rather than try to seek some negotiated way out of this what Putin does is raise the stakes further. Part of this is starting the mobilisation of Russia. This week Putin announced the mobilisation of 300,000 reservists. However, it is reported in several news agencies today that he has secretly also approved a law that could send a further one million men to fight in Ukraine. This is causing protests in Russia with over 1300 people arrested in the last few days. Putin cannot back down though – his path is set – he has to succeed. The Bible talks about the scale of the northern army that come down eventually into Israel. It describes a great and mighty army the like of which hasn't been seen before. Full mobilisation of Russia is coming.

BIBLE QUOTE

Sound the trumpet in Jerusalem! Raise the alarm on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the Lord is upon us. It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness. Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a great and mighty army appears. Nothing like it has been seen before or will ever be seen again. (Joel 2:1-2)

Putin escalates Ukraine war, issues nuclear threat to West

Reuters, September 21, 2022

'Desperate' Putin's nuclear sabre rattling condemned

By ALEXANDER BROWN

With his warning of Vladimir Putin's "nuclear red lines" and his threat to use nuclear weapons in his region's increasingly desperate war on Ukraine, flights were falling.

Mr Putin's move to call up thousands of extra troops was branded a "bluff" the invasion of Ukraine was failing, as world leaders gathered at a United Nations summit in New

York to discuss the ongoing Russian assault on Ukraine. The summit comes as it was confirmed five British soldiers held by Russian-backed forces had been safely returned.

The Russian president's comments in a televised address to the nation appeared to suggest the conflict in Ukraine could spiral

into a nuclear crisis, as he accused the West of engaging in "nuclear blackmail".

He announced a partial military mobilisation, with 300,000 reservists set to be called up as the Kremlin attempts to regain ground in the face of a counter-attack by Ukraine's forces.

And Mr Putin said "it is not a bluff" when he vowed that Russia would use its arsenal of mass destruction if its territory was threatened.

But Mr Truss, addressing the United Nations General Assembly last night, praised the "strength of collective purpose" in response to Mr Putin's nuclear bluff, as she warned support for Ukraine must not waver.

She said: "In Ukraine, barbarism

EVENT

"If the territorial integrity of our country is threatened, we will without doubt use all available means to protect Russia and our people - this is not a bluff," Putin said in a televised address to the nation. Citing NATO expansion towards Russia's borders, Putin said the West was plotting to destroy his country, engaging in "nuclear blackmail" by allegedly discussing the potential use of nuclear weapons against Moscow, and accused the United States, the European Union and Britain of encouraging Ukraine to push military operations into Russia itself. "In its aggressive anti-Russian policy, the West has crossed every line," Putin said. **"This is not a bluff. And those who try to blackmail us with nuclear weapons should know that the weathervane can turn and point towards them."** The address, which followed a critical Russian battlefield defeat in northeastern Ukraine, fuelled speculation about the course of the war, the 69-year-old Kremlin chief's own future, and showed Putin was doubling down on what he calls his "special military operation" in Ukraine.

COMMENT

The editorial comment in the Telegraph said *"Make no mistake: the war in Ukraine just moved up a dangerous gear. Far from turning into the frozen conflict that could have tested the West's staying power, Ukraine's recent major counteroffensive has so humiliated Putin that there is every expectation he will now play even uglier than he has already."* Many are calling Putin mad or deranged. This is exactly what people said of Antiochus Epiphanes the ancient king of the north. We have not yet seen the lengths Putin will go to stay in power. The Bible says he will succeed in all he does and he will cause a shocking amount of destruction. The world is heading fast to Armageddon...

BIBLE QUOTE

He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. He will be a master of deception and will become arrogant; he will destroy many without warning. **Putin is not bluffing when he says he will use nuclear weapons. He will use ALL and ANY means to stay in power...** (Daniel 8:24-25 NLT)

Ukraine war: Russian-occupied areas hold 'referendums'

BBC, September 23, 2022



EVENT

Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine are staging so-called "referendums" on whether to join Russia, as Moscow pushes ahead with an apparent bid to annex territory from its neighbour. The vote involves four regions of Ukraine in which Russia has gained ground during its invasion. An annexation could lead to a claim by Russia that its territory is coming under attack from Western weapons supplied to Ukraine. This could escalate the war further. Russia annexed Crimea in southern Ukraine in 2014, through another so-called referendum that was similarly condemned as illegitimate by the international community. Ukraine's Western allies have denounced the new vote as a land grab and promised not to recognise the results of the ballots. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said it was a "dangerous escalation".

COMMENT

Putin has not been able to subdue and take over the whole of Ukraine by military means. His original plan was to remove the government of Ukraine and replace it with a puppet pro Russian government. But the unexpected ferocious counter attack by Ukraine backed by Western military support pushed Putin back. He is now left with one choice – to annex the Russian speaking Donbass area of Ukraine. To do this Putin has authorised so-called referendums in this area to ask people if they want to join Russia. When Putin declares they want to join Russia he will then formally bring that area into Russia as he did with Crimea. This will be his "victory" *that he may then trumpet out to the world and try to talk peace. Putin is probably correct in his idea that Ukraine is part of the Russian "motherland". In fact, it appears that Ukraine (ALL of it) IS the Russian "Rosh" motherland more so than Putin's Russia ever was. It will be interesting to observe how that plays out going forward. (italics – ET)*

BIBLE QUOTE

Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog**, the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal**, and prophesy against him... and I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them splendidly attired, a great company with buckler and shield...
Eze 38:2-4 NASB

World Bank: Global rate hikes could trigger 2023 recession

BBC Sept 16, 2022



EVENT

Interest rate hikes by central banks around the world could trigger a global recession in 2023, the World Bank has said. Central banks have raised rates "with a degree of synchronicity not seen over the past five decades" to tackle soaring prices, it said. Raising rates makes borrowing more expensive to try to bring down the pace of price rises. But it also makes loans more costly, which can slow economic growth. The warning from the World Bank comes ahead of monetary policy meetings by the US Federal Reserve and Bank of England, which are expected to increase key interest rates next week. On Thursday, the World Bank said the global economy was in its steepest slowdown following a post-recession recovery since 1970. It said a study found that "the world's three largest economies - the US, China and the euro area - have been slowing sharply". "Under the circumstances, even a moderate hit to the global economy over the next year could tip it into recession," it said. Signs of economic difficulties are already emerging. Delivery giant FedEx warned investors that a sharp and unexpected slowdown in activity, especially in Asia and Europe, would cause revenue to be hundreds of millions of dollars short of forecasts. The news sparked a widespread sell-off of FedEx shares, sending them down more than 20%. Shares in other delivery firms, including Amazon, Deutsche Post and Royal Mail, also fell. Inflation, which is the rate at which prices rise, hit a 40-year-high in the US and UK in recent months.

COMMENT

The world this year has been rocked to its core - & it's not over. There is little doubt that serious economic times are ahead. The labor force is weak, businesses are having great difficulty finding good workers, and when they do, they are finding the work ethic to be at a very different level compared to pre 2019. The quiet quitting phenomenon is gaining strength and popularity which is another way of describing a work slowdown. That, plus the Russia-Ukraine war, droughts, floods and other climate phenomena have caused shortages and interruptions in supply chains and a sharp rise in the price of food, shelter, fuel, etc., triggering a sharp increase in interest rates. At some point the world economies will decline if not crash. This also has been Biblically predicted.

BIBLE QUOTE

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places... 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 Mat 24:6,7 Luk 21:25,26

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-09-24 [More Russians flee as country holds referendums in occupied areas of Ukraine](#) - 2.58 min - YouTube

2022-09-24 [Momentum Grows Around Protests In Iran](#) MSNBC- 6.34 min YouTube

2022-09-24 [Iranians protest over the death of Mahsa Amini continues](#) - Al Jazeera - 1.49 min - YouTube

2022-09-24 [Iran Protests EXPLODE Nationwide as Iranian Regime Vows BRUTAL Crackdown](#) - Watchman - 11.52 min - YouTube

2022-09-22 [Ukraine conflict- Russians don't want to go to war](#) - Gravitas - 6.12 min - YouTube

2022-09-22 [Israel ON ALERT as Hamas Threatens "Religious War" Over Jerusalem & Temple Mt](#) - Watchman - 9.25 min - YouTube

2022-09-21 [Vladimir Putin issues nuclear threat, plans Ukraine escalation](#) - Gravitas - 6.55 min - YouTube

2022-09-21 [Israel Debuts NEW Anti-Ship Missile; Putin NUCLEAR Threat as Troops Mobilize](#) - Watchman - 10.05 min - YouTube

2022-09-20 [Hezbollah Threatens Israel with WAR Over Natural Gas as Iran ROCKED by Protests](#) - Watchman - 9.50 min - YouTube

2022-09-17 See Biden's warning for Putin - 7.42 min - YouTube

2022-09-17 Putin under pressure at SCO summit- Critical voices growing louder in Russia - News - WION - 11.49 min - YouTube

2022-09-17 Inevitable end for Putin- The heroes of the Kremlin prepares for a MILITARY COUP! - 9.37 min - YouTube

2022-09-16 Ukraine war- PM Modi sends a big message to Putin - Gravitas - 6.58 min - YouTube

2022-09-16 See the politicians standing up to Vladimir Putin - 7.04 min - YouTube

2022-09-16 China, Russia forge stronger ties at the SCO summit - Latest International News - WION - 8.33 min - YouTube

2022-09-15 Israel Airstrikes FORCING Iran & Hezbollah RETREAT From Syria- - Watchman Newscast - 10.26 min - YouTube

2022-09-15 'Germany is Afraid of Russia,' Ukraine Slams Berlin After Putin-Scholz Call - 3.24 min - YouTube

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

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

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

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN
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The Queen's funeral - the grandest the world has seen

The Times, September 19, 2022



EVENT

A relentless sense that we are hurtling through history is one of the privileges and burdens of the modern age. Yet, with the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth, we experienced something truly extraordinary. A spectacle of such glory has not been witnessed in the UK since at least the late Queen's coronation in 1953. But Her Majesty's send-off was also an unprecedented global communion. Five hundred heads of state and other foreign dignitaries came to the UK. Billions of people around the world, from Japan to Jamaica, are estimated to have watched the events. The crowds 50 deep that lined the procession route threw red roses and snapped pictures of the cortege on their phones. For one last time, Queen Elizabeth left the world in awe.

COMMENT

It is reported that over 4 billion people (half the world's population) watched the Queen's funeral this week. Leaders of almost every country on earth (apart from the likes of Russia/Syria) attended the funeral. There was a sense of the ending of an age - a national (even international) stabilising force ceasing. The funeral came just days before Putin threatened nuclear war and mobilised troops for the first time since the second world war. The death of the Queen has added to the world's sense that a more unstable, more dangerous time is ahead. But for those 4 billion people who watched the funeral the TRUTH was there. It is as if God has given a final message to mankind to hear the hope we should all have in Christ and the coming kingdom. Many key Bible passages were read that speak of Christ's return and the resurrection. A key one at the start of the funeral was 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 53 – end. We often say that funeral's are the greatest witness of the Truth. May it be that some who listened had ears to hear

BIBLE QUOTE

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. [There was hardly any reference to heaven going in the funeral but instead reference to the resurrection in the last day.](#) (1 *Corinthian* 15:21-23)

Queen Elizabeth was parted from her crown, orb and sceptre

The Telegraph, September 19, 2022



EVENT

Queen Elizabeth II finally parted company with the Imperial State Crown, orb and sceptre as the final hymn was sung at her committal ceremony, in one of the most moving moments of today's funeral. Throughout her lying in state, the symbols of monarchy have adorned her coffin, and they remained there during her funeral at Westminster Abbey and will for the committal at St George's Chapel, Windsor. They were removed in the final moments before the public sees its last images of the monarch's coffin. While the crown represents the sovereign's power over her subjects, the orb, made up of a cross above a globe, represents Christ's earthly dominion and symbolises the monarch's status as God's mortal representative. The sceptre represents equity and mercy. They will be presented to the King at his coronation in 2023.

COMMENT

King Charles will not be given the crown, orb and sceptre until he is coronated next year – probably in the summer of 2023. Until then the crown, orb and sceptre have been removed and lie waiting. In the Bible the crown and sceptre symbolise kingship, authority and rulership. Jesus Christ will be the world's ultimate king. He will be a merciful king and a loving judge. His reign will be righteous and will usher in peace. Psalm 45 speaks of kingship and the sceptre. We read in verse 6 "The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre". This is a Psalm about the future kingdom when Christ has returned. Interestingly in the same Psalm we read "the daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift." The daughter of Tyre is a reference to Britain. Britain is a descendent of Tyre and has become like ancient Tyre. One day the symbols of British kingship and rulership will be handed to Christ to acknowledge He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords...

BIBLE QUOTE

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. I have a booklet printed in 1940 by the Christadelphian Office called *The Destiny of the British Empire*. Chapter 10 is "The British Sovereign paying homage to Christ at Jerusalem" (Ps 45:6+12)

UK Prime Minister Truss pledges escalated offensive against Russia

The Guardian, September 21, 2022



EVENT

Prime Minister Liz Truss, in her first trip outside the UK since she succeeded Boris Johnson on September 6, declared that London would double down on military aid and assistance to Ukraine. Truss spoke Wednesday evening at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, just hours after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the mobilisation of 300,000 troops and threatened to use nuclear weapons. In an acknowledgement of how deeply Britain is engaged in the military conflict and provocations against Moscow, Downing Street boasted, "The UK is already the second largest military donor to Ukraine, committing £2.3bn in 2022. We have trained 27,000 members of the Ukrainian Armed Forces since 2015, and in the last year we have provided hundreds of rockets, five air defence systems, 120 armoured vehicles and over 200,000 pieces of non-lethal military equipment."

COMMENT

Britain is leading the way in supporting Ukraine by training thousands of their soldiers and providing military equipment and logistics. The new prime minister of Britain, Liz Truss, (who came to power just 2 days before the Queen died), was previously the UK's foreign secretary. Back in April she said "Russian forces must be **pushed** out of the whole of Ukraine." She said it was a "strategic imperative" for the West. As prime minister she has now committed to not only continue in this vein but to increase support further. The Bible says in Daniel 11 that the king of the south (UK/US) will PUSH (militarily provoke) Gog (the king of verse 36-39). The push is well underway and we are watching the reaction of Putin this week. The push leads to Russia descending....

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. **The push by the king of the south is against Gog. Then the king of the north (Russia) comes against the king of the south**(Daniel 11:40)