

# This Week's Developments

July 31 – August 6, 2022

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# Israel and Gaza under fire in deadly flare up

BBC, August 6, 2022



## EVENT

Tensions remain high after a night of heavy weapons fire between the Gaza Strip and Israel. Dozens of rockets fired from Gaza lit up the sky, following the killing of at least 10 people in Israeli air strikes. Militant leader Tayseer Jabari was among the dead. Israel said the strikes followed an "immediate threat" from his Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) group. A five-year-old girl in Gaza also died, local health officials said, and dozens more were injured. PIJ responded by firing more than 100 rockets into Israel overnight "in an initial response". Most were intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome missile defense shield, but sirens sounded in a number of Israeli cities throughout the night. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it had resumed rocket strikes against multiple militant positions in Gaza, continuing the attacks into the early hours of the morning.

## COMMENT

Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) wants to destroy Israel. They are supported and funded by Iran. On Monday night Israel arrested Bassem Saadi who is reported to be the head of the PIJ which has sparked this new round of violence. The overnight exchange of fire marks between Israel the most serious escalation in violence since May 2021's 11-day war. Hamas (also a proxy army for Iran), which governs the Gaza Strip, said the armed groups were "united" in battle and would not keep silent. *[On the north is Lebanon. This may be a ploy by Iran to increase Israel's vulnerability by forcing it to be potentially fighting on multiple fronts. However, if Psalm 83 is an unfulfilled prophecy, this may be an indication of the sequence of events that sees Israel emerge victorious over its immediate neighbors and from whence it obtains the implied security "without walls & having neither bars nor gates" immediately before the invasion by the King of North.]*

## BIBLE QUOTE

Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: All the surrounding enemies of Israel will end up like these military commanders – destroyed. Until they are destroyed forever Psalm 83 is unfulfilled & therefore yet future  
*(Psalm 83:9-11)*

# U.S. House passes bill to protect same-sex marriage

AP July 19, 2022



## EVENT

The U.S. House overwhelmingly approved legislation Tuesday to protect same-sex and interracial marriages amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade abortion access could jeopardize other rights criticized by many conservative Americans. The vote was 267-157, with dozens of Republicans joining Democrats for passage. With a robust but lopsided debate, Democrats argued intensely in favour of enshrining marriage equality in federal law, while Republicans steered clear of openly rejecting gay marriage. Instead, leading Republicans portrayed the bill as unnecessary amid other issues facing the nation. It also reflected the legislative branch pushing back against an aggressive court that has sparked fears it may revisit apparently settled U.S. laws. Wary of political fallout, Republican leaders did not direct their lawmakers to hold the party line against the bill, aides said. Dozens of Republicans joined Democrats in voting for passage.

## COMMENT

*Recorded history going back thousands of years documents this same-sex inclination existing among people on both sides of the gender equation. The historical evidence is contained in records both Biblical and secular. So why is a story like the above significant from a current events point of view? Because up until the last half century or so, same sex relationships were not countenanced by society in general & certainly not by religious denominations of any stripe. The years since have seen a drifting away from the Divine teachings and influence of the Bible. All this has to do with feelings and emotions which powerfully effect human nature and require the counter-balance of the Biblical instructions concerning self-control and keeping under those inclinations that the Bible speaks out so clearly and plainly against. This trend is even gaining a foothold in Christadelphia. The increasing predominance of same-sex relationships is clearly another sign of our times.*

## BIBLE QUOTE

"Since the world was created, people... traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved." - Rom 1:20, 25-27 (NLT)

# Monkeypox declared global emergency by World Health Organisation

The Telegraph, July 23, 2022



## EVENT

The World Health Organisation has **declared monkeypox a global health emergency**, signaling a greater global response to an outbreak that has spread to at least 75 countries in just a few weeks. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO's director general, on Saturday took the unprecedented step of overruling a panel of advisers to make the designation. "We have an outbreak that has spread around the world rapidly through new modes of transmission, **about which we understand too little**, and which meets the criteria," he told reporters. However he said it was still **mostly of concern to homosexual men**. "Although I am declaring a public health emergency of international concern, for the moment this is an outbreak that is concentrated among men who have sex with men, especially those with **multiple sexual partners**," he said. "That means that this is an outbreak that can be stopped with the right strategies in the right groups."

## COMMENT

Monkeypox has not caused any deaths in Europe, but the disease is gaining ground. With nearly 17,000 cases worldwide, World Health Organization (WHO) has triggered the highest level of alert on monkeypox on July 23. The main factor of propagation remains the number of sexual partners: **74% of the studied cases reported having had more than two sexual partners in the three weeks before the onset of symptoms**. And it is mainly impacting homosexual men. God has designed our bodies to react badly if they are not used as he intended. **This applies to everything**. And the further we move away from God's rules the more severe our bodies react. Multiple sexual partners often lead to sexual diseases **because we are intended to have only one sexual partner**.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. **Psalm 139:13 says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Fearfully means we have to respect how God has made us and asks us to live** (Romans 1:27 NLT)

# Putin is heading for 'economic oblivion'

The Times, August 4, 2022



## EVENT

Sanctions have had a disastrous impact on the Russian economy with the country headed for “economic oblivion”, a study by Yale University has found, despite Moscow’s efforts to downplay the repercussions of the invasion of Ukraine. Although President Putin’s government had raked in billions of dollars from energy sales at inflated prices since the invasion on February 24, indicators from other sectors suggested much domestic economic activity had ground to a halt, the study found. The exodus of international business and a slump in exports belie the claims that its economy remains robust and is winning the “war of economic attrition”. Experts at the Yale School of Management used consumer data from Russia’s international trade and shipping partners to measure economic activity five months after the invasion. “The findings of our comprehensive economic analysis of Russia are powerful and indisputable: Not only have sanctions and the business retreat worked, they have thoroughly crippled the Russian economy at every level,” the report said.

## COMMENT

*The sorry state of the Russian economy and the international isolation caused by the sanctions of the west has already influenced Putin to reach out to Iran for talks and seek the support from it & others like Turkey - all of which would have been unthinkable prior to the invasion. Putin was used to subordinate and poorer nations coming to him and seeking him out. We know the Bible predicts that Gog will, at some point, break out and come down on Istanbul (Turkey), Egypt & Israel "like a whirlwind" to take over the rich resources of the area and obtain a strategic foothold in the earth. Will this be Putin or will the other K of N component nations (Ukraine/Ros, Germany/Magog), currently under such extreme pressure from Russia, see in Russia's weakness an opportunity to take over and appoint their own choice of leader – i.e.. a "Gog of the land of Magog"?*

## 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, all of them handling swords:

(Ezekiel 38:4)

# Putin and Erdogan agree to boost cooperation

Reuters, August 5, 2022



## EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan agreed on Friday to boost cooperation in the transport, agriculture, finance and construction industries, they said in a joint statement after a four-hour meeting. Turkey mediated a deal signed by Ukraine, Russia and the United Nations in Istanbul last month under which grain exports from Ukraine's Black Sea ports resumed after months of being blocked. In the statement, Putin and Erdogan stressed the need for "the full implementation of the Istanbul agreement, including the unimpeded export of Russia's grain, fertilizer and raw materials for their production." The two leaders also agreed to switch part of the payments for Russian gas to rubles, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak told reporters after the talks. The two also reaffirmed their determination to act in coordination and solidarity in the fight against all terrorist organizations" in Syria.

## COMMENT

Putin needs allies and he is turning to other authoritarian states for support. Last week Putin was in Iran shoring up agreements with the pariah state. This week Putin met Turkey's president in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi. Erdogan is another authoritarian leader. In fact this was the third time in 3 weeks that Putin and Erdogan have met. [Note that Putin gave in to Erdogan's demands re Kurdish "terrorists" in Syria on which they disagreed in Iran. Erdogan is in election mode and is playing the part of middle-man, strategically in control of the gateway of food for the world; to be the hero of the day and look good to the Turkish electorate. He is also chummy with Israel of late, especially trying to get a piece of the potential NG revenue from a gas pipeline through Turkey to Europe. No doubt how Putin would like to be in Erdogan's position!]

## BIBLE QUOTE

"Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops--the many nations with you. Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them." - Eze 38:6-7 NIV  
Ancient Gomer = France (note French politics are shifting); Beth Togarmah = Turkey  
"...storm out against him (Turkey) with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships." - Dan 11:40 (NIV)

# China halts military, climate ties with U.S. and sanctions Pelosi in fury over Taiwan visit

CNBC, August 5, 2022



## EVENT

China said Friday it would halt cooperation with the United States on areas including military relations and climate change while imposing sanctions against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, as Beijing stepped up its retaliation to her Taiwan visit. The new measures were announced as military drills Beijing launched furiously in the wake of her trip earlier this week sent warplanes, naval ships and missiles menacingly close to this small island democracy despite growing criticism. **The U.S. delegation's unannounced visit to Taiwan has fueled a mounting crisis, raising fears of conflict in the region and stoking tensions between Washington, its allies and Beijing.** Beijing said Friday it will cancel military phone calls between area commanders, defense meetings and cooperation on anti-drug efforts with the U.S., and will no longer take part in talks on maritime safety and climate change.

## COMMENT

China sees Taiwan (an island roughly 100 miles off the cost of south east China) as its own territory. Although Taiwan rules itself, China wants total control. **The US has promised to defend Taiwan if China ever attacked.** The visit by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is designed to show American support for Taiwan. China has reacted with fury launching missiles over Taiwan and blockading its key ports. China has now cut off ties with the US on military and climate matters. It is interesting that **just as China has an area it wants to take over and control so does Russia with Ukraine.** The Bible says that the gentiles would prepare for war. It says that nation will rise up against nation. We are seeing this happen. **The world is destabilising** fast and it heralds the return of Christ....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Proclaim ye this among the **Gentiles; Prepare war**, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

(Joel 3:9-10)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-08-06 **Israel TARGETED by HUNDREDS of Islamic Jihad Rockets; Tel Aviv in Range** - Watchmant - 9.59 min - YouTube

2022-08-04 **Recession inevitable if China invades Taiwan** - Gravitas - 5.28 min - YouTube

2022-08-04 **Gravitas- PLA conducts precision missile strikes in Taiwan Straits** - 5.58 min - YouTube

2022-08-03 **Ukraine war- Warnings of a nuclear emergency** - Gravitas - 4.41 min - YouTubeWatchman - 11.18 min - YouTube

2022-08-01 **Earth just completed a rotation in less than 24 hours!** - Gravitas - 4.18 - YouTube

2022-07-29 Xi Jinping threatens Joe Biden - Gravitas - 8.49 min - YouTube

2022-07-29 Israel AIRSTRIKES Against Iran in Syria WORKING- Iran Halts Damascus Flights - Watchman - 9.23 min - YouTube

2022-07-27 Moscow to expel Jewish agency over data theft; Russia declines talks with Israel over the issue - 3.05 min - YouTube

2022-07-26 Hezbollah Threatens WAR Against Israel Over Natural Gas; BOASTS of Missile Range - Watchman - 9.36 min - YouTube

2022-07-25 Israel & Russia TENSIONS RISING as Putin Targets Jewish Organizations - Watchman - 11.09 min - YouTube

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 Putin scores a big win against America - Gravitas - 7.55 min - YouTube

Snam Natural Gas Atlas

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

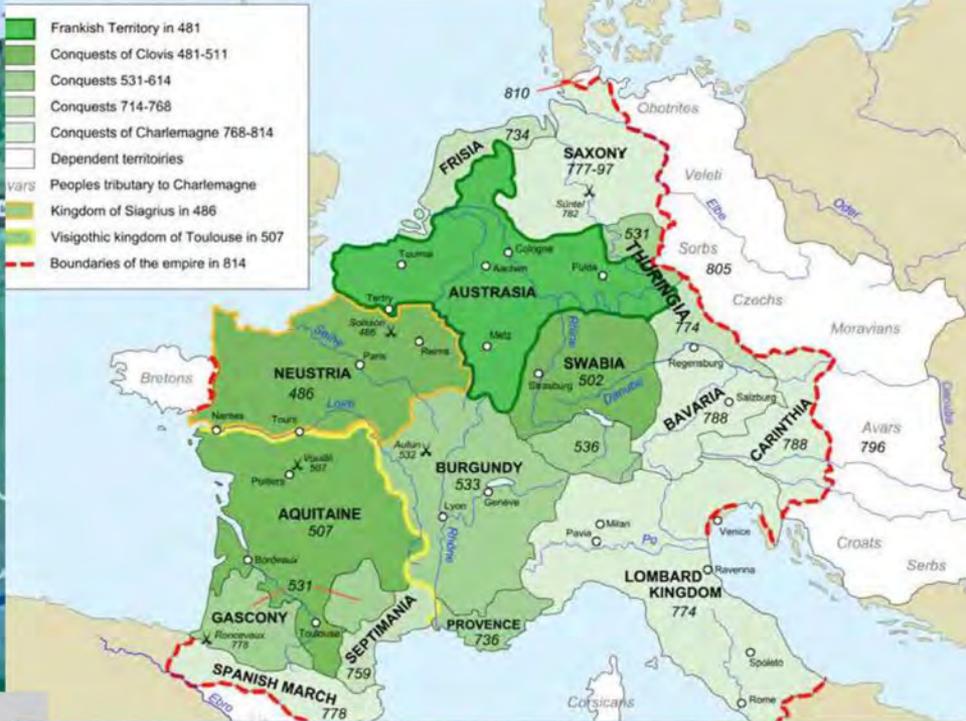
Animated Map - Indo-European migrations - File-Indo-European migrations.gif - Wikipedia

# NATO 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



# 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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