

# This Week's Developments

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# Trump sends B-52s to Gulf in final show of strength with Iran

*The Times, November 25, 2020*



**EVENT** The US sent a long-range bomber force to the Middle East at short notice over the weekend as leading American, Israeli and Saudi officials held an unprecedented diplomatic meeting on Saudi Arabia's Red Sea coast. The show of American air power was headed by B-52H strategic bombers which flew 7,000 miles to the Middle East from their Minot air force base in North Dakota on Saturday. **B-52Hs, the largest of the US Air Force's bombers, and the longest in service, appear to have been deployed both to deter Iran** — the arch regional rival of both the Saudis and Israel — and to provide a show of force in the region as the leaders of Israel and Saudi Arabia and Mike Pompeo, America's secretary of state, gathered for the **unprecedented diplomatic exchanges** at Neom.

**COMMENT** The B-52 is America's most combat capable bomber. It can deploy both nuclear and conventional precision missiles. It can carry 35 tons of weapons! It is still the most feared bomber plane in the world. Not only has Trump ordered these planes into the Gulf there have also been secret meetings between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia and Yossi Cohen, the head of Israel's Mossad intelligence service. It is the first time the Israeli leader has officially met the crown prince. The reason given for all this activity is to "deter Iran". We see with the US, Saudi Arabia and Israel working together the coming together of Daniel 11's "king of the south". The original king of the south was Egypt (back around 200BC) but in the last days Ezekiel 38 tells us it is Sheba and Dedan and Tarshish and the young lions. These nations correspond to Saudi Arabia, Britain / US. They are allied to Israel in Ezekiel 38....

**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)*

# Iran's nuclear mastermind shot dead by assassins near Tehran

The Times, November 28, 2020



## EVENT

A former general in Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps known as "the father of Iran's nuclear programme" has been killed near Tehran. The Iranian defence minister confirmed that Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was shot and had died in hospital of his wounds. No country or organisation has taken responsibility for the killing but **it comes at a time of high tension between Iran and its regional rivals Israel and Saudi Arabia as the Trump era draws to a close.** According to local reports, Dr Fakhrizadeh's car was stopped by an explosion on Mostafa Khomeini Boulevard outside the town of Absard, east of the capital, before being sprayed with bullets. Other casualties were reported.

## COMMENT

And now perhaps we can see why Trump sent B-52's and also there were urgent meetings this week between Israel, Saudi Arabia and America. Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was Iran's top nuclear scientist. On Friday Iran's president accused Israel for the killing. Hossein Dehghan, military adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowed to "strike" the perpetrators like thunder. Last week we reported that Trump had considered striking Iran but was persuaded not to. This looks like his plan B. We recall the killing of the Iranian army general Qasem Soleimani in January this year. This caused Iran to fire missiles at a US military base in Iraq. In his dying days in office Trump wants to do everything he can to stop Biden from re-entering the Iranian Nuclear Deal agreement that Obama (and Biden as his vice president) put together. But this is playing with fire. The Bible says the Iran will fire its missiles at Iraq and also on Saudi Arabia. We also know Iran can at anytime get its proxy armies to start conflict with Israel - see Psalm 83.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. [Isaiah 13 has a latter day fulfilment. The Medes \(Iranians\) will be stirred up to fire their missiles](#)

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

# Court rejects Trump election lawsuit in Pennsylvania

The Guardian, November 27, 2020



## EVENT

Donald Trump's legal team suffered yet another defeat in court Friday as a federal appeals court in Philadelphia roundly rejected the campaign's latest effort to challenge the state's election results. Trump's lawyers vowed to appeal to the supreme court despite the Philadelphia judges' assessment that the "campaign's claims have no merit". "Free, fair elections are the lifeblood of our democracy. Charges of unfairness are serious. But calling an election unfair does not make it so. **Charges require specific allegations and then proof. We have neither here," Judge Stephanos Bibas wrote for the three-judge panel. The three judges on the panel were all appointed by Republican presidents.** including Bibas, a former University of Pennsylvania law professor appointed by Trump. Trump has said he hopes the supreme court will intervene in the race as it did in 2000, when its decision to stop the recount in Florida gave the election to Republican George W Bush.

## COMMENT

Trump is in trouble. All of his legal challenges are failing one by one. This latest were by judges all appointed by Republicans – President Trump's own political party. Trump, however, has said he will not concede and has vowed to take it to the Supreme Court. The question is what will Trump do in his last days in office? Many believe he will do whatever he can to hamstring the Biden presidency. This includes making trouble with Iran. He could also call his followers onto the streets. We do know that God rules in the kingdom of men and he puts in charge the basest men. But these men bring about the plan and purpose of God. At this time God wants to bring all nations together to the battle of Armageddon... Trump may still have a role to play in that regard...

## BIBLE QUOTE

And in very deed for this cause have I (God) raised you up, for to show in you my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. (Exodus 9:16)  
And he (God) changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and sets up kings: he gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (Daniel 2:21)

# Kremlin in bid for Arctic supremacy with huge oil push

The Times, November 27, 2020



## EVENT

Russia is to launch a vast oil project in its frozen far north as part of the Kremlin's push into the Arctic. Igor Sechin, head of the state-run oil giant Rosneft, announced the start of the £83 billion Vostok Oil project during talks with President Putin at the Kremlin yesterday. It will rank among the biggest engineering feats in Russian or Soviet history. The scheme will be centred on the Taymyr peninsula, about 1,800 miles north of Moscow. It will involve the construction of 15 towns or villages and at least two airports, as well as a 480-mile pipeline and a big new port to handle oil tankers on the coast of the Kara Sea. Mr Sechin, a former KGB agent who is one of Mr Putin's closest allies, has previously described the Vostok Oil project as the biggest in the history of the modern global oil industry. He told Mr Putin that 400,000 workers would be needed to carry out construction work. He also promised that the project would create 130,000 permanent jobs and lead to a 2 per cent increase in Russia's GDP.

## COMMENT

Russia is seeking to gain UN approval for its claim that underwater ridges extend its territory and drilling rights far towards the North Pole. In 2007, Russia symbolically staked its claim to the Arctic when two mini-submarines descended to the seabed more than two and a half miles beneath the North Pole. They planted a titanium Russian flag and the expedition's leader declared: "The Arctic is Russian." It is interesting to see Russia claiming the NORTH and being so driven to find oil / gas. Russia the king of the north in Daniel 11. The original king of the north was Syrian but Ezekiel 38 tells us that the latter day king of the north is Russia. And here we have the new king of the north literally claiming the north. Russia will soon push south to get a spoil from Israel...

## BIBLE QUOTE

Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, ...shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:....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, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. *(Ezekiel 38:10+12)*

# Brexit: UK facing risk of ‘systemic economic crisis

Independent, November 26, 2020



**EVENT** Boris Johnson’s government fears the possibility of a “systemic economic crisis” at the end of the Brexit transition period, a leaked document has revealed. A confidential Cabinet Office briefing reportedly warns officials of the increased likelihood of major difficulties in the early months of 2021 – regardless of whether a UK-EU trade deal is struck. The briefing, details of which were published by The Guardian, warned of the “notable risk” of problems in exiting the single market while the country remains in the grip of the coronavirus pandemic. Struggles with the supply of medicine is identified as a potential problem after the transition ends, with planners predicting “a reasonable worst case flow rate of 60-80% of current levels”. **“Winter 2020 could see a combination of severe flooding, pandemic influenza, a novel emerging infectious disease and coordinated industrial action, against a backdrop of the end of the [Brexit] transition period,”** the briefing also warned.

**COMMENT** Britain is in deep economic trouble which hasn’t been felt yet as many employees that would have been impacted are still being paid their wages by the government. But that cannot continue forever. But on top of the COVID19 financial crisis there is another crisis fast approaching. That is Brexit. A deal is still not done with the EU and only weeks remain now to find one. Even if a deal is done officials expect food supply chains to be hit by “circumstances occurring concurrently at the end of the year”, which could see a reduction in supply of some fresh produce, as well as pushing up prices. Britain is being weakened not strengthened – the same sort of weakening is happening in America. This will give additional confidence for Russia to make its move....

**BIBLE QUOTE** And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre,... And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing. **Latter day Tyre = London / UK – her wealth will NOT be kept** (Isaiah 23:17-18)

# Portugal's two-speed European Union plan

The Times, November 25, 2020



**EVENT** Portugal's prime minister has called for a smaller European Union of "values" after Brexit with other countries frozen out of future integration because they do not accept debt transfers, migrant quotas or demands over the rule of law. António Costa has suggested that his vision of "variable geometries" was needed because of a "real dichotomy" in Europe based on a cultural, values-based divide rather than traditional geographical divisions. "There is a fundamental debate in the European Union that we have to hold, not around what is expressed in debates such as the rule of law, migration policy or how solidarity is translated into moments of economic and social crisis like the present one," he told the Catholic University of Portugal in Lisbon on Monday. He will push the idea next spring, with the support of France, at a special summit of European leaders in Lisbon, where the last EU treaty was signed in 2007.

**COMMENT** The socialist Portuguese leader noted that all the countries opposed to deeper integration, whatever their geography, were united by a focus on the EU's single market and European integration as a means to wealth creation. "Basically, it is whether the EU is a union of values, or whether, on the contrary, it is primarily an economic instrument to generate economic value," he said. What this means in English is that nations are either in the EU for the money / wealth OR they are in it because of ideology / values / beliefs. Britain was in it just for the money. The ideology of the EU is about having one united supernation. Effectively making separate nations one nation (a reversal of what God did to Babel). A new Holy Roman Empire is coming

**BIBLE QUOTE** And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: **The 10 kings are a resurrected Holy Roman Empire that exist at the end** (Revelation 17:12-13)