

This Week's Developments

January 16 - 22, 2021

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Britain says it is supplying anti-tank weapons to Ukraine

Reuters, January 17, 2022



EVENT

Britain has begun supplying Ukraine with new light anti-tank weapons in response to “the increasingly threatening behaviour from Russia”, the defence secretary, Ben Wallace, has announced. The ratcheting up of military support comes as the Kremlin continues to increase its troop deployment by moving forces into Belarus, which borders Ukraine to the north, and is considered the most likely route for any invasion. “We have taken the decision to supply Ukraine with light anti-armour defensive weapons systems,” Wallace told the Commons on Monday, adding that “a small number” of British troops would provide training to help Kyiv’s forces in using them. The defence secretary insisted the arms sales were intended to be defensive, although the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, has recently complained about other NATO members selling modern weapons to Ukraine.

COMMENT

Britain is leading the way with military support for Ukraine. This week anti-tank weapons were flown out to Ukraine to help them fight against a potential Russian invasion. The UK Foreign Office has been told to prepare for “crisis mode”. Russia reacted furiously to news the UK’s military had shipped thousands of anti-tank missiles to Ukraine. Commenting on the news, Russia’s London embassy tweeted: “It is crystal clear that #UK shipment of lethal weapons to #Ukraine will only fuel the crisis and increase tensions.” What we have long looked for is a military provocation (a push) of the king of the south (UK/US) against Putin (Gog – ruler of Russia). Daniel 11:40 says it happens “at the time of the end”. The word “push” is the word to “gore” as a goat would with its horn. Britain is starting to military provoke Russia – we are close to the end....

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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: (Daniel 11:40)

Biden predicts Russia will attack Ukraine but warns Putin of a 'stiff price'

Independent, January 20, 2022



EVENT

Joe Biden has said **he thinks Russia will make a move on Ukraine**, warning Moscow it would face a “stiff price” for an attack yet suggesting that a “minor incursion” might be treated differently by the US and its allies. The US president’s comments at a White House news conference on Wednesday injected uncertainty into how the West would respond should Russian President Vladimir Putin order an invasion of Ukraine. The White House later clarified that **any Russian military action would be met with a “swift, severe” response. “My guess is he will move in,” Mr Biden said** of his Russian counterpart at news conference. “He has to do something.” “Russia will be held accountable if it invades - and it depends on what it does. It’s one thing if it’s a minor incursion and we end up having to fight about what to do and what to not do, et cetera,” the US president said.

COMMENT

At a press conference the **US president shocked allies as he said Putin would invade Ukraine**. “My guess is he will move in. He has to do something,” Biden said. He also caused alarm suggesting that the West’s response could be more muted for a “minor” incursion with some accusing him of giving Russia the green light to attack. “We want to remind the great powers that there are no minor incursions and small nations,” Ukrainian President tweeted following Biden’s comments. Biden then went on TV to clarify his remarks saying that **any Russian action would be met with “a swift, severe, and united response.”** Biden's words had already drawn concern at home and abroad, however. Biden is probably right though – Putin does have to do something. Putin wants to control eastern Ukraine – it is the final part of ancient Magog mentioned in Ezekiel 38.

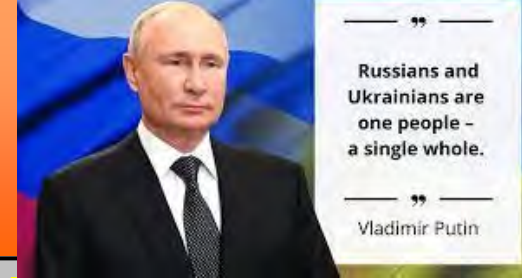
BIBLE QUOTE

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, set your face against Gog, **of the land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him 3 and say: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

(Ezekiel 38:1-3 NIV)

Putin is sabre-rattling at the West's moment of maximum weakness

The Telegraph, January 20, 2022



EVENT

While Russian military is at its strongest for years, the **UK is preoccupied with domestic politics, the US is distracted and Nato is divided.** Russia's military is at its strongest and most capable since the Cold War. Its public finances are also in good order, and Mr Putin may believe **he is well-placed to bear the costs of conflict and inevitable sanctions.** The West is conversely at a moment of historic economic, military, and political weakness. One opinion voiced in Moscow is that Joe Biden is likely to be a one-term president, and will seek to settle quarrels with Russia before he leaves office so he can leave America better positioned to its coming show-down with a much more serious foe - China. The UK is preoccupied with domestic political dramas, and Nato's European members are divided - as Mr Biden clumsily admitted, and Emmanuel Macron demonstrated, in separate remarks on Wednesday. **Meanwhile, Ukraine is slowly growing stronger.**

COMMENT

In July 2021 Putin published his own 5000 word article entitled "On the Historical Unity of Russians and Ukrainians." The **Russian leader used the essay to reiterate his frequently voiced conviction that Russians and Ukrainians are "one people."** The essay was seen by some as a declaration of war. His essay concludes with the ominous words "I am confident that true sovereignty of Ukraine is possible only in partnership with Russia." So Putin wants control of Ukraine. The article in the Telegraph says that **Putin sees this time as the best opportunity to invade.** The West is weak and divided. Russia has strong reserves and **Putin himself is still strong.** Putin's plan is about to be actioned.

BIBLE QUOTE

Thus says the Lord God, "It will come about on that day that thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil plan, and you will say, 'I will go up against an open country; **This verse is about Putin's plan to invade Israel but it shows he does plan and devise evil schemes - such as the only he is planning with Ukraine.**"
(Ezekiel 38:10 Amplified)

Trilateral naval drills between China, Russia and Iran start on Friday

Reuters, January 20, 2022



China, Russia and Iran will hold joint naval drills on Friday, a public relations official from Iran's armed forces told semi-official ISNA news agency on Thursday. The "2022 Marine Security Belt" exercise will take place in the north of the Indian Ocean and is the third joint naval drill between the three countries, Mostafa Tajoldin added. Since coming to office last June, Iran's hardline President Ebrahim Raisi has pursued a "look east" policy to deepen ties with China and Russia. Tehran joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in September, a central Asian security body led by Beijing and Moscow. China, Russia and Iran started joint naval drills in 2019, and will continue them in the future, Tajoldin said. "The purpose of this drill is to strengthen security and its foundations in the region, and to expand multilateral cooperation between the three countries to jointly support world peace, maritime security and create a maritime community with a common future," the Iranian official told ISNA.

COMMENT

Late Breaking News:

USA announced late Friday that NATO will be conducting a 12 day Naval Drill on the Mediterranean Sea until Feb 4.

The key nations that are opposed to the West are coming together in a show of force. They are all sensing weakness in the West and have therefore decided to show their own military prowess and abilities as they prepare for conflict. The Bible says that Russia and Iran will be allied together when they invade Israel in the war detailed in Ezekiel 38. China isn't mentioned there but the Bible is interested in nations that impact Israel directly - and due to distance China clearly cannot do this to the extent Russia and Iran can. Daniel 11 also says that Russia will come with "many ships". Russia on Thursday announced sweeping naval drills in several parts of the world. The exercise will involve over 140 warships and more than 60 aircraft, and will be conducted in many areas including the Mediterranean, north-eastern Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean.

BIBLE QUOTE

The king of the north will storm out with chariots, charioteers, and a vast navy. He will invade various lands and sweep through them like a flood. He will enter the glorious land of Israel, and many nations will fall,
(Daniel 11:40 NLT)

Iran nuclear talks on brink of collapse, diplomats warn

The Times, January 21, 2022



EVENT

Western negotiators have said that talks to rescue the Iran nuclear deal are on the point of collapse because Tehran's nuclear programme is advancing faster than diplomatic progress towards an agreement. After talks on Thursday, Jean-Yves Le Drian, the French foreign minister, said the discussions were in a "life-threatening emergency". "There is partial, timid and slow progress, but negotiations cannot continue at such a slow pace while, in parallel, Iran's nuclear programme advances so rapidly," he said. President Biden said this week that the talks were moving forward and it was not time to give up. However, European negotiators have been warning for months that there is little sign of a deal being struck any time soon. Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, said that western powers might withdraw from the talks soon. "We are indeed at a decisive moment," he said.

COMMENT

It seems as if many crises are all coming to a head at the same time. Not only is Ukraine on the brink of war – possibly the most serious event since World War 2 – we also have Iran talks on the edge of a cliff as well. It is no coincidence that all these things are coming together at once. The Bible says the world will enter a time of trouble such as never was. It makes sense then that multiple crisis's will develop at the same time. Iran is the power behind the initial inner ring war involving Israel's neighbours – Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria. This deal (or lack of it) could spark this inner ring war around Israel. As one commentator put it.. "The Iranians, under their new president, Ebrahim Raisi, smell weakness, especially since the rushed western exit from Afghanistan. In Biden, they see a president with no fight. And they want comprehensive revenge..."

BIBLE QUOTE

Say to the nations far and wide: "Get ready for war! Call out your best warriors. Let all your fighting men advance for the attack. Hammer your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be warriors. Come quickly, all you nations everywhere. Gather together in the valley."

(Joel 3:9-11 NLT)

Tonga volcano dwarfed biggest nuclear blasts ever seen, monitor says

NPR, January 21, 2022



EVENT

The explosive volcanic eruption in Tonga on Saturday appears to dwarf the largest nuclear detonations ever conducted, according to a global group that monitors for atomic testing. The shock wave from the blast was so powerful that it was detected as far away as Antarctica, says Ronan Le Bras, a geophysicist with the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna, Austria, which oversees an international network of remote monitoring stations. In total, 53 detectors around planet Earth heard the low-frequency boom from the explosion as it travelled through the atmosphere. It was the loudest event the network had detected in more than 20 years of operation, according to Le Bras. "Every single station picked it up," he says. "It's the biggest thing that we've ever seen."

COMMENT

Just as the world could be about to explode into war in various areas we have witnessed the largest volcanic eruption on earth over the last 30 years. On top of that, it also caused a tsunami. The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) was set up in 1996 to monitor for nuclear weapons tests anywhere on Earth. But last week these stations picked up the violent, explosive eruption of the volcano. Shockwaves were detected in Austria 10,000 miles away. In nuclear bomb terms it was apparently the size of a 50 megaton bomb. The largest nuclear bomb ever tested was by Russia in 1961 which was also 50 megatons. It was called Tsar Bomba. Nuclear bombs cause radiation but the volcano does not. Surely this eruption is another sign and wonder we are near the time of the end and Jesus's return.

BIBLE QUOTE

But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment. Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what holy and godly lives should you live?
(2 Peter 3:10-11 NLT)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-01-22 [NATO to hold major naval drills in the Mediterranean Sea](#) - DW News Article

2022-01-21 [Yemeni Rebels Say Saudi-Led Airstrike on Prison Killed 70](#) - World News - US News Article

2022-01-21 [USS Harry S. Truman strike group to participate in NATO exercise](#) - Stars and Stripes - Article

2022-01-21 [US Carrier to Lead NATO Exercise amid Ukraine Invasion Fears](#) - Military News Article.com

2022-01-21 [Iran, China & Russia Conduct Joint Naval Drill; Message to Israel & U.S.](#) - Watchman - 8.29 min - YouTube

2022-01-18 [Israel Tests Arrow Missile Defense System; Vows to Support UAE Against Iran Axis](#) – Watchman -11.17 min - YouTube

2022-01-15 United States accuses Russia of sending saboteurs to invade Ukraine - Wion - 2.30 min YouTube

2022-01-14 Iran Posts Trump -Assassination- Video; Rockets Strike U.S. Embassy in Iraq - Watchman - 12.21 min - YouTube

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2022-01-13 End of the road for Boris Johnson - Gravitas - 6.06 min - YouTube

2022-01-11 Iran's Grand Strategy- A Look From Israel's Golan Heights - Watchman - 9.27 min - YouTube

2022-01-10 Tories want Rishi Sunak to be UK'S next Prime Minister - Gravitas - 4.02 min - YouTube

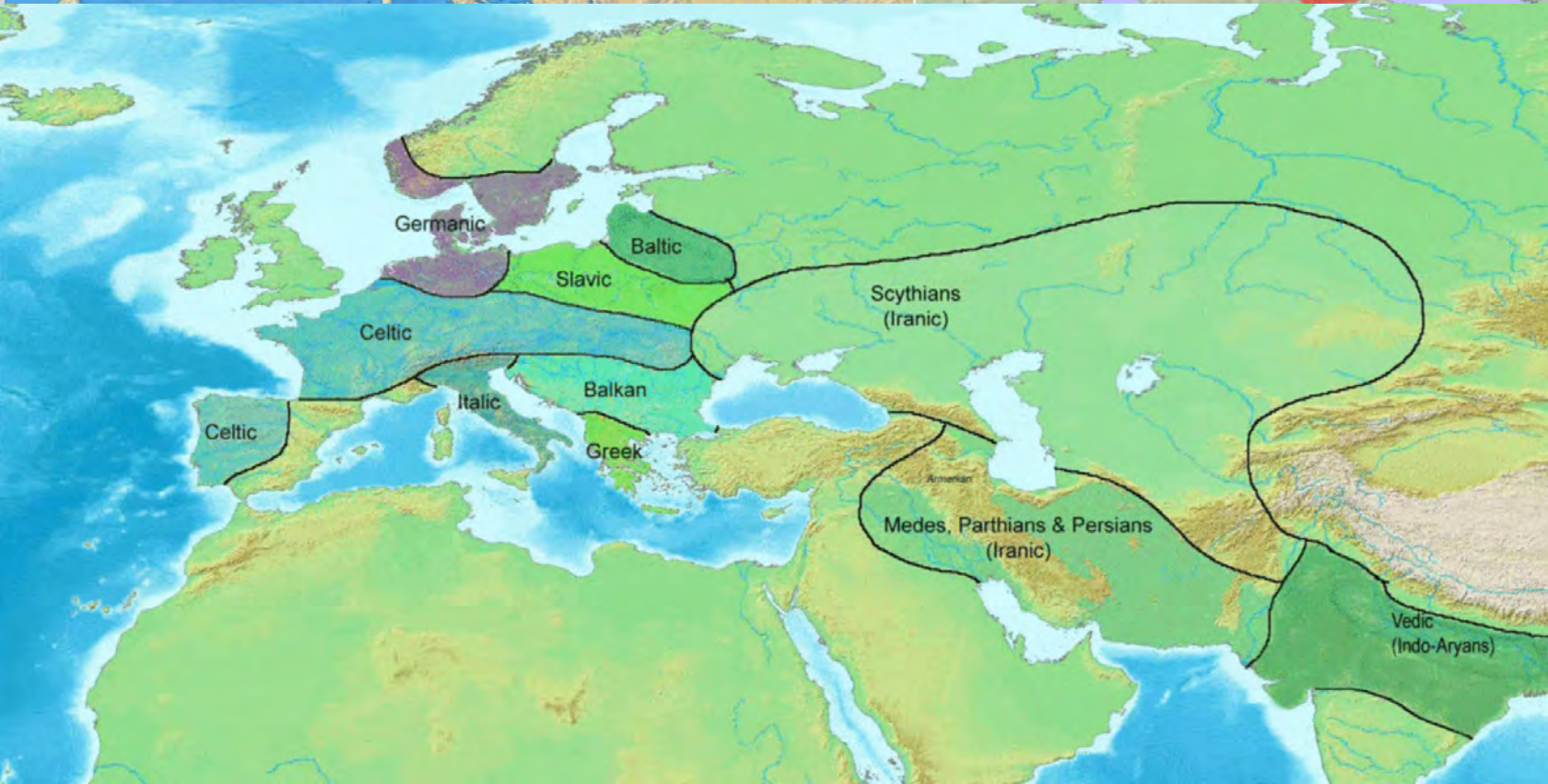
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2022-01-07 Kazakhstan uprising complicates Putin's Ukraine calculus - Axios News Article

2022-01-07 Kazakh president issues 'shoot to kill' order - Gravitas - 5.25 min YouTube

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NATO presence in Eastern Europe

- Battlegroups
 - (Enhanced Forward Presence)
 - Force Integration Unit
 - US missile shield

