

This Week's Developments

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Trump impeached for inciting insurrection

The New York Times, January 13, 2021



EVENT

Donald J. Trump on Wednesday became the **first American president to be impeached twice**, as 10 members of his party joined with Democrats in the House to charge him with **“incitement of insurrection”** for his role in **egging on a violent mob that stormed the Capitol last week**. Reconvening in a building now heavily militarized against threats from pro-Trump activists and adorned with bunting for the inauguration of President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr., lawmakers voted 232 to 197 to approve a single impeachment article. It accused Mr. Trump of **“inciting violence against the government of the United States”** in his quest to overturn the election results, and called for him to be removed and disqualified from ever holding public office again. The vote left another indelible stain on Mr. Trump’s presidency just a week before he is slated to leave office and laid bare the cracks running through the Republican Party. **More members of his party voted to charge the president than in any other impeachment.**

COMMENT

President Trump is leaving office next Wednesday in ignominy. **The mantra “Make America Great Again” looks hollow as the country is in chaos as never before.** And there is almost certainly worse to come. To start with **Trump was a dichotomy.** **On the one hand** he is a proud, egotistical, narcissist. **On the other** he appeared to greatly support Israel by moving the US embassy and recognising the Golan Heights. **However** in 2020 Trump completely overstepped the mark. In January he produced a detailed map that **divided Israel and Jerusalem** – the first time any world leader has done so. Then in August he **persuaded Israel to give up on the West Bank** in exchange for peace. These things have brought God’s wrath... **He sets up rulers and removes them.**

BIBLE QUOTE

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. *(Daniel 4:37)*
God abased a previous proud and arrogant ruler, Nebuchadnezzar. He finally acknowledged that God is able to bring low those who walk in pride.

Joe Biden inauguration: FBI warns of armed violence across US

The Times, January 15, 2021



EVENT

The **FBI is warning of protests and potential violence in all 50 state capitals** ahead of **President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration**. States are taking steps to tighten security at their capitols following a **warning by the FBI to prepare for possible armed protests in the days leading up to January 20**, the presidential inauguration. Many state capitols have **already seen protests by people upset by President Trump's loss in the election**. At a briefing with Mike Pence, the vice-president, whom **some of the rioters wanted to see hanged**, Christopher Wray, director of the FBI said that they were **"seeing an extensive amount of concerning online chatter"**. He warned of **"potential armed protests"**, **both in Washington DC and state capitals**. Though coronavirus restrictions mean there will not be the usual crowd, the threat of domestic terrorism has resulted in more security than ever for an inauguration, with **more than 21,000 National Guard personnel deployed**.

COMMENT

There are now **twice as many US troops on the streets of Washington DC than in Afghanistan and Iraq combined**. Major news outlets on Wednesday flashed pictures of soldiers inside the US Capitol guarding the temple of democracy, a **scenario that was undreamt of before January 6**. The US is described as the "beacon of democracy" but we now see this **man made idea in its death throws**. Democracy is predicated on the idea that the majority are right. The Bible makes clear that this is not the case. It is the minority that find the Truth, few that find the narrow way, few that are chosen. We are surely close to the time of trouble such as never was **as the kingdom of men fails...**

BIBLE QUOTE

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but **it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms**, and it shall stand for ever.

The kingdom of men will soon be replaced with the kingdom of God

(Daniel 2:44)

Intense Israeli strikes in east Syria - region on high alert

Associated Press, January 13, 2021



EVENT

Israeli warplanes carried out intense airstrikes in eastern Syria early Wednesday, apparently targeting positions and arms depots of Iran-backed forces as the region is on high alert. At least 57 fighters were killed and dozens were wounded, according to a Syrian opposition war monitoring group. A senior U.S. intelligence official with knowledge of the attack told The Associated Press that the airstrikes were carried out with intelligence provided by the United States — a rare incidence of publicized cooperation between the two countries over choosing targets in Syria. The official said the strikes targeted a series of warehouses in Syria that were being used in a pipeline to store and stage Iranian weapons. The U.S. official, who requested anonymity to speak about the matter, said U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo discussed Tuesday's airstrike with [Yossi Cohen](#), [chief of Israel's spy agency Mossad](#), at a public meeting in the popular Washington restaurant Café Milano on Monday.

COMMENT

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said **57 people were killed, including 14 Syrian troops, and the rest were Iran-backed fighters including 16 Iraqis and 11 Afghans.** Dozens were wounded. These strikes come at a time of heightened tension in the region in the final days of President Donald Trump's administration. Many fear **retaliation** for the U.S. killing of Iran's Revolutionary Guard commander Qassem Soleimani last year in Baghdad **may come before Trump leaves office**, or that conflict could erupt to scuttle efforts by Joe Biden's incoming administration to negotiate with Iran. What we do know is that Iran at some point will ignite an inner ring war around Israel **using it's proxy armies of Hezbollah and Hamas to hit back at the US and Israel.**

BIBLE QUOTE

In that day will I make the governors of Judah 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 [nearby]**, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

This speaks of people close by to Israel being destroyed – the inner ring war (Zechariah 12:6)

Iran holds missile drill in Gulf of Oman amid tensions

Associated Press, January 13, 2021



EVENT

Iran's navy began a short-range missile drill in the Gulf of Oman on Wednesday and inaugurated its largest military vessel, state TV reported, amid heightened tensions over Tehran's nuclear program and a U.S. pressure campaign against the Islamic Republic. The two-day missile drill was being held in the gulf's southeastern waters and two new Iranian-made warships joined the exercise: The missile-launching Zereh, or "armor," and the country's largest military ship the Makran, a logistics vessel with a helicopter pad named for a coastal region in southern Iran. President Donald Trump in 2018 unilaterally withdrew the U.S. from Iran's nuclear deal, in which Tehran had agreed to limit its uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. Trump cited Iran's ballistic missile program among other issues in withdrawing from the accord. In recent weeks, Iran has increased its military drills. On Saturday, the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard held a naval parade in the Persian Gulf and a week earlier Iran held a massive drone maneuver across half the country. [\[see 2021-01-16 update\]](#)

COMMENT

The tension is reaching fever pitch in Iran and the Gulf area. With Biden look set to become president on Wednesday both sides (Israel and Iran) want to strengthen their positions. Biden negotiated with Obama the nuclear agreement that Trump backed out of. Israel is extremely concerned Biden will re-enter it. On Thursday this week on the front page of the Israel Hayom daily it reported the Israel Defence Force is drawing up plans for an attack on Iran's nuclear program. Iran has been tested firing missiles and holding drills. The Bible says that terrible trouble is coming to the Persian Gulf (which is the Desert by the Sea spoken of in Isaiah 21). Elam is south west Iran and Media is central Iran. We may be close to seeing these chapters in Isaiah being fulfilled.

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)

North Korea parades 'world's most powerful weapon'

The Times, January 15, 2021



EVENT North Korea paraded a ballistic missile designed to be launched from a submarine, in an implicit threat to the United States and a new assertion of military power and determination days before the swearing in of Joe Biden. The new missile, described by state media as “the world’s most powerful weapon”, was part of a large night-time military parade overseen by the country’s supreme leader, Kim Jong-un. Despite including a wide range of military units and weaponry it does not appear to have featured North Korea’s longest-range intercontinental ballistic missiles, which have the potential to launch nuclear warheads against the United States, suggesting Mr Kim’s wish to apply pressure on the US but not blatantly to provoke. “The columns of rockets possessed of powerful striking capability for thoroughly annihilating enemies in a pre-emptive way outside the territory, roared past,” a report from the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said. “The world’s most powerful weapon, submarine-launch ballistic missile [sic], entered the square one after another, powerfully demonstrating the might of the revolutionary armed forces.”

COMMENT Another of America’s enemies is sabre rattling – North Korea. As the article says North Korea wants to put pressure on the new US president. President Biden will have a lot to contend with potentially as he takes office. The world has entered a time of extreme destabilisation. COVID19 is also impacting as nations become more inward looking and defensive. We see national borders being shut to try to contain the pestilence. We have also seen a huge rise on military spending with many nations as governments worry about what comes next. The Bible says that the nations will prepare for war...

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)

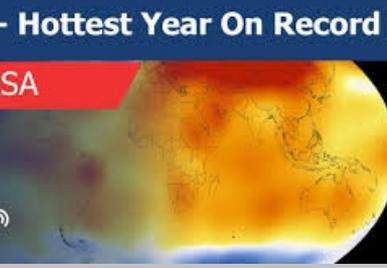
2020 was hottest year on record by narrow margin, Nasa says

The Guardian, January 14, 2021

2020- Hottest Year On Record

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EVENT Last year was by a narrow margin the hottest ever on record, according to Nasa, with the climate crisis stamping its mark on 2020 through soaring temperatures, enormous hurricanes and unprecedented wildfires. The average global land and ocean temperature in 2020 was the highest ever measured, Nasa announced on Thursday, edging out the previous record set in 2016 by less than a tenth of a degree. Due to slightly different methods used, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration judged 2020 as fractionally cooler than 2016, while the UK Met Office also put 2020 in a close second place. The European Union's climate observation program puts the two years in a dead heat. Regardless of these minor differences, all the datasets again underlined the long-term heating up of the planet due to the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation and other human activities.

COMMENT The world's seven hottest years on record have now all occurred since 2014, with the 10 warmest all taking place in the last 15 years. There have now been 44 consecutive years where global temperatures have been above the 20th-century average. Wildfires, fuelled by vegetation parched by prolonged heat, ravaged huge areas of California and Australia last year, while the Arctic experienced astonishing temperatures well above average. This is another sign of the times. The physical earth is groaning under the weight of sin of mankind. God's curse in the beginning linked sin to the physical earth. The only way to sort the physical earth is to sort sin. And the only way sin will be removed from the earth is through the physical return of Jesus Christ.

BIBLE QUOTE And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 22:3-5)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

This Week's **DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence)

2021-01-16 - Iran Fires Test Missiles Over Indian Ocean Against Virtual Targets Within 100 Mi Of Nimitz-

Yossi Cohen - The Mossad Spy Chief Who Stole Iran's Secret Nuclear Archive

Meet the Man Netanyahu has Picked to Succeed Yossi Cohen to Lead Israel's Mossad after July 2021

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

Why Russian Military Expenditure Is Much Higher Than Commonly Understood

Weapons of the weak- Russia and AI-driven asymmetric warfare

How artificial intelligence is transforming the world

The 'Great Reset,' world leaders' radical plan to transform the economy – The Hill

The 'Great Reset' – What Is It & What Does It Mean ?

U.S. Calls for 'Moratorium' on Nord Stream 2 Pipeline

Is Putin Really Considering a Military Alliance with China?