

This Week's Developments

July 3 – July 9, 2022

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Grain ship Zhibek Zholy at the heart of Black Sea dispute

France24 World News, July 07, 2022



EVENT

Zhibek Zholy, a disputed cargo ship carrying allegedly stolen grain from Ukraine, has returned to Russian territorial waters, Turkish sources told AFP on Thursday, drawing widespread condemnation from Kyiv. Kyiv alleges that the vessel had set off from Ukraine's occupied port of Berdyansk after picking up confiscated wheat. Ukraine has demanded that Turkey impound the vessel and return the allegedly stolen grain. NATO member Turkey has been trying to negotiate a solution that could preserve its good relations with both Moscow and Kyiv. "Ignoring an appeal from Ukraine, the ship was released on the evening of July 6," the Ukrainian foreign ministry said in a statement. Turkey's reticence underscores the difficulty of its position in the war. President Erdogan has had a tumultuous but close working relationship with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin. But his Russian relationship is complicated by Turkey's international commitments as a member of the NATO military alliance. Ankara also supplies combat drones to Ukraine that have proved effective in helping slow Russia's advance across the Donbas region.

COMMENT

This was a sensitive incident involving a Russian ship loaded with allegedly stolen Ukrainian grain, in the midst of a global food shortage, being allowed to turn back to a RUSSIAN port. And in the middle of it is Turkey, trying to negotiate between Russia's Putin and Ukraine's Zelensky, and policing the access from the Black Sea via the Dardanelles & the Bosphorus straits to the Mediterranean and the rest of the world. Erdogan has been inserting himself into the crises as an unbiased negotiator, but is hampered by his previous affiliation with Putin on one hand and the supplying of attack drones to Ukraine on the other. Shutting Russia out from the rest of the Maritime world may put Turkey in the crosshairs of Russia at some point, which fits with Bible predictions.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end...the king of the north shall come against him [the "little horn of the goat" – i.e., Turkey] 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.

(Daniel 11:40)

Fatal blow to JCPOA if Iran doesn't restore access within 3-4 weeks - IAEA

The Jerusalem Post, July 9, 2022



EVENT

IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi warned that if Iran does not reopen access points to the agency's inspectors within three to four weeks, the 2015 Iran nuclear deal would suffer a "fatal blow," because the International Atomic Energy Agency would no longer be able to estimate the status of Iran's nuclear program. Grossi went so far as to say that even if the US and world powers reached a new deal with Iran sometime after four weeks, his agency would be unable to competently advise them how much Tehran would need to reduce its nuclear program to prevent it from crossing the nuclear threshold. The IAEA issued a resolution critical of Tehran on Wednesday...the resolution overwhelmingly passed by the UN nuclear watchdog's 35-nation Board of Governors. Only two countries, **Russia** and **China**, opposed the text, while 30 voted in favor and three abstained. Indirect talks between Iran and the United States on reviving the 2015 deal have not been held since March. However, following Grossi's evaluation of the impact of disconnecting 27 cameras – as opposed to the original announcement that only two cameras would be disconnected – the situation took on a far more desperate tone.

COMMENT

Iran is slowly but surely advancing toward nuclear weaponry to be used against Israel to wipe it off the face of the map. Every effort to thwart the advance is blocked by **Russia** and **China** - the "King of the North" and the "East Wind"(?) that will eventually be so destructive to the "ships of Tarshish". Iran's confidence comes from the solid backing of two major world nuclear powers currently in a state of confrontation with almost all the nations friendly to Israel. It has the US firmly back on it's heel... Iran is already heavily sanctioned and a few months ago received a concession from the US that had little effect. Things are lining up as predicted; **God rules in the kingdom of men.**

BIBLE QUOTE

...I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal...I will bring you out, and all your army... **Persia**, Ethiopia and Put with them... Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops — many peoples with you. Ezek 38:3-6; NASB

With the **east wind** [ruach – force] You (God) break the **ships of Tarshish.** Psa 48:7 NASB

Israel-Lebanon Maritime Dispute Threatens EU Gas-Supply Plans

Wall Street Journal, July 5, 2022



EVENT

Threats from Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah could stall Israel's plan to deliver natural gas to Europe, Israeli officials said. Over the weekend, Israel's military shot down...three drones launched by the militant group toward the Karish gas rig. Hezbollah said the drones were unarmed. Gas from Karish, which could begin producing as soon as September, is destined for Europe under a deal struck last month with the European Union. In 2011, both Lebanon and Israel submitted coordinates to the U.N. over what they claimed their maritime boundaries to be, according to Israeli and Lebanese officials. That left a 330-square-mile disputed area, but placed Karish completely in Israel's economic waters. But when Israel and Lebanon entered into U.S.-brokered talks in late 2020 to resolve the long-running maritime border dispute, Lebanon arrived with a new position on its maritime border that put Karish in disputed territory and Qana in Lebanese economic waters. The arrival of a gas rig to Karish in June prompted Lebanon's government to invite U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein, the State Department's energy envoy, to restart negotiations with Israel. Israeli and Lebanese officials said Mr. Hochstein arrived in Beirut with a clear message that Karish wasn't in dispute and that Lebanon would need to continue maritime negotiations from its 2011 position. Lebanon agreed to Mr. Hochstein's demand, as long as Israel stops work at Karish while negotiations continue.

COMMENT

The significant thing is that the Lebanon's undisputed area is also rich with gas reserves, but Lebanon is broke and until the dispute is resolved there is not a company in the world that will take on developing THOSE gas reserves. In the meantime, Israel needs the dispute resolved so it can proceed to supply gas to the EU as agreed. The comment is sometimes made that these reserves going to the EU may cause Gog to come down and claim them. However, Russia already has influence over Iranian proxies who can disrupt the flow of gas to the EU at any time simply by causing insecurity of the area. So what could be the draw? Could it be strategic? The entire area from the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus down to the Red Sea and the Suez is at the crossroads of Africa, Asia and Europe – and the rest of the world. That is valuable to Russia beyond anything!

BIBLE QUOTE

Eze 38:3,4,12 ...O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal... I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth,...to take a spoil, and to take a prey...

(Ezekiel 38:3,4,12)

Russia orders Jewish Agency to stop all operations in country

The Jerusalem Post, July 5, 2022



EVENT

The Russian government has ordered the Jewish Agency to cease all operations inside the country, The Jerusalem Post has learned. The order was given in a letter received from the Russian Justice Ministry earlier this week. Officials in the Jewish Agency confirmed that the letter was received. An order forcing the Jewish Agency to stop its work in Russia is dramatic and could directly undermine the ability of Russian Jews to immigrate to Israel. Thousands of them have finished their paperwork and have been waiting for flights to become available to Israel. However, the sanctions on Russia have caused most international airlines to stop flying to the country, and therefore, future immigrants are “stuck” in Russia, according to Israeli officials. “People from the Jewish community have been feeling the Iron Curtain setting on them, and they fear they won’t be able to escape the country,” a senior source in Russia’s Jewish community told the Post. According to one source, “a number of Jews have said that the Russian authorities are trying to arrest them and that they fear for their lives.”

COMMENT

It seems that almost every war in Europe has had implications for Jews, most of the time negative, accompanied by suffering on a large and inhumane scale, such as the holocaust in the last world war. Now it appears to be happening again. The bizarre Putin narrative against Ukraine is that the Jews were themselves responsible for the holocaust and refers to Jews as Nazis. We need to watch this carefully and pray for God’s will to be accomplished for His people. This has all the signs of being another traumatic period of suffering for them. This, too, has been predicted 3000 years ago. We may be sure that if this order is relaxed there will be another huge wave of regathering to the land of Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

"Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth;... Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot;... So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see."
Deut 28:64-67 NASB

Israel says Iran military build up in Red Sea is threat to stability

Reuters, July 5, 2022



EVENT

Israel's defence minister said on Tuesday that Iran has been entrenching itself militarily in the Red Sea, calling it a threat to regional stability and trade. "Today, we can confirm that Iran is methodically basing itself in the Red Sea, with warships patrolling the southern region," Defence Minister Benny Gantz said at an event in Athens. "In the last months, we have identified the most significant Iranian military presence in the area, in the past decade," he said. Gantz's office said he presented satellite images of four Iranian warships patrolling the Red Sea. Iran has been building up its naval presence in the Red Sea over more than a decade in a move which it says is needed to protect Iranian oil tankers against the threat of piracy. Israel and a number of Arab countries share concerns about Iran's influence in the region as well as Tehran's nuclear programme. Iran says its nuclear programme is peaceful. Ahead of a visit to the Middle East by U.S. President Joe Biden next week, Gantz has called for stronger security ties with Gulf Arab states that drew closer to Israel under a 2020 U.S.-sponsored diplomatic drive.

COMMENT

Iran has been building up a strategic presence in the Red Sea over a lengthy period of time. The issue is that when it happens over a long period nations begin to accept it as simply normal activity - until it isn't. The Iranian warships stationed in the Red Sea within striking proximity of Israel is certainly cause for alarm, not only for Israel, but also Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan - all of them nations Biblically predicted to be lined up with the Kingdom of S when Gog makes it's move and comes down on Turkey, Egypt and then Israel. There are plans for Israel to demonstrate it's new Laser Beam Defense System to President Biden when he visits next week, and to seek the approval of the US to support Israel in the sale of a Laser System to Saudi Arabia. Also negotiating a trade of 2 Red Sea Islands

BIBLE QUOTE

...O Gog, Prince of Rosh, Meshech & Tubal...I will bring thee forth, and all your army...Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them...Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish... will say to you, 'Have you come to capture spoil? Have you assembled your company to seize plunder... Ezek 38:3-5,13

Russia condemns alleged Israeli airstrike in Tartous

Jerusalem Post, July 5, 2022



EVENT Russia has again condemned an alleged Israeli airstrike that hit targets in Syria over the weekend, calling the IDF's war-between-wars campaign in Syria "categorically unacceptable" and demanding it to stop. While Syria's SANA state media said that the missiles targeted "several poultry farms in the vicinity of Hamadiyah, south of Tartus," Israeli reports said that they targeted advanced air defense systems that had been transferred to the country by Iran. The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights meanwhile said that the strike targeted weapons that were headed to Hezbollah in Lebanon. The rare daytime strikes come as Israel has ramped up its war-between-the-wars campaign (known by the Hebrew acronym Mabam), targeting dozens of sites in Syria over the past month. Tartus, along with the Hmeimim air base in the nearby province of Latakia, are the main Russian bases in the country. Israel has warned repeatedly about Iran's nuclear ambitionsand has admitted to hundreds of airstrikes as part of its campaign to prevent the transfer of advanced weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon and the entrenchment of its forces in Syria where they could easily act against the Jewish state.

COMMENT This strike by the IDF on the very doorstep of the highly influential Russian (K of N) presence in Syria is an indication of Israel's fearless resolve to protect the state and its people against all odds. This is slowly but very surely building up an antagonism between Israel and the K of N as the Bible predicts. Israel is aiming to "dwell securely, without bars or gates" or any outside threat. One day it will, but there is a huge lesson for it to learn in the interim before that development takes place. It will be a re-learning of the same lesson they had to learn at the first as they initially possessed the land...

BIBLE QUOTE O God, our fathers have told us what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Psa 44:1-3

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

2022-07-06 [Iran Opens NEW FRONT in Red Sea; Israel to TARGET Iran Officials-](#) - Watchman News - 11.10 min - YouTube

2022-07-06 [Iran can make a nuclear bomb](#) – Gravitas - 5.25 min - YouTube

2011-07-05 [Russia DEMANDS Israel CEASE Syria Airstrikes; Iran Air Defense Targeted-](#) - Watchman News - 9.11 min - YouTube

2022-07-03 [How inflation can change our world](#) - Gravitas Plus - 8.52 min - YouTube

2022-07-02 Does Psalm 83 Describe Israel's War BEFORE Gog & Magog – Watchman Newscast - 17.57 min - YouTube

2022-07-01 Putin says no deadline to end Ukraine war - Gravitas - 6.27 min - YouTube

2022-06-29 NATO Expansion- Russia threatens to respond with nuclear missiles - Gravitas - 7.18 min - YouTube

2022-06-29 Israel Government to DISSOLVE; Lapid Set As Interim Prime Minister - Watchman Newscast - 11.05 min - YouTube

2022-06-29 How Erdogan used Ukraine to revive his fortunes -Gravitas - 5.57 min - YouTube

2022-06-29 Finland and Sweden formally invited to join NATO

2022-06-20 Marine Le Pen cements her place in French mainstream as Emmanuel Macron loses majority

2022-06-11 Eastern Orthodox Church under Ottoman Rule - Wikipedia

2022-04-14 Why This Desert is Turning Green - 4.59 min - YouTube

2022-03-01 Can LNG Replace Europe's Imports of Russian Gas - Bloomberg

2022-01-17 Why Egypt's lifeline is drying up - Nile Conflict - 7.50 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 members
January 2022
By joining date

- 1949-1989
- 1990s
- 2000s
- 2010s



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

TURKEY (Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN (Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

DEDAN SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

Tiran and Sanafir Islands



U.S. negotiating deal among Saudis, Israelis and Egyptians

Axios May 23, 2022 updated June 4, 2022



EVENT

The Biden administration has been quietly mediating among Saudi Arabia, Israel and Egypt on negotiations that, if successful, could be a first step on the road to the normalization of relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel. It involves finalizing the transfer of two strategic islands in the Red Sea from Egyptian to Saudi sovereignty, five U.S. and Israeli sources told Axios. The White House wants an agreement to be reached before President Biden's upcoming trip to the Middle East at the end of June (now mid July), which could include a stop in Saudi Arabia, according to the sources. The Tiran and Sanafir islands control the Straits of Tiran — a strategic sea passage to the ports of Aqaba in Jordan and Eilat in Israel. Saudi and Egyptian officials say Saudi Arabia gave Egypt control of the islands in 1950. They were later demilitarized as part of the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. The...Biden administration believes finalizing an arrangement could build trust between the parties and create an opening to warm relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia, which do not have official diplomatic relations. It would be the most significant U.S. foreign policy achievement in the Middle East since the Abraham Accords.

COMMENT

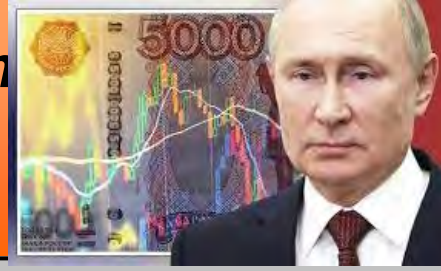
Saudi Arabia has been a long standing ally of America over the years. But since the Saudi involvement in the 09/11 killing of almost 3000 Americans and the murder of Khashoggi - with the exception of a brief interlude when Pres Trump was in office – the relationship between the two countries has been strained, to say the least. However, by means of this Israeli news article, we now given to understand that the Biden administration has been working behind the scenes since Sept 27, 2021 to improve relations and strengthen middle eastern ties. The current surge in energy costs has given further impetus to negotiations. If successful, this may play a big part in the ultimate fulfillment of the Ezek 38:13 prediction that the K of the S will form a coalition with Israel's Arab neighbors. (ET)

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)

Humiliation for Putin as Russia defaults on foreign debts

The Telegraph, June 27, 2022



EVENT

Russia has defaulted on its foreign debts for the first time in a century, in a humiliating blow to Vladimir Putin that further freezes his country out of the Western financial system. After narrowly swerving non-payment several times since launching an invasion of Ukraine in late February, Moscow failed to pay \$100m of coupons on bonds due last month, for which a 30-day grace period ended on Sunday. Payment had been rendered practically impossible after the White House moved to block channels to creditors in the West, meaning Russia could not settle its debts despite the means and willingness to do so. The default – the first time Russia has failed to make payments to international bondholders since 1918, during the Bolshevik revolution – is mainly a symbolic event for now: Russia is already a pariah within the Western financial system and is unlikely to tap international markets for money in the near future. But it will further tie Mr Putin's hands as the country suffers its biggest economic shock in years, and could starve Russian companies of future funding options if the contagion spreads.

COMMENT

This week Russia defaulted on its external sovereign bonds for the first time in a century. This is the culmination of ever-tougher Western sanctions that shut down payment routes to overseas creditors. Russia has the money to pay its bills but the sanctions blocked them from doing so. It makes Russia an economic, financial and political outcast. All this will make it so much harder for Russia to raise money. This in turn will act as a huge pressure to find other sources of income. The Bible says that Russia will descend into Israel to take a spoil. This is the hook that pulls Russia down...

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)