

This Week's Developments

November 20 - 26, 2022 [edited presentation]

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Erdogan: Turkey to attack Kurdish militants with tanks, soldiers

Reuters November 22, 2022



EVENT

Turkey will attack militants with tanks and soldiers soon, President Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday, signaling a possible ground offensive against a Kurdish militia in Syria after retaliatory strikes escalated along the Syrian border...near the Syrian towns of Tal Rifaat and Kobani. He said previously that operations would not be limited to an air campaign and may involve ground forces. Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi renewed calls for NATO ally Washington to stop backing the Syrian Kurdish forces (PKK). A spokesperson for U.S. National Security Agency told Reuters on background that the U.S. government opposed any military action that destabilized the situation in Syria. The United States has allied with the YPG-led SDF...in Syria, causing a deep rift with Turkey. Moscow...called on Turkey to show restraint in its use of "excessive" military force in Syria. During an official visit to Turkey on Tuesday, Germany's Interior Minister Nancy Faeser...stood firmly on the side of Ankara when it comes to the fight against terrorism. Turkey said its warplanes destroyed 89 targets in Syria and Iraq on Sunday, with 184 militants killed. More than 40,000 people have been killed in fighting between the PKK and the Turkish state which began in 1984.

COMMENT

This is a significant current events item to keep an eye on as it has potential to escalate tensions between both Turkey vs Moscow and Turkey vs the US. It is noteworthy that Germany has expressed support of Turkey's actions which indicates a possible rift between two NATO nations - Germany (Europe) and the US. Ultimately, we look for the UK and the US to break away from NATO as Bible prophecy does not indicate support for a union between the K of S and Europe. This is only one rift in the union to date, but there will be others. Then there is another rift - that between Turkey and Gog - and in this news story Turkey is invading the land that hosted the original K of N (Syria/Iraq), and in which Russia currently has a significant hold with a permanent air and sea base. What we see in this article is one of the most important NATO countries siding with Turkey against current representatives of both the K of S and K of N entities.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end...the king of the north shall come against him (lit "come downward upon him") like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow (i.e., encompass the territories of all the previous image empires) and pass over ("transition").

(Daniel 11:40)

Far-right Ben-Gvir to be Israel's national security minister

AP, November 25, 2022



EVENT

Extremist politician Itamar Ben-Gvir, who has a long record of anti-Arab rhetoric and stunts, will become Israel's next minister of national security, according to the first of what are expected to be several coalition deals struck by former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party. Negotiations with three other potential far-right and ultra-Orthodox coalition partners are ongoing. If successful, Netanyahu would return to the prime minister's office and preside over the most right-wing and religious government in Israel's history. The awarding of the sensitive role to Ben-Gvir raises concerns of a further escalation in Israeli-Palestinian tensions. Ben-Gvir and his allies hope to grant immunity to Israeli soldiers who shoot at Palestinians, deport rival lawmakers and impose the death penalty on Palestinians convicted of attacks on Jews. Ben-Gvir is the disciple of a racist rabbi, Meir Kahane, who was banned from Parliament and whose Kach party was branded a terrorist group by the United States before he was assassinated in New York in 1990. As head of the ministry, Ben-Gvir would oversee the police and the paramilitary border police who operate alongside Israeli soldiers in Palestinian population centers. Likud lawmaker Yariv Levin praised the agreement, which was signed Thursday, as "the first agreement on the way to establishing a stable right-wing government led by Benjamin Netanyahu." Ben-Gvir first entered parliament in 2021, after his Jewish Power party merged with the Religious Zionism party.

COMMENT

The new coalition that is being put together to form the new and latest Israeli Likud government will have at its head a very well known leader with a lengthy political history in Israel - Benjamin Netanyahu, but that will be where any likeness to previous governments ends. In addition, there are a couple of other extreme right-wing parties that are successfully negotiating with Likud to give it the numbers it needs to form the government. Therefore, this coalition, if it happens, will be one where Netanyahu will be presiding over the most right-wing government that Israel has ever known. This has every potential to create a political earthquake in the Middle East, beginning with the taking over of the Palestinian territories - including the Temple Mount and possibly ending with a military move on Iran. If so, this would involve a major "poke" at the Russian Bear. This is in line with Bible prophecy and give enhanced meaning to the Biblical passage that speaks of Jerusalem being a "burdensome stone" to the nations.

BIBLE QUOTE

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

(Zech 12:3)

Russia threatens to cut supply of gas through Ukraine

CNN November 23, 2022



EVENT

Europe is bracing itself for further cuts to its supply of Russian natural gas as Moscow threatens to slash flows to Moldova, a country on Ukraine's southwestern border. Russian state gas giant Gazprom said Tuesday it would reduce shipments to the country starting Monday over disputed claims that Ukraine is withholding some of the gas as it is piped through its territory. On its official telegram account, the company said it would cut gas flows through the Sudzha transit point equal to the amount it claims Ukraine is preventing from reaching Moldova. Ukraine has denied that it is withholding gas deliveries to its neighbor. But the move raises the specter of a further reduction in the supply of gas to the European Union through Ukraine, one of just two routes through which Russia is still delivering gas via pipeline to the bloc. Russia is also sending gas to Europe via the TurkStream pipeline that runs through Turkey to Bulgaria. In June, Gazprom reduced flows through the vital pipeline to 40% of its capacity. By September, no gas was flowing at all. Kateryna Filippenko, principal analyst for global gas markets at consultancy Wood Mackenzie, said that she expects a full shut off to happen before the end of the year. If Russia halted exports through Ukraine, Europe would lose about 4 billion cubic meters of gas...between December and March, Filippenko said.

COMMENT

It has become very apparent that Russia is weaponizing, not only fossil fuel supply, but the supply of it at a precisely critical time of the year when it becomes a matter of life and death. This amounts to the weaponizing of weather. Another slide in this presentation speaks of how the UK is planning to get through the winter by rationing the limited supplies of electrical energy available to it. And if Russia cuts the flow of gas through Ukraine to Europe, much of the limited supplies the UK is depending upon will dry up also. The question is, what will be the trigger point where Europe and other surrounding countries being affected will react - either by giving in to Russia's aggression, or moving from a defense strategy to an aggressive offense? We know what the Bible says, that Europe (but NOT the UK - K of S) will align with Gog, Rosh, Moscow, etc against the K of S (the US & UK) and what they think is the anti-Christ in Palestine.

BIBLE QUOTE

...set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog (northern and central Europe), the prince of Rosh (Ros river in Ukraine), Meshech and Tubal (references to Muskva & Tubl rivers in Russia)... Persia (Iran), Ethiopia, and Libya (east & north Africa)..Gomer (western Europe)... Togarmah (Turkey, the land of the Eastern Roman military power) ...and many people with thee. (Ezek 38:2-6 NASB)

UN votes 98-17 to take Israel to Int'l Criminal Court, 'occupation will need to end'

World Israel News, November 12, 2022



EVENT

A key UN committee approved a draft resolution Friday calling on the International Court of Justice to urgently issue its opinion on the legal consequences of allegedly denying the Palestinian people the right to self-determination. **The measure was vehemently opposed by Israel, which argued it would destroy any chance of reconciliation with the Palestinians.** The vote in the General Assembly's Special Political and Decolonization Committee was 98-17, with 52 abstentions. The resolution will now go to the 193-member assembly for a final vote before the end of the year, when it is virtually certain of approval. The countries that voted with Israel in opposing the resolution were Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Liberia, Lithuania, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and the United States. The United Kingdom and France abstained.

COMMENT

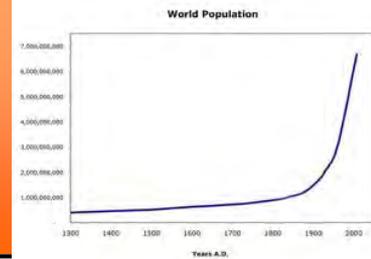
A United Nations committee on Friday approved a resolution to request the International Court of Justice (ICJ) "urgently" weigh in on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Israeli "annexation." The UN asked the ICJ (based in The Hague) to make a judgement on Israel's "prolonged occupation, settlement and annexation of Palestinian territory." The ICJ last issued an advisory opinion on the conflict in 2004. The resolution also refers to the Temple Mount as part of "Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem." All this is very interesting with Bible in hand. In our readings tomorrow (Joel 3) we will hear God himself saying that he will bring all nations against Israel and Jerusalem. He also says that the nations have "parted" – divided – "my land". He also says "what have you to do with me O Tyre and Zidon and the coasts of Palestine?"

BIBLE QUOTE

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, **and parted my land**... Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? **Coasts of Palestine = Gaza Strip** (Joel 3:2+4)

The world population passes 8 billion

The Times, November 15, 2022



EVENT

Some time today Earth's population is expected to pass eight billion, according to the United Nations, which will announce the milestone in events staged in New York and at the Cop27 climate conference in Egypt. The figure, expected today according to projections by the UN Population Fund, has come thanks to longer lifespans and the rapid growth of some nations in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. It came only 11 years after the figure hit seven billion, but amid projections that this “**unprecedented growth**” was now slowing. There will not be nine billion people until 2037, according to the UN. Its officials sought to cast it as a cause for celebration while at the same time issuing warnings of the challenges that lie ahead as humanity reaches a predicted peak population of about 10.4 billion sometime in the 2080s. “It's a reflection of our success as a species, to be able to proliferate the way we have,” John Wilmoth, director of the population division in the UN department of economic and social affairs, said. “**At the same time it raises questions about our impact on the world.**”

COMMENT

Back in the days of Noah we are told that “men began to multiply on the face of the earth.” There was clearly a population explosion at that time. At the very same time that men multiplied there was also a multiplication of sin. We are told that “GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” So as the population grew so did godless ways. History is repeating.. We also see unprecedented population growth at the same time of an explosion of godlessness. Jesus said he would return at a time similar to Noah's days

BIBLE QUOTE

And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

(Luke 17:26-27)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

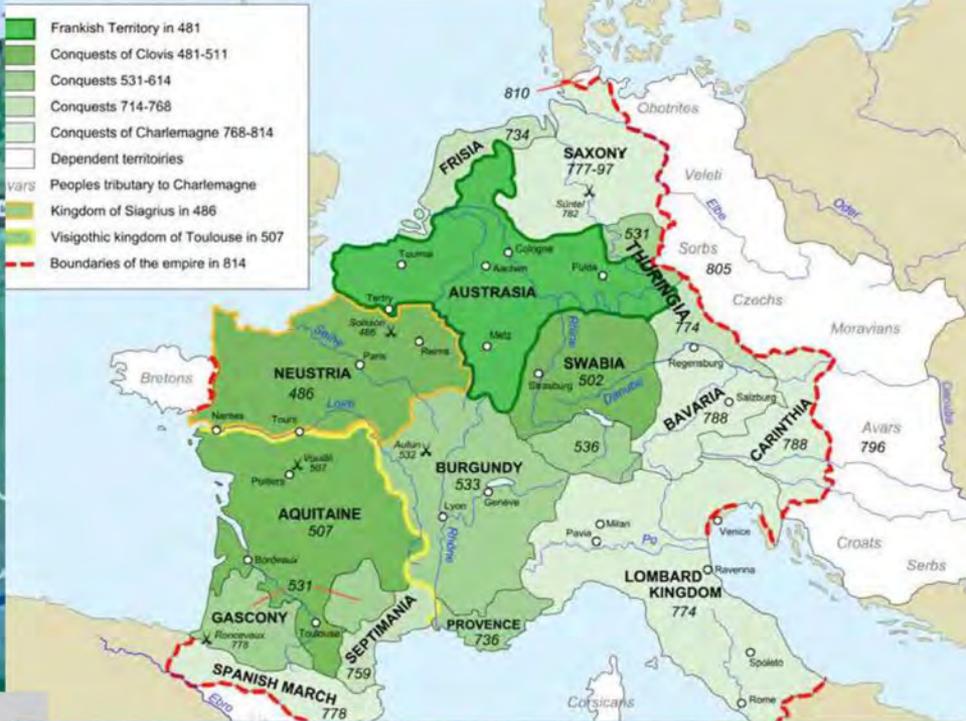
- DebkaFile Review** (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) **TV-7 Israel News** **Watchman Newscast**
- 2022-11-26 [World at War - Russia urges restraint as Turkiye bombs Kurdish targets in Iraq & Syria](#) - WION - 23 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-26 [Russia cuts off gas to Moldova as it moves toward Europe - Focus on Europe](#) - 5.09 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-24 [Russia Threatens to Cut Gas to Europe Through Ukraine - Europe Energy Crisis](#) - Ukraine War -5.22 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-24 [Record high Covid cases in China- Is this 2020 all over again](#) - Gravitas - 8.22 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-24 [Putin Flexes Russia's Muscle in Arctic with Nuclear Icebreakers](#) - FirstPost - 5.04 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-24 [Israel Rocked by DEADLY Jerusalem Terror Attack; Iran Vows REVENGE for Syria Hit](#) - Watchman - 10.12 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-24 [Chinese economy braces for major disruption](#) - World Latest English News - WION - 7.31 min - YouTube
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- 2022-11-20 [Iran- Ayatollah Khomeini's home - on fire](#) - Gravitas - 5.13 min - YouTube
- 2022-11-19 [Palestinian Authority in danger of imminent collapse, Shin Bet chief warns Netanyahu](#) - Israel News - The Jerusalem Post
- 2022-11-19 [Four Syrian soldiers killed in Israeli 'air aggression,' state media report](#) - Reuters
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- 2022-11-19 [U.S. says Russia's Ukraine invasion offered preview to potential global tyranny](#) - Reuters
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- 2022-11-19 [Why China's plan to save its economy won't work](#) - DW Business Special - 22.29 min - YouTube
- 2016 Video - [Raid on the Reactor — How Israel Stopped Saddam Hussein From Destroying the World](#) - 43 min - YouTube
- [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



1. LITHUANIA
2. LUXEMBOURG
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. CZECH REPUBLIC
5. BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
6. YUGOSLAVIA

2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *



“YOUNG LIONS”
(USA, CANADA, ETC)

“LION”
TARSHISH
UK

GERMANY
(LAND OF
MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY
(Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN
(Persia)

LIBYA

DEDAN
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

RUSSIA (“CHIEF PRINCE” = “PRINCE OF ROSH”)

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

INDIA



Russia

Bratstvo

Soyuz

Ukraine

Trans-Balkan

Black Sea

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EU lawmakers name Russia a 'state sponsor' of terrorism

DW, November 23, 2022



EVENT

The European Parliament has designated Russia a "state sponsor" of terrorism over its actions in Ukraine. EU lawmakers on Wednesday declared Russia a "state sponsor" of terrorism in line with pleas from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. "The deliberate attacks and atrocities committed by Russian forces and their proxies against civilians in Ukraine, the destruction of civilian infrastructure and other serious violations of international and humanitarian law amount to acts of terror and constitute war crimes," a press release from the European Parliament stated. The designation is a largely symbolic condemnation of Russia's actions in Ukraine and beyond. The US government has so far resisted the label for Russia, citing potential unintended consequences under its legal system.

COMMENT

Putin has been attacking Ukraine's national grid over the last few weeks which has left most of the country without electricity. In fact even half of the neighbouring country Moldova has been plunged into darkness as much of its energy comes through Ukraine. A relentless barrage of cruise missiles and exploding drones have left much of the population in Ukraine in freezing conditions as winter begins. Ukraine can see temperatures drop as low as minus 20c. Almost all of Kyiv is without water supplies as well as. Putin is losing the conventional war against Ukraine's soldiers so he is now resorting to punishing the general population. This is why the EU has now designated Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism. The Bible tells us that a latter day Antiochus Epiphanes (ancient king of the north) would could cause a shocking amount of destruction. Sadly there is more to come – but these events lead to Christ's return...

BIBLE QUOTE

a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power. He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause a shocking amount of destruction** and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people.

(Daniel 8:23-24 NLT)

Echoes of the Cold War as Putin eyes the Arctic

Daily Telegraph, November 22, 2022



EVENT

Vladimir Putin summoned the spirit of the Cold War on Tuesday as he unveiled a statue of Fidel Castro and launched a nuclear-powered icebreaker to help Russia dominate the Arctic. In a snowy Moscow square now named after the former Cuban leader, Putin praised Castro as a great man who stood up to rule by diktat, robbery and neo-colonialism. Earlier in the day, from the warmth of his office in the Kremlin, Putin stood glumly to attention as he watched by teleconference the launch of the Yakutia icebreaker and a flag-raising ceremony over its sister ship the Ural, a move that follows the reopening of Soviet-era naval bases on Russia's northern shores. "Both icebreakers are part of our large-scale, systematic work to re-equip and replenish the domestic icebreaker fleet, to strengthen Russia's status as a great Arctic power," he said.

COMMENT

The Arctic region has become one of the most contested in the world. Control of it gives countries access to huge oil and gas reserves as well as short trade routes between Europe and Asia. Putin wants to control the far north because controlling energy supplies is now crucial to his objectives. Back in 2007 Russia sparked outrage by planting a Russian flag directly under the north pole using a mini submarine. The Bible says Gog/Putin is king of the north and so it is interesting that he is claiming the actual north pole and all the region around it. Also interesting is Putin unveiling a statue of Fidel Castro the Cuban leader in Moscow. The cigar-loving guerrilla was an ideological Communist and ally of the USSR who led his country between 1959 and 2008. Putin praised Castro and said he wanted a "multi polar world." This is what Putin wants - a world with more than one super power. Putin wants Russia to be a power again.

BIBLE QUOTE

But I will remove far off from you the **northern army**, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

(Joel 2:20)

UK Households must slash energy use to defeat Putin

Daily Telegraph, November 23, 2022



EVENT

Britain must cut energy usage by 15pc to defeat Vladimir Putin, Jeremy Hunt has said as the country scrambles to head off potential disruption this winter. The Chancellor urged households to “play your part” in reducing the UK’s vulnerability to Russia and other despotic regimes. His plea will be part of a reported £25m public information campaign to help the public slash their bills. It came as the electricity operator EDF delayed the reopening of three French nuclear power stations, triggering concerns that Britain could struggle to import energy from across the Channel on days when domestic supply runs short. The Chancellor said: “For most people we need you to play your part in reducing our energy dependency on what Putin chooses to do in Ukraine. And that’s why we’ve got this national ambition to reduce energy consumption by 15pc. Reduced supplies of Russian gas have caused chaos since the Kremlin started the war in Ukraine, forcing governments to step in with financial support and raising concerns about security of supply this winter.

COMMENT

The cost of Russia’s war against Ukraine is astounding. It has massively impacted world energy prices and food prices. The knock on impact is causing inflation to rise and driving many countries into recession. In the UK energy prices are sky rocketing and the government has been forced to subsidise every household and business – potentially costing more than the Covid bailout. All this shows how precarious a position the world is in. And this really is a small conflict compared to what is coming. When the inner ring war begins around Israel leading to many nations invading Israel (Armageddon) the entire world will be helpless to stop complete economic collapse...

BIBLE QUOTE

The earth mourns and dries up, and the land wastes away and withers. Even the greatest people on earth waste away. The earth suffers for the sins of its people, for they have twisted God’s instructions, violated his laws, and broken his everlasting covenant.

(Isaiah 24:4-5 NLT)

One dead and several injured in Jerusalem bomb attacks

The Times, November 24, 2022



EVENT

A teenager was killed and at least 14 people were wounded by bombs at traffic intersections in northern Jerusalem yesterday. Israeli security sources said the two explosions, which took place within half an hour of each other, had “all the hallmarks” of previous terror attacks by Palestinian organisations. The first blast was a few minutes after 7am local time next to a crowded bus stop at the main exit from Jerusalem to the Tel Aviv highway. Twelve people were wounded, one of whom died shortly afterwards in hospital. About 20 minutes later there was a second explosion several miles to the east, at another exit from Jerusalem near the Ramot neighbourhood. Three people were wounded. Most of the blast from the second bomb was absorbed by a bus that had stopped to pick up passengers. Simultaneous bombings of bus stops in Jerusalem indicate a higher level of planning than shootings and have rarely been carried out since the end of the second Palestinian intifada in the early 2000s.

COMMENT

Tension is mounting in Jerusalem. It is likely to get worse when Netanyahu is installed as prime minister as he is leading the most right wing government in Israel's history according to many commentators. The attacks this week in Jerusalem may seem small compared to past atrocities but the concern is that they were expertly coordinated. Hamas welcomed the attack on Wednesday, stating that Israel bears "full responsibility for the repercussions of the crimes of its army and the terror of its settlers against our Palestinian people, their land and their sanctities." The Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorist movement called the attack a "natural response to the occupation." The inner ring war around Israel involving her immediate neighbours is coming.....soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, **Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.** (Psalm 83:2-4)

US builds air and maritime defense systems in Middle East

Israel National News, November 22, 2022



EVENT

Washington is strengthening its air and maritime defense systems in the Middle East amid rising tensions with Iran, said a U.S. official at a Middle East security summit in Bahrain on Sunday. National Security Council coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa Brett McGurk, in an address at the annual Manama Dialogue 2022 summit, said the U.S. is focused on thwarting “imminent threats” from Iran and its terrorist proxies in the politically volatile region. **“The United States is now actively building and enabling an integrated air and maritime defense architecture in this region,”** McGurk said, “Something long talked about is now being done, through innovative partnerships and new technologies.” The official noted that increased security cooperation between Washington and its regional allies was likely the main reason Iran abandoned its plans to launch a new attack against Saudi Arabia.

COMMENT

The American delegation to this security summit in Bahrain (a Gulf Arab nation) affirmed Washington’s commitment to the region. The meeting was devoted to the discussion of the most pressing challenges in the field of foreign policy, defense and security in the Middle East. US Defense Undersecretary for Policy Colin Kahl stated that Washington remains committed to the security of the region and "gives priority to the Middle East" despite such international developments as the war in Ukraine.” There are tens of thousands of US troops in the Gulf region. This is all especially interesting because the Bible says that Sheba and Dedan (Gulf Arab states) are aligned with Tarshish and her young lions (UK/US/Canada etc). The nations are aligned as God said they would....

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)

Weapons industry booms as Eastern Europe arms Ukraine

Reuters, November 24, 2022



RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR:
WEAPONS INDUSTRY BOOMS

EVENT Eastern Europe's arms industry is churning out guns, artillery shells and other military supplies at a pace not seen since the Cold War as governments in the region lead efforts to aid Ukraine in its fight against Russia. Allies have been supplying Kyiv with weapons and military equipment since Russia invaded its neighbour on Feb. 24, depleting their own inventories along the way. The United States and Britain committed the most direct military aid to Ukraine between Jan. 24 and Oct. 3, a Kiel Institute for the World Economy tracker shows, with Poland in third place and the Czech Republic ninth. Still wary of Russia, their Soviet-era master, some former Warsaw Pact countries see helping Ukraine as a matter of regional security. But nearly a dozen government and company officials and analysts who spoke to Reuters said the conflict also presented new opportunities for the region's arms industry.

COMMENT Europe has massively increased its military spending and future spending commitments since Russia invaded Ukraine. It is not just eastern European nations that have done so. Germany's ruling class is launching the biggest rearmament offensive since the end of World War II. According to a report the German government plans to "replenish the Bundeswehr's [Defence] stocks, which were depleted after the end of the Cold War" and to "spend ... up to around €20 billion." We know that one day when Christ has actually returned that a resurrected Holy Roman Empire will make war against "the Lamb" and those who are "called and chosen and faithful." i.e. the saints. It is therefore logical to conclude the the EU will begin to rearm itself and become a large military force again..

BIBLE QUOTE And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, ... 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: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: **and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.** (Revelation 17:11-12)