

# This Week's Developments

November 14 - 20, 2021

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# PM warns Vladimir Putin against ‘tragic mistake’ as tensions rise with Ukraine

Evening Standard, November 18, 2021



## EVENT

**Boris Johnson warned Vladimir Putin against making a “tragic mistake” as tensions rise on the border between Russia and Ukraine.** The Prime Minister appearing at the Commons Liaison Committee, was asked about the problems between Belarus and Poland and the situation in Ukraine. Thousands of migrants, mainly from the Middle East, have been amassing at the Belarus border with Poland for months. Brussels has accused Belarus’s authoritarian president Alexander Lukashenko, a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, of **deliberately encouraging the migrants to breach its borders in retaliation for sanctions the EU has imposed in response to his repressive rule.** Downing Street has also voiced concern about the **build-up of Russian forces on Russia’s border with Ukraine.** The Kremlin has dismissed claims that it is preparing to invade, after the Ukrainian defence ministry reported that around 90,000 Russian troops were massing in the area.

## COMMENT

Russia is causing a great deal of alarm currently in Europe. It is causing concern on two fronts – **Poland** and **Ukraine**. The two cases are very different. **Poland is part of NATO.** This means that an attack on Poland is essentially an attack on all members of NATO and it could trigger a response from the entire alliance. Ukraine is not in NATO and is therefore more vulnerable. Putin has placed tens of thousands of troops and next to Ukraine’s border. **Eastern Ukraine was once part of the original territory of Magog** – and therefore it is highly possible Putin will one day want to take it – Gog is “of Magog”. Britain is part of the king of the south power and therefore Boris Johnson warning Putin is effectively the **king of the south** warning the **king of the north** (Russia).

## BIBLE QUOTE

The Word of the Lord came to me saying, “Son of man, look toward **Gog of the land of Magog**, the leader of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and speak against him. Tell him, ‘The Lord God says, “I am against you, O Gog, leader of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

**Eastern Ukraine was part of Magog – Putin wants it back!**

(Ezekiel 38:1-3 NLT)

# First joint naval exercise by Israel and Gulf states signals Iran worries

BBC, November 16, 2021



In a move almost unthinkable only three years ago, Gulf Arab navies have held their first joint military exercise with Israeli warships, co-ordinated by the US Navy. The five-day drill in the Red Sea involved warships from the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Israel and the US. It began last Wednesday and included boarding, search and seizure tactics "to help ensure freedom of navigation". US Naval Forces Central Command said the training would "enhance interoperability between participating forces' maritime interdiction teams". The exercise follows the signing of the Abraham Accords in September 2020, which saw the UAE and Bahrain normalise their relations with Israel. Since then, there has been an intense exchange of diplomatic, military and intelligence contacts between Israel and those Gulf states, as all parties share their concern over Iran's activities. The head of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency has made a public visit to Bahrain and in October the commander of the UAE's air force arrived in Israel on his first ever such visit.

## COMMENT

There is an ancient proverb that says, "The enemy of my enemy is my friend". This proverb is true in relation to what is happening with Israel and the Gulf Arab nations. Even though underlying their relationship is hostility they both have a shared and greater enemy – Iran. Therefore these unlikely allies have come together in a show of force in the Red Sea. Iran has recently announced its own naval exercises east of the Strait of Hormuz. Iran has been not only seeking nuclear weapons and creating ever more powerful missiles – it has also been expanding its reach through proxy armies around the Middle East eg Hezbollah, Houthis, Hamas etc. The Bible said that Gulf Arab nations would be allied to Israel and that Iran would support Israel's enemies....

## BIBLE QUOTE

Sheba, and Dedan, [Gulf Arab States] 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)

# Pentagon accuses Iran of unsafe conduct after helicopter buzzes US warship

The Times, November 16, 2021



## EVENT

The Pentagon has accused Iran's navy of "unsafe and unprofessional" conduct after a helicopter flew within 25 yards of a US warship in the Gulf of Oman. In the latest tense encounter between Iranian and western forces, the USS Essex, an amphibious assault ship, was approached by the helicopter, which circled it three times. John Kirby, the Pentagon press secretary, yesterday confirmed the incident, which occurred last Thursday, calling it "dangerous". He added that at one point the aircraft flew as low as 10ft over the water. "When the Iranian navy . . . flies like this, you definitely run the risk of some sort of escalation and a miscalculation, on either side . . . and that's not helpful," Kirby said. "This one ended peacefully, but it doesn't mean it was safe and professional. It absolutely wasn't."

## COMMENT

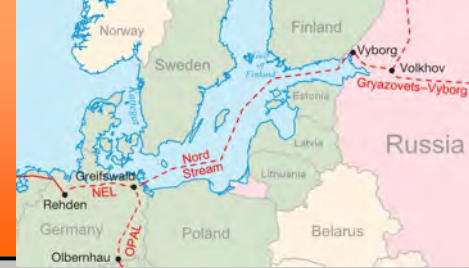
Iran has previously been accused of staging a series of provocative attacks and seizures of shipping in the Gulf, including a drone attack on a tanker which killed a British security guard and a Romanian crew member in July. In fact as I am writing this news reports are coming in that Iranian Revolutionary Guards have seized a foreign ship in Gulf waters. The events in the article above show Iran is increasingly belligerent. The nuclear talks have still not resumed and Iran wants to show the US what is in store if their demands are not met. We know what is in store because God showed Isaiah what is to happen. Isaiah 21 says that Elam and Media (both areas of Iran) will rise up and besiege. Iran has threatened to besiege the Persian Gulf. This will happen. At that point it heralds a great time of trouble – when Isaiah saw it he collapsed and fainted...

## 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; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. 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; (Isiah 21:2-3)

# Germany blocks Nord Stream 2 pipe from Russia

The Times, November 16, 2021



## EVENT

Gas prices in Britain surged by 17 per cent yesterday after Germany suspended approval for a pipeline that would bring more Russian supplies to Europe. Renewed fears of a winter energy crisis sent wholesale prices soaring across the continent over worries that Russia would not increase deliveries of gas through other routes if its Nord Stream 2 pipeline were blocked. Despite such fears, Boris Johnson reiterated Britain's opposition to Nord Stream 2, which would double Russia's gas export capacity to central Europe but would also enable Moscow to bypass Ukraine. He told the cabinet that the pipeline could have significant security implications for the region. Germany said yesterday that it was pausing the approval process for the pipeline as the operating company needed to be an independent firm "organised under German law".

## COMMENT

Vladimir Putin has tightened his stranglehold on gas, driving up futures contracts for January by 40pc in barely a week. There is a growing geopolitical crisis in Europe which makes the magnitude of these rises even more serious. Putin has already prepared the ground for the perfect energy squeeze. He took advantage of the world's post-pandemic gas shortage over the late summer to withhold the top-up flows needed to replenish Europe's depleted storage. Putin is trying to pressure Germany to switch on the new pipeline. But Germany has pushed back and delayed it. This is pure brinkmanship between East and West. As one commentator put it "Putin will keep stoking the gas crisis until a frozen Europe begs for mercy, or tears itself apart." We know that the EU will unravel at some point / become divided. – from the EU will [may] emerge 10 nations that come together to form a new Holy Roman Empire.

## BIBLE QUOTE

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ...and in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven setup a kingdom that shall never be destroyed. When Christ returns the EU kingdom is DIVIDED. (Daniel 2:41)



# US says it 'won't tolerate' Russia's 'reckless and dangerous' anti-satellite missile test

CNN, November 16, 2021



## EVENT

The US strongly condemned a Russian anti-satellite test on Monday that forced crew members on the International Space Station to scramble into their spacecraft for safety, calling it "a reckless and dangerous act" and saying that it "won't tolerate" behaviour that puts international interests at risk. US Space Command said Russia tested a direct-ascent anti-satellite, or DA-ASAT missile, striking a Russian satellite and creating a debris field in low-Earth orbit of more than 1,500 pieces of trackable orbital debris that is also likely to generate hundreds of thousands of pieces of smaller orbital debris. US officials emphasized the long-term dangers and potential global economic fallout from the Russian test, which has created hazards for satellites that provide people around the world with phone and broadband service, weather forecasting, GPS systems which underpin aspects of the financial system, including bank machines, as well in-flight entertainment and satellite radio and television.

## COMMENT

This week Russia tested an anti-satellite (ASAT) weapon and intentionally destroyed one of its own defunct satellites. The impact left behind hundreds of thousands of debris objects that now pose a risk to the International Space Station. "Even though we know they have this capability, we were shocked that they chose to test it as they did," said Kaitlyn Johnson, deputy director of the Aerospace Security Project at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. "The things rumbling around my mind are: Why now? What is this tied to? What message are they trying to send?" she said. Russian military doctrine indicates they view space as critical to modern warfare – they believe they can use counterspace capabilities to reduce US effectiveness for winning a war. Russia is preparing for war as the Bible said they would – even in the heavens....

## BIBLE QUOTE

"Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. (Ezekiel 38:7-8 NLT)

# Iran could build nuclear bomb 'within months'

The Times, November 18, 2021

Map shows extent of Assyria  
(Assur) - it covered Elam in Iran



## EVENT

Iran has sped up production of enriched uranium to a point where **it could have enough for a nuclear weapon within months**, according to the United Nations' atomic watchdog. The latest report from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which monitors the country's nuclear programme, says it now has **17.7kg of uranium enriched to 60 per cent purity, one level below weapons-grade**. That is up from 10kg at the time of the last report in August. That amount could produce about 10kg of uranium enriched to **90 per cent, the level required for a nuclear weapon**. About 20kg is **enough for a bomb**, and the speed at which enrichment is progressing suggests that quantity could be reached within a few months. The finding will add urgency to talks on the future of the nuclear programme and American sanctions on Iran, which are due to resume at the end of the month.

## COMMENT

Top Israeli officials have called on world powers to take action against Iran, ahead of the scheduled resumption of nuclear talks in Vienna later this month. They also warned that **Jerusalem was prepared to act alone if necessary against the Islamic Republic**. While Defence Minister Benny Gantz was visiting an IDF exercise in northern Israel this week he said, "The world needs to act against Iran, and Israel is prepared to **do what is needed on all of these fronts and on the northern front in particular**." In other words Israel is prepared to act against Iran's proxy armies north of Israel i.e. Hezbollah and Iran's soldiers in Syria. As Iran gets ever closer to a nuclear weapon **Israel will do all it can to prevent this from happening**. It is this pressure that could lead to the initial inner ring war. **Iran is the power behind the confederacy of tribes that come against Israel....**

## BIBLE QUOTE

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; **Assur also is joined with them**: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. **Assur could well be a reference to Iran**

(Psalm 83:5-8)

## ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

**TV-7 Israel News**

2021-11-21 United Arab Emirates - Middle East Battle Lines – Interactive Map

2021-11-14 Has the Arab world abandoned Palestine - Gravitas - YouTube 5:29 min

2021-11-14 The Shia-Sunni Divide - Understanding the split - Gravitas – YouTube 8:50 min

2021-10-28 Turkey Claims Israeli Mossad Agents Arrested; Accuses West of Meddling – YouTube 9:15 min

2021-10-25 Gravitas- Israel preparing to strike Iranian nuclear sites - YouTube 5:08 min

2021-10-21 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-22 Israeli PM Bennett Vows to Build Up Golan Heights as Iran & Hezbollah Loom – YouTube 15.19 min

2021-10-21 Israeli PM Bennett Meets Putin in Russia as Iran & Syria Tensions Grow – YouTube 12.33 min

2021-10-20 Israel & Iran Hold Major Air Force Drills; U.S. Base in Syria TARGETED by Drones – YouTube 8.33 min

2021-10-19 Hezbollah Boasts of 100K Trained Fighters; Israel Prepping Iran Strike – YouTube 9.43 min

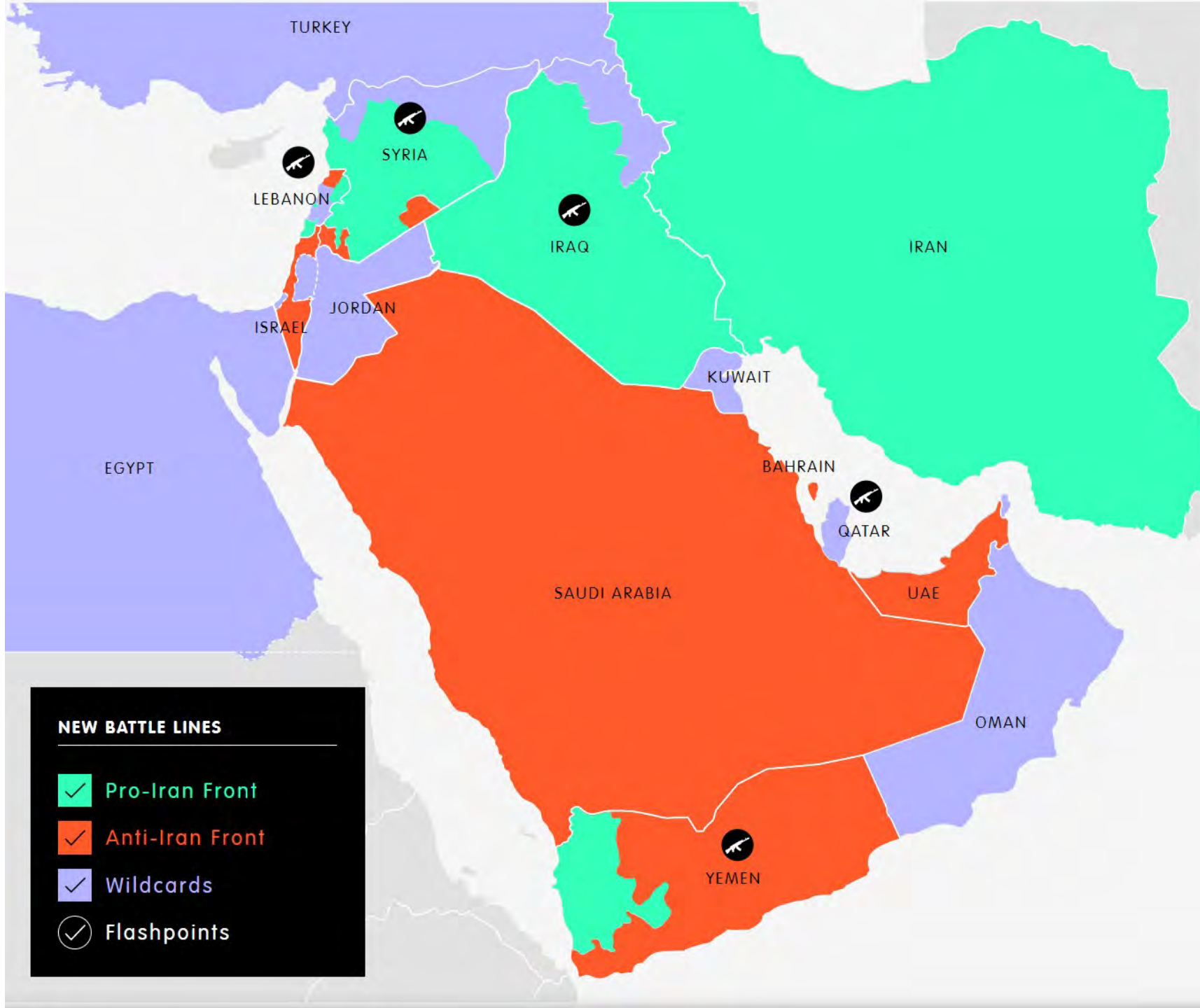
2021-10-18 China STUNS U.S. Officials With Nuclear-Capable Hypersonic Missile Test – YouTube 8.57 min

2021-10-15 Hamas is increasing its activity in Lebanon and angering Hezbollah - Jerusalem Post

2021-10-12 Iran Unveils Its Own Iron Dome-; Russia Accuses Israel of Syria Airstrikes - YouTube

2021-09-22 U.S. Nuclear Sub Deal & AUKUS Alliance Counter China But Leave France Furious - YouTube





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- Pro-Iran Front
- Anti-Iran Front
- Wildcards
- Flashpoints