

This Week's Developments

September 26 – October 2, 2021

- Iran to begin military exercises linked to rival Israel
- US navy launches taskforce to hunt Russian subs
- German election: Scholz would turn his back on US
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Iran to Begin Military Exercises Linked to Rivalry With Israel

Bloomberg, September 30, 2021



EVENT

Iran said it will start military exercises in its northwest on Friday after moving forces **near to the border with Azerbaijan**, a deployment that angered the Azeri president and thrust Tehran's rivalry with Israel to the fore. The drills will involve armoured units, drones and attack helicopters, and test electronic radar systems, the semi-official Fars news agency reported, citing a statement by Army Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari. Heydari didn't specify where in Iran's northwestern region -- which borders **Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey and Iraq** -- the manoeuvres will be held. But Azerbaijan's leader Ilham Aliyev has expressed concern over Tehran massing military assets near his country's frontier for the first time since the fall of the Soviet Union. **Iran's Foreign Ministry on Tuesday defended the moves, linking them to "the presence of Israel" in Azerbaijan.**

COMMENT

Azerbaijan was part of the USSR but became an independent nation in 1991. **Israel was one of the first nations to recognise the new nation.** They have engaged in close cooperation ever since and have been a **major provider of battlefield aviation, artillery, anti-tank, and anti-infantry weaponry.** Azerbaijan is **home to some 30,000 Jews** many are descended from **Persian Jews** and have lived there 1500 years years. Azerbaijan is a **major exporter of oil to the Jewish state.** These military exercises by Iran are **directly aimed at Israel's support** of this nation. "Iran will not tolerate the presence of the Zionist regime near its borders" an Iranian ministry spokesman said. The Bible says that **Iran is involved with Russia in attacking Israel** - events this week **show Iran's intentions** and they could possibly be the start of things building up to conflict...

BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iranians] against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

(Isaiah 13:17-18)

US navy launches destroyer taskforce to hunt Russian submarines in Atlantic

The Times, September 29, 2021



EVENT

The US navy has formed a taskforce of destroyers to be on a permanent lookout for Russian submarines operating off America in the eastern Atlantic. Intelligence has shown that the most advanced nuclear-powered Russian submarines have increasingly been slipping through the Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) Gap, the naval choke-point north of Scotland, and heading for the US. Task Group Greyhound, which will eventually consist of four guided-missile destroyers, will be on alert for Russian submarines as they approach America's east coast. This is only the latest manifestation of the growing great-power competition between the US, Russia and China. Last month the US coast guard was alerted to the presence of four Chinese warships in international waters off Alaska. The decision to assign four destroyers to submarine hunting was made after the reactivation in 2018 of the navy's 2nd Fleet, in response to deployment of Russian warships in the north Atlantic on a scale not seen since the Cold War.

COMMENT

Russia and America are increasingly wary of each other – and pushing at each other militarily. The Cold War officially ended in 1991 about the same time that the USSR broke up. During the 90's relations warmed and there was a degree of trust. New arms treaties were signed. But in the last decade we have heard more and more about Cold War 2 – tensions have been rising again. On Friday, Russia said it was concerned that the AUKUS defence agreement between Australia, Britain and the United States would allow Australia to enter the select group of nations that operate nuclear-powered submarines. These group of nations are part of the "king of the south" confederacy that oppose and stand against the king of the north – which is led by Russia.

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.

(Daniel 11:40)

German election: Olaf Scholz would turn his back on America as chancellor

The Times, October 1, 2021



EVENT

Germany's standing in the West will be damaged if Olaf Scholz becomes chancellor because of his left-wing party's reluctance to keep US nuclear weapons on German soil or stand up to Russia and China, the head of the Bundestag's foreign affairs committee has warned. Scholz, 63, the finance minister and strongest contender to be the country's next leader, is trying to build a ruling coalition with the Greens and the economically liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) after a narrow victory in last week's general election by his centre-left Social Democratic Party (SPD). He has yet to set out his foreign policy goals in detail. However, **SDP leaders have called for Germany to be "decoupled" from America and urged Washington to remove its nuclear weapons from the country.**

COMMENT

For more than 16 years, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has stood at the heart of European politics. **Germany is Europe's largest economy and Merkel has earned a reputation of stable government. But this era is coming to an end** and Merkel is stepping down. A new German Chancellor has to be found and the election last week shows that **Olaf Scholz might be the person**. Commentators say that "the Merkel era could soon come to be seen as a period of calm that we will soon be pining for." Also there is "a growing sense that Europe must do more to secure its own interests on the world stage." Germany has a **key role to play** in the future. **Germany is the heart of the beast system of Revelation 17. Political Babylon.** A new **resurrected Holy Roman Empire** will rise again **led by Germany**. It could be the next Chancellor helps bring this about...

BIBLE QUOTE

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are **ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

(Revelation 17:11-13)

Erdogan says Turkey is looking at further defence steps with Russia

Reuters, September 30, 2021



Turkey is considering more joint defence industry steps with Russia including for fighter jets and submarines, President Tayyip Erdogan said after talks with President Vladimir Putin, despite a U.S. warning of further sanctions. On the return flight to Turkey from the talks, Erdogan told reporters he also proposed working with Russia on construction of two more nuclear power plants, and Putin suggested developing platforms for space rocket launches, broadcaster NTV reported. NATO member Turkey's 2019 purchase of Russian S-400 missile defence batteries prompted Washington to cancel the sale of U.S. F-35 fighter jets and sanction Turkey's defence industries. When Erdogan suggested last week that Turkey will buy more S-400s, Washington said Turkey could face further measures under U.S. legislation penalising countries that buy Russian arms.

COMMENT

On Wednesday Turkey's president Recep Tayyip Erdogan met Russia's president Vladimir Putin in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. After the meeting Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov talked about commitment to further collaboration. "They have discussed the possible continuation of military-technical co-operation and broader interaction on S-400 and other issues," he told reporters. Erdogan went to Washington last week and was infuriated he wasn't able to see president Biden. We are seeing Turkey move ever closer to Russia and further away from NATO and the US. This is exactly what we would expect with Bible in hand. Ezekiel 38 talks about Turkey – Turkey is Togarmah and Togarmah is part of the alliance of nations that join Russia in invading Israel. Once again we can see how the nations are lining up as God said that would at the end...

BIBLE QUOTE

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: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, (Ezekiel 38:4-6)

North Korea says it fired new 'hypersonic missile'

BBC, October 1, 2021



EVENT

North Korea has claimed that it successfully tested a new hypersonic missile called Hwasong-8 on Tuesday. State media said the new missile was one of the "five most important" new weapons systems laid out in its five-year military development plan. They called the missile a "strategic weapon", which usually means it has nuclear capabilities. Tuesday's launch is another indication of Pyongyang's growing weapons technology amid strict sanctions. "The development of this weapons system...[has increased] the nation's capabilities for self-defence in every way," North Korean state news outlet KCNA said. Tuesday's launch also saw North Korea introduce missile fuel ampoule for the first time - described by North Korea analyst Ankit Panda as a "significant milestone". **The latest launch also marked the country's third missile test this month.** It has already revealed a new type of cruise missile, as well as a new train-launched ballistic missile system.

COMMENT

Analysts say North Korea is on course to **escalate threats in an attempt to put pressure on the Biden administration to gain leverage in future negotiations with the United States.** When Trump was president there were a number of meetings with North Korea to try and "do a deal" over their nuclear weapons. But this came to nothing. Now North Korea wants to push back at America's new president to **remove sanctions and reduce US presence in South Korea.** These missile tests are part of that push. The Korean peninsula is really a relic from the Cold War. Russia backed communistic North Korea and America backed capitalist South Korea. **It is a conflict frozen in time.** It is still an ongoing faultline of the Cold War. **We may well see this blow up into conflict** as the king of the north and king of the south adversaries line up against each other.

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)

Russia and rest of world queue up to mock Britain over petrol shortages

The Times, September 29, 2021



EVENT

Russian media has compared Britain's fuel crisis to Soviet-era food queues while also predicting that UK residents will soon have to choose between heating their homes or eating. "The queues for petrol pumps are like those for sausage that was in short supply in the Soviet Union," said a presenter on NTV, a pro-Kremlin television station that is owned by Gazprom, the Russian gas giant. In a special report from London, an NTV correspondent smiled as she held up copies of The Times and the i newspaper. "There is no petrol, there are only newspapers, which say that the petrol is all gone. Last week they wrote that the food had run out," she said. "I wonder what will run out next here?" NTV also said rising gas prices meant Britons were afraid they would freeze in the winter. "Heating at home or food on the table — this is a choice that Britons may be facing in a month or two," an NTV presenter in Moscow said.

COMMENT

Britain is suffering at the moment with supply chains. UK is mired in a flash fuel crisis, with drivers queueing at service stations to panic buy petrol as rumours spread that pumps would soon run out due to the shortage of HGV drivers that has resulted in barren shelves and consumer discontent across Britain throughout summer 2021. The UK haulage industry estimates that Britain lost 25,000 European lorry drivers in the wake of Brexit. It is interesting that Britain's enemies gloat over the situation – often making it out to be worse than it is. But it is also interesting how unstable our world is becoming. And how fragile it is. Things we take for granted can be removed almost overnight. We need to build our lives on the stability of God's Word not man's world...

BIBLE QUOTE

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

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

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

2021-09-12 Why China is building islands in the South China Sea (2017) - Vox

2021-09-03 Israeli Airstrike on Iran Weapons Factory Near Damascus; Syrian Missile Response – YouTube 8:34 min

2021-08-25 Israel WARNS Iran Close to a Nuclear Bomb & Afghanistan Crisis Update - YouTube

2021-08-17 Timeline of U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan

2021-08-13 Israeli Archaeologists Find Evidence of Ancient Biblical Earthquake in Jerusalem – YouTube 8:20 min

2021-08-07 Israel’s Iron Dome BLOCKS Hezbollah’s Rocket “Response” to Israeli Airstrikes – YouTube 11:46 min

2021-08-06 Israel Ready to STRIKE Iran, Defense Minister Confirms; Raisi Takes Presidency - YouTube 12:18 min

2021-08-05 Rockets Launched at Israel as Tensions with Iran Reach Boiling Point - YouTube 13:41 min

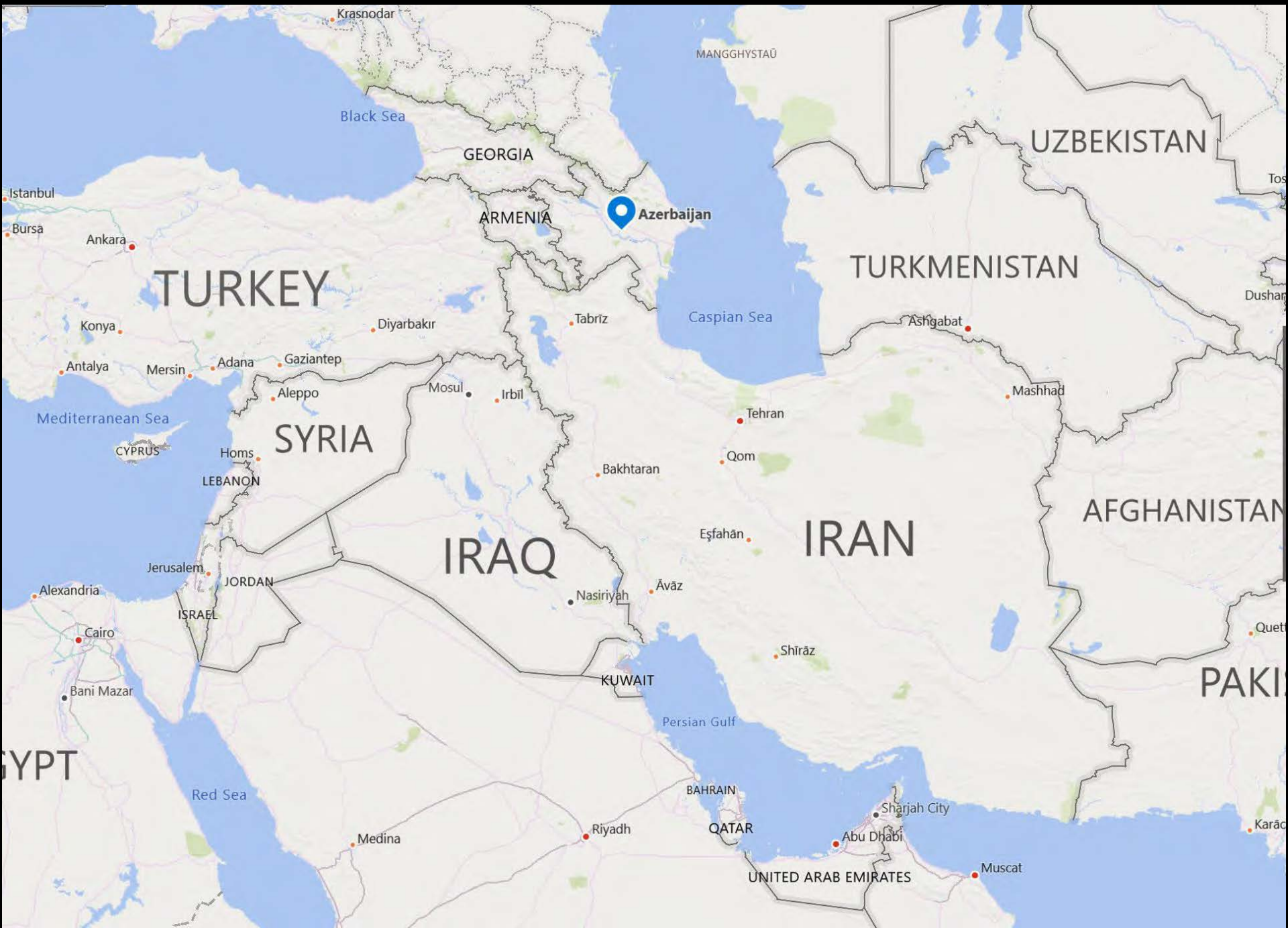
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2021-07-25 Iran 2.11 Water crisis spurs violence in Khuzestan, anti-govt protests rage - Oneindia News - YouTube

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Azerbaijan

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TURKMENISTAN

AFGHANISTAN

PAKISTAN

EGYPT

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Black Sea

Caspian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

CYPRUS

LEBANON

JORDAN

ISRAEL

KUWAIT

BAHRAIN

QATAR

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

MANGGHYSTAU

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Aleppo

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Importance to the Royal Navy

The GIUK gap is particularly important to the Royal Navy, as any attempt by northern European forces to break into the open Atlantic would have to be made either through the heavily defended English Channel, one of the world's busiest seaways, or through one of the exits on either side of Iceland. As the British also control the strategic port of Gibraltar at the entrance to the Mediterranean, this means Spain, France, and Portugal are the only Continental European countries that possess direct access to the Atlantic Ocean that cannot easily be blocked at a choke point by the Royal Navy.

- Wikipedia

Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom (GIUK) Gap



Invasions of the Roman Empire

100 - 500 CE

Western Roman Empire

Eastern Roman Empire

Chalons 451

Adrianople 378

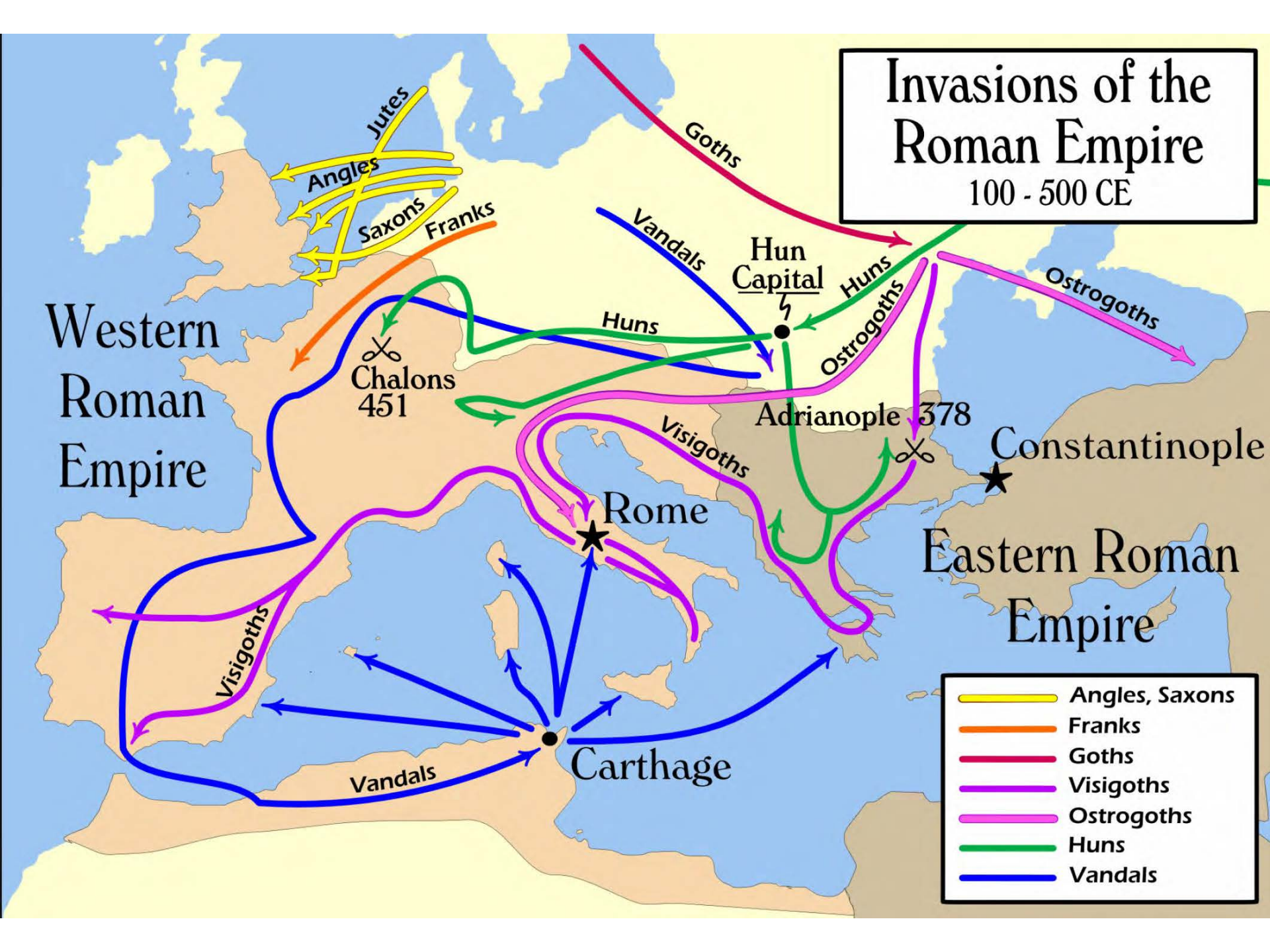
Rome

Carthage

Hun Capital

Constantinople

- Angles, Saxons
- Franks
- Goths
- Visigoths
- Ostrogoths
- Huns
- Vandals



Europe at the Fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 AD

- Western Roman Empire to 476
- Germanic peoples
- Celtic peoples
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- Frankish victory
- Ostrogothic victory
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