

# This Week's Developments

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# Israel simulates strikes on 3,000 Hezbollah targets

Haaretz, February 16, 2021



## EVENT

The Israel Air Force has been carrying out a **widespread military drill simulating war against Hezbollah**, in which it's **capability to hit 3,000 targets a day was tested**. The exercise included targeting rocket and missile storage sites, command centers throughout Lebanon and responding to launches of rockets and cruise missiles directed at Israel, and **the air force assessed it could successfully hit 3,000 targets per day**. It also examined the Israeli army's preparedness against the goals outlined in the operational plan for war against Hezbollah. Following the initial investigation, the army believes it successfully achieved a rate of hitting 3,000 enemy targets a day. During the drill, it was decided to **simulate attacking Lebanese infrastructure that also serves Hezbollah**, as part of the IDF's attempts in recent years to change the equation of deterrence with Hezbollah and not to differentiate between the organization and the state of Lebanon. The forces also practiced coping with cruise missiles. **Senior air force officials claim that the air force is likely to face this threat.**

## COMMENT

Israel conducted a surprise war drill this week. **Israel wants to show that should it come under attack by Hezbollah it would launch an overwhelming response**. In the last war with Hezbollah **it took over 2 weeks to achieve 3000 attacks**. In this week's drill that was **achieved in one day**. After these war games, Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah issued a warning to Israel. "Israel's home front needs to know that if there is a war with Hezbollah, **it will see things it has not seen since the establishment of Israel**," Nasrallah said. Hezbollah's base in Tyre in Lebanon is specifically mentioned in Psalm 83. Psalm 83 speaks of a confederacy of peoples around Israel that want to destroy them.

## BIBLE QUOTE

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. 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; ...the Philistines with **the inhabitants of Tyre;[Hezbollah]** *(Psalm 83:4-7)*

# Report: Iran and Russia begin joint naval drill

Associated Press, February 16, 2021



## EVENT

The Iranian and Russian militaries have kicked off a joint naval drill in the Indian Ocean aimed at boosting security of maritime trade in the region, Iran's state TV reported on Tuesday. The TV said units from Iran's Navy and the powerful Revolutionary Guard's naval forces will take part in the exercise dubbed "Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021" in the northern part of Indian Ocean, spanning a stretch of about a 17,000 kilometers (10,600 miles). According to Iranian Adm. Gholamreza Tahani, the drill spokesman, a Russian destroyer, logistics ship and a helicopter were to participate in the drill. This is the second such joint Russia-Iran exercise since 2019, when the two nations plus China held a four-day exercise. Tehran has been seeking to step up military cooperation with Beijing and Moscow amid regional tensions with the United States. Visits to Iran by Russian and Chinese naval representatives have also increased in recent years.

## COMMENT

This is the second joint Russian-Iranian naval exercise since December 2019, when the two countries plus China held a drill in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman. Iran and China also participated in military exercises held in Russia in September 2020. Tehran has been seeking to step up military cooperation with Beijing and Moscow amid tensions with the United States. Iran has also increased its military drills in recent weeks as tensions built during the final days of the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump. The Bible says the Russia will act as a guard or protector to Iran. These joint naval drills are exactly that. Russia is showing it will defend its ally Iran.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Persia [Iran], 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, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard [protection] unto them. (Ezekiel 38:5-7)

# Iran tests Joe Biden with rocket attack on US-coalition airbase in Iraqi Kurdistan

The Times, February 17, 2021



**EVENT** The Biden administration was facing an early challenge from Iran yesterday after a rocket attack on a base in Iraqi Kurdistan killed a civilian contractor working for the US-led coalition. It came on the same day that Iran said it would block snap inspections of its nuclear programme by international experts if US sanctions were not lifted by February 21. Three 107mm rockets hit the base in Arbil, capital of the Kurdistan Autonomous Region, on Monday night, with at least 11 more landing in civilian areas around it. The Arbil base is one of three still housing coalition forces in Iraq, including 150-200 British troops. The attack was claimed by a shadowy new militia organisation in Iraq that is widely believed to be a front for factions allied to Iran's Revolutionary Guard. "The US occupying force will not be safe even if the traitor Kurdistan Regional Government welcomes it," Saraya Awliya al-Dam, or Brigades of the Guardians of Blood, said. Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, said that the Biden administration was "outraged" by the attack.

**COMMENT** Iran is being stirred up. It sees a limited window to reinstate the nuclear agreement that former president Trump withdrew from. It believes that showing strength at this time will enhance its negotiating position – president Biden has said that the agreement needs new safeguards. This is why Iran and Russia have launched joint war games. It is also why Iran has test fired new missiles this week. It is also why they launched a rocket attack into Iraq at at US coalition base this week. The Bible says that the Medes (Iranians) will be stirred up. It says they will use their bows (missiles). It says they don't have any pity – even for children. It says Iraq at some point will become like Sodom.

## BIBLE QUOTE

Behold, I will stir up the Medes [Iran] 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. And Babylon [Iraq], the glory of kingdoms, ..., shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. (Isaiah 13:17-19)

# Iran is playing with fire, Germany warns

Reuters, February 18, 2021



**EVENT** Analysts say **only a small window of opportunity remains to save the deal**, which received a near-fatal blow when former US president Donald Trump walked out of the accord in 2018 and reimposed sanctions on Iran. Tehran retaliated by stepping up nuclear work in violation of the accord. Ahead of the meeting, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told reporters that **“The recent steps of Iran are not helpful at all, they endanger the return of the Americans” to the deal**. “Apparently Iran is not interested in easing the tensions, but in escalation. They are playing with fire,” he said. The administration of US President **Joe Biden has said it is prepared to rejoin the deal and start lifting sanctions if Iran** — whose economy has been devastated — **returns to full compliance**. But **Tehran rejected this precondition**, pressing on with increasing nuclear work in retaliation for Trump’s so-called “maximum pressure” sanctions policy to weaken the Iranian regime which has had no relations with Washington for four decades.

**COMMENT** It could be that the **catalyst** for the initial inner ring war around Israel **is the final collapse of the Iranian nuclear deal**. The reason is that Iran could lash out using its proxy armies around Israel ( Hamas, Hezbollah, Syria) to create havoc. Iran has threatened to do so. **Israel as well has warned that Iran is close to getting a nuclear weapon and will take action at some point**. Isaiah 21 speaks of **Iran (Elam / Media) making a treacherous deal**. It literally means to act unfaithfully or deceitfully. This is exactly what Israel accuses Iran of doing. **The deal says Iran cannot build a nuclear weapon – Israel says they are behind the scenes**. When the deal is broken Iran rises up and besieges. Isaiah then sees a vision so terrifying he collapses in pain.

**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;** (Isaiah 21:2-3)

# Syria Wants End to Israel's 'Terrorizing' Strikes and Russia, Iran, Turkey Agree

Newsweek, February 19, 2021



## EVENT

Syria has demanded an end to Israeli airstrikes that it says endanger military and civilian life, and the influential international trio of Russia, Iran and Turkey agree. Newsweek recently reported on the hazards associated with multiple countries operating in Syria's crowded airspaces, where military and civilian aircraft face increasing risks from the country's civil conflict, which reaches its 10th anniversary next month. These principles were emphasized Friday during the latest trilateral meeting of Russia, Iran and Turkey. The three countries represent the guarantors of a platform for resolving Syria's conflict called the Astana process, named for the Kazakh capital, which has since been renamed Nur-Sultan. In a joint statement, Moscow, Tehran and Ankara "condemned continuing Israeli military attacks in Syria in violation of the international law and international humanitarian law and undermining the sovereignty of Syria and neighbouring countries as well as endangering the stability and security in the region and called for cessation of them."

## COMMENT

The most recent round of Israeli attacks hit an air defence unit attached to Syria's 4th Armoured Division west of Damascus on Monday this week. The attacks roughly coincided with the Israeli air exercise called "Galilee Rose" that simulated war across the country's hostile northern borders with Syria and Lebanon. Syria is losing patience with Israel's strikes and has asked Russia, Iran and Turkey to back their grievance. Russia, Iran and Turkey have all condemned Israel's attacks. Russia, Iran and Turkey are 3 of the main powers mentioned as coming together to attack Israel in Ezekiel 38. The nations are aligning and coming together exactly as God said they would.

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



# Biden rallies G7 allies on Russia and China

The Independent, February 19, 2021



**EVENT** President Joe Biden has urged US allies to work together against autocratic threats and to meet economic challenges posed by Russia and China in a message to G7 partners that underscored his “America is back” rallying cry in stark contrast to his predecessor’s “America first” agenda. The president said that while he expects and welcomes “stiff” competition from China, the world’s second-largest economy, he stressed that the US and its allies must push against its “abusive” policies. Russia has “weaponised corruption” as its president Vladimir Putin “seeks to weaken the European project and our NATO alliance,” Mr Biden said. “It’s so much easier for the Kremlin to bully individual states than negotiate with the trans-Atlantic community,” he said, urging partners to defend Ukraine sovereignty and “address Russian recklessness” like cyber-hacking attacks that threaten to destabilise governments and undermine national security.

**COMMENT** President Trump would rarely criticise Russia or Putin. President Biden is doing both. He sees Russia as a threat. Russia has “weaponised corruption” he said. He accused Putin of weakening NATO and the Kremlin of bullying states. Interestingly he also said that allies must “push” against Russia and China. In Daniel 11 v 40 we read of the king of the south (US / UK / Saudi) PUSHING at the king who exists at the time of the end. The king they push at is described in Daniel 11 v 36-39. This king is a latter day Antiochus Epiphanes – (the original king of the north) who is now the Russian ruler – Putin. The same people are described in Daniel 8. If you would like to see how Epiphanes, Putin are linked [CLICK HERE](#) to download a video that explains....

**BIBLE QUOTE** and he [Gog / Putin] shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. 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)

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