

This Week's Developments

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Russia, Iran flaunt strategic ties as they face Biden

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EVENT

The top diplomats of **Russia and Iran** affirmed their country's strategic partnership days after President Joe Biden came to office in the United States, where new strategies were anticipated toward both countries. **Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif** visited his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow on Tuesday. He was on the second leg of a Eurasian tour, following a stop in Azerbaijan. The two men discussed **Moscow's role in ending the conflict that raged last year between South Caucasus rivals Azerbaijan and Armenia over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh**, as well as a number of bilateral and international affairs, **including the 2015 nuclear deal to which both nations are parties**. In 2018 Former President Donald Trump abandoned the agreement—officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), and imposed harsh sanctions on Iran that Russia has consistently opposed.

COMMENT

In some ways there is a vacuum left after Trump's presidency. Biden has yet to appoint all his officials and **during this period of political realignment US enemies are coming together.** Russia and Iran want to pressure Biden to re-enter the nuclear agreement which Trump pulled out of. Biden has pledged to do so but **now wants different terms.** While Biden has sought a more diplomatic approach to Iran, the new president has suggested **a tougher line on Russia.** He has accused his predecessor, Donald Trump, of colluding with Putin's country in an effort to interfere in U.S. politics. In relation to Russia and Iran the Bible is clear. **Russia is to act as a guard of Iran.** The word "guard" is in the sense of "guarding" or "protecting" as palace guards protect the Queen. Iran will join the Russian military alliance when it invades Israel the the "latter days".

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 unto them.** (Ezekiel 38:5-7)

Israeli military chief warns of new plans to strike Iran

Associated Press, January 26, 2021



EVENT

Israel's military chief Tuesday warned the Biden administration against re-joining the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, even if it toughens its terms, adding he's ordered his forces to step up preparations for possible offensive action against Iran during the coming year. The comments by Lt. Gen. Aviv Kohavi came as Israel and Iran both seek to put pressure on President Joe Biden ahead of his expected announcement on his approach for dealing with the Iranian nuclear program. In his address to the Institute for National Security Studies, Kohavi said a return to the deal, even with some improvements, "is bad operationally and it is bad strategically." He said allowing Iran to proceed with a nuclear program would be "an unacceptable threat" and will lead to nuclear proliferation across the region." Iran says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

COMMENT

Israel's military chief said that given the threat posed by Iran, Israel's military would be prepared to attack on its own if needed. Israel says that any new deal should eliminate "sunset" provisions that phase out certain limits on Iran's nuclear activities, address Iran's long-range missile program and its military involvement and support for Israel's enemies across the region. Tensions have steadily increased around Iran. The US has sent B-52 bombers, an aircraft carrier and a nuclear submarine to the region. Iran has also increased its military drills, including firing cruise missiles as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman this month. Iran is involved BEFORE it invades Israel with Russia by attacking Israel through its proxy armies of Hezbollah and Hamas

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 83:1-3)

Iran Threatens to Take Out Tel Aviv if Israel Follows Through With New Military Plans

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EVENT

The Iranian armed forces have threatened to take out two Mediterranean cities should Israel follow through with new military plans announced the day prior by the country's top general Lieutenant-General Aviv Kochavi. These remarks resounded in Tehran, where Iranian Armed Forces spokesperson Brigadier General Abolfazl Shekarchi dismissed them as "psychological warfare." He issued a stark warning in response. "If even the slightest mistake is made, we will level Haifa and Tel Aviv in the shortest possible time," Shekarchi said in comments carried Wednesday by the semi-official Tasnim News Agency. Kochavi's comments were also countered Wednesday by Mahmoud Vaezi, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani's chief of staff. "Our people and people of the region are familiar with the language so far used by the Zionist regime's officials, who talk more and seek to conduct psychological warfare," Vaezi said, arguing that Israel had "neither a plan nor the ability" to wage an attack on Iran.

COMMENT

What is being described here is what Iran will do if conflict with Israel breaks out. They specifically threaten to attack Haifa and Tel Aviv. But will this happen? We are told in Isaiah 17 that when Damascus is completely destroyed, northern Israel (Ephraim) is left looking like a grainfield. The conflict between Israel and Syria comes at the same time when Psalm 83 takes place - when all the peoples immediately surrounding Israel attack her. The nation that authorises and backs this assault on Israel is – Iran. So Israel (especially northern Israel – where Haifa is) is hit badly during this inner ring war. However Israel prevails. The pricking briars are removed. But her victory and confidence is short lived – because Russia and Iran etc pour into the vacuum left.

BIBLE QUOTE

O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. This is the fate of all those who attack Israel in the inner ring war – they will come to an end like Sisera (see v9) Sisera death in Judges 5:26. (Psalm 83:13-15)

US troops stationed in the Middle East

Country	Troop Count
TURKEY (NATO member)	1,700
SYRIA	800
AFGHANISTAN	13,000
IRAQ	5,300
KUWAIT	13,000
BAHRAIN	7,000
QATAR	10,000
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	5,000
OMAN	600
SAUDI ARABIA	3,000
JORDAN	3,000

NOTE: Numbers are estimates.
Source: U.S. Department of Defense. Middle East. U.S. Central Command. Publication of the American, U.S. Department of Defense. Bureau of Security Policy. www.dodig.mil

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SOURCE: Congressional Research Service, Military Times, U.S. Central Command, Federation of American Scientists, Department of Defense, Arms & Security Project. goopen.com/ROSA

The U.S. military is exploring the possibility of using a Red Sea port in Saudi Arabia and additional two airfields in the kingdom amid heightened tensions with Iran, the military said Tuesday. While describing the work as "contingency" planning, the U.S. military said it already has tested unloading and shipping cargo overland from Saudi Arabia's port at Yanbu, a crucial terminal for oil pipelines in the kingdom. Using Yanbu, as well as air bases at Tabuk and Taif along the Red Sea, would give the American military more options along a crucial waterway that has come under increased attack from suspected mine and drone boat attacks by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthi rebels. However, the announcement comes as Saudi-American relations remain strained by the 2018 killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and the kingdom's ongoing war in Yemen in the first days of President Joe Biden's administration. Deploying — even temporarily — American troops to bases in the kingdom, which is home to the Muslim holy city of Mecca, could reignite anger among extremists.

Just as Russia and Iran are reaffirming their alliance so is the US and Saudi Arabia. These groups of nations are Daniel 11's time of the end – king of the north and king of the south. The original king of the north wasn't Russia – it was Syria (Seleucids). The original king of the south wasn't Saudi Arabia / US / UK – it was Egypt (Ptolemies). So why aren't the "time of the end" powers the same? The answer is this. Syria is removed from being a functioning nation BEFORE Russia invades. At that point the mantle of the king of the north passes from Syria to Russia. Egypt is no longer the power that it was in ancient times. It is a weak nation and one in turmoil. Therefore that king of the south power has passed from Egypt to Saudi Arabia with US/UK support.

At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the Beautiful Land.

Tensions Rise in Europe on AstraZeneca Covid-19 Vaccine Woes

Barron's, January 27, 2021



EVENT

A regional chief of the World Health Organization (WHO) said **Thursday that the growing expectations on science and vaccine development are causing tensions as cases and deaths swell.** "More than 700,000 Europeans have lost their lives to a virus that has had a brutal impact on our economies, our mental health and education, our private and professional lives, and our relationships," said Hans Kluge, the WHO Europe head. Updating journalists on the impact of the pandemic, Kluge said that more than 38,000 people died in the Europe region last week from the disease. **He alluded to tensions in the region on vaccines and their distribution as country leaders and drug makers come to verbal blows over the flow of jabs.** "We face a pandemic paradox. Vaccines, on the one hand, offer remarkable hope. "On the other hand, newly emerging variants of concern are presenting greater uncertainty and risk," said Kluge. The EU and representatives of vaccine company AstraZeneca had failed Wednesday to resolve a dispute over vaccine deliveries to EU citizens.

COMMENT

Tensions are beginning to ratchet up as **nations scramble to secure vaccines for their populations.** The **EU is behind the curve and is desperate to catch up.** The EU is putting huge pressure on vaccine producers to reduce UK deliveries and divert them to the EU. The UK has demanded urgent explanations on this as it has signed contracts. The UK has called recent EU moves as destabilising. As **new COVID variants are being discovered the pressure is even greater** as governments are desperate to get economies up and running again. Jesus said that **when we see pestilence we would also see nation rising up against nation and people against people** – it is coming.

BIBLE QUOTE

Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

(Luke 21:10-11)

Russia blames US for fuelling protests triggered by Alexei Navalny arrest

The Times, January 26, 2021



EVENT

The **Kremlin accused the United States of supporting nationwide opposition protests** sparked by the jailing of Alexei Navalny as **President Putin faced one of the biggest challenges to his grip on Russia since he came to power**. More than 3,600 people were arrested on Saturday when riot police broke up demonstrations against the imprisonment of the opposition leader. **Protesters gathered in more than 100 towns and cities, from Moscow and St Petersburg, Mr Putin's home town, to Vladivostok on the Pacific coast**. The brutal crackdown drew condemnation from western countries. Britain and the newly installed US administration accused Moscow of using violence against peaceful demonstrators. Jean-Yves Le Drian, the French foreign minister, **called for sanctions**. President Duda of Poland echoed the call for sanctions, saying they were "absolutely justified".

COMMENT

Tens of thousands of Alexei Navalny supporters have protested across Russia in one of the largest demonstrations against Vladimir Putin's rule in the past decade. Putin's main political enemy Navalny was poisoned with a substance only the Russia FSB have. **Navalny has exposed Putin's Palace – a \$1bn mansion by the sea** in Russia. Putin went on TV to say he didn't own it but **all this puts pressure on him**. The Kremlin therefore needs a scapegoat and has **lashed out at America – accusing the US of supporting the protests**. The Bible says the Gog (Putin) will worship the god of forces and also the god of gold, silver and precious things. It also tells us he is deceitful and corrupt and rewards those who honour him. **Putin fits the bill** as Gog very well!!

BIBLE QUOTE

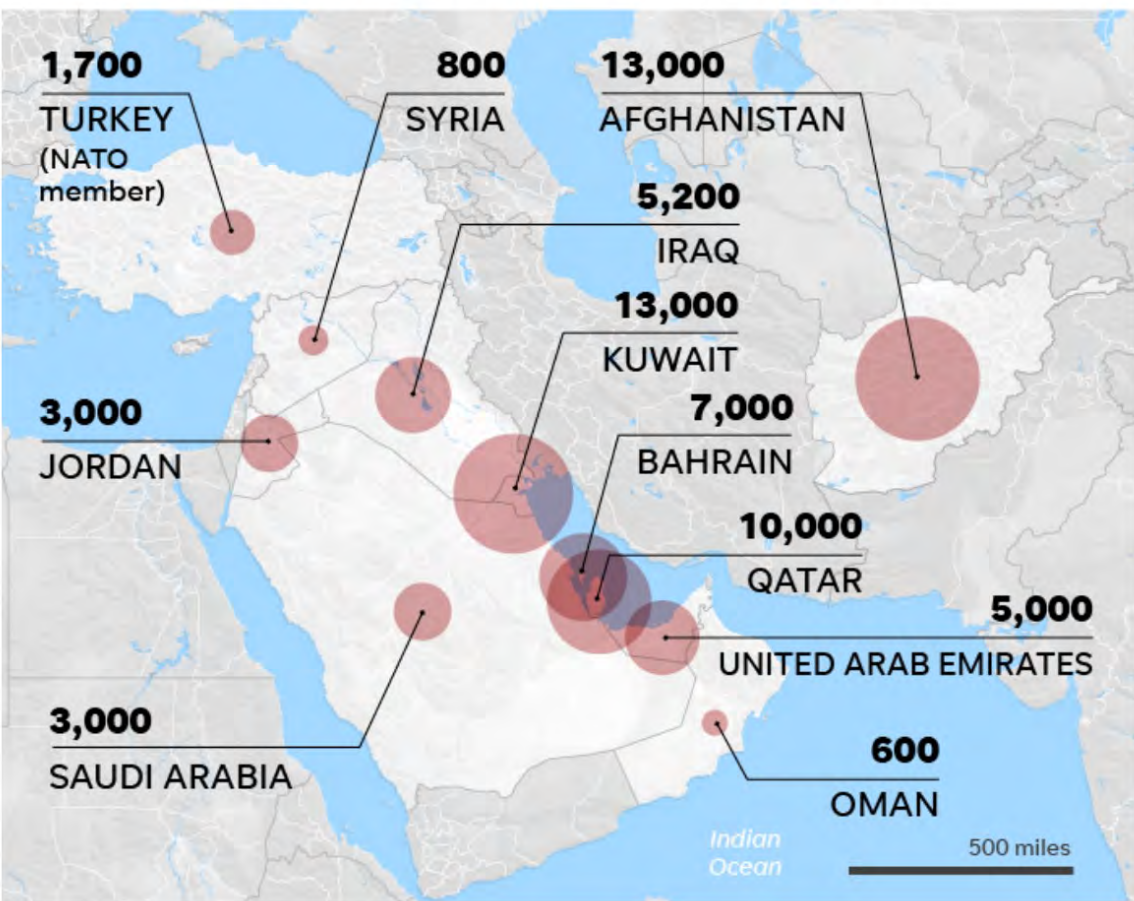
he will worship the god of fortresses—a god his ancestors never knew—and **lavish on him gold, silver, precious stones, and expensive gifts**. .. He will honour those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and **dividing the land among them as their reward**
v36 - v39 speak of a ruler latter day Antiochus Epiphanes – that man is Gog (Daniel 11:36-39)







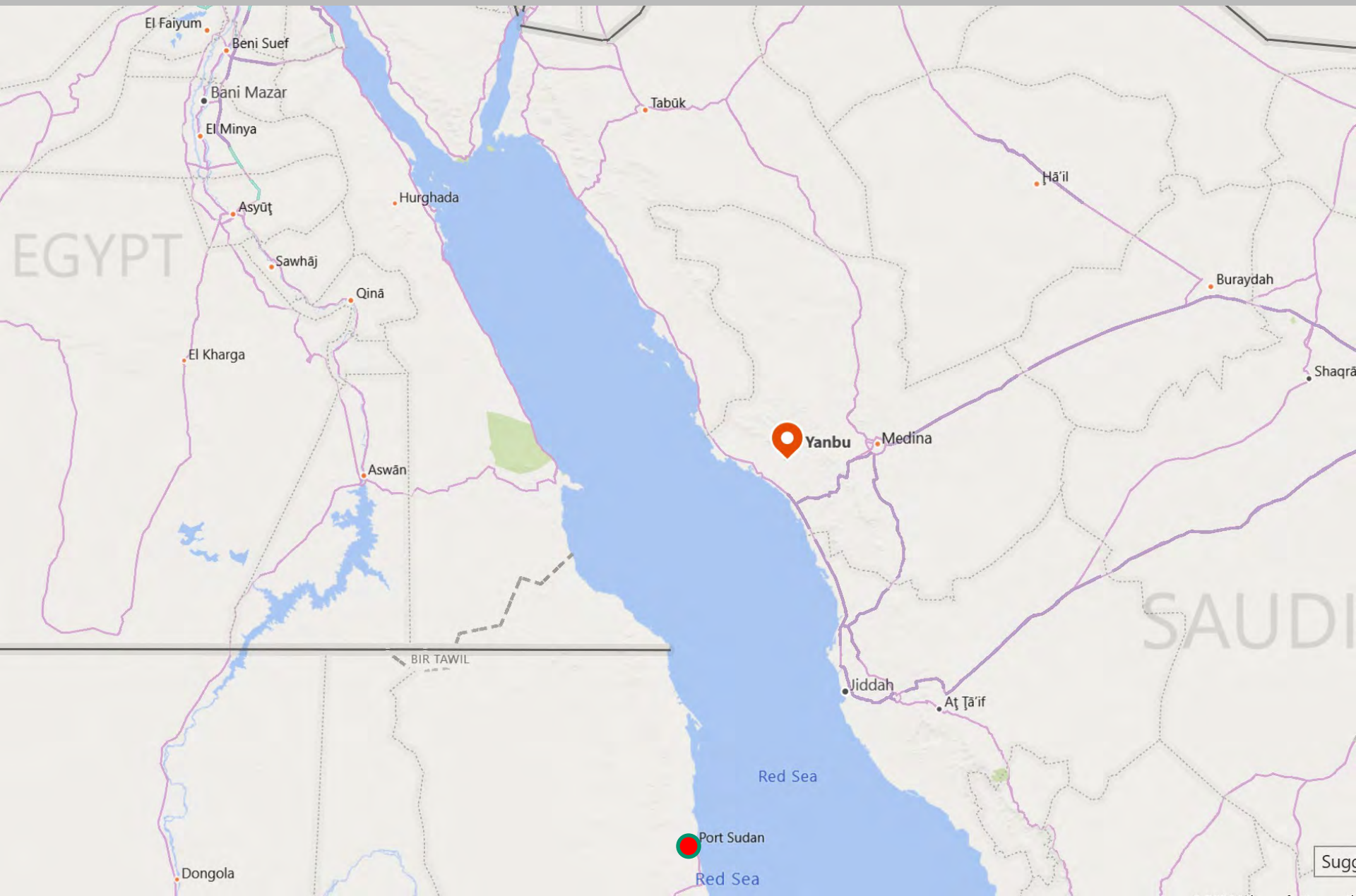
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