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IDF approves plans for an invasion of Lebanon

Israel National News, June 18, 2024



EVENT

The Northern Command Commander, Major General Uri Gordin, and the Head of the Operations Directorate, Major General Oded Basiuk, conducted a joint plans approval and situation assessment in the Northern Command today. As part of the situation assessment, operational plans for an attack in Lebanon were presented and approved, and decisions were made to further accelerate the preparations by ground forces. Meanwhile, during the day, Air Force aircraft attacked UAV launch cells from Hezbollah's air unit. The unit has led dozens of attacks using explosive and reconnaissance UAVs against Israel and IDF forces. "The IDF will continue to thwart Hezbollah activities in the area," the IDF stated. Additionally, in the evening hours, Air Force fighter jets attacked several Hezbollah terror targets in southern Lebanon. Among the targets attacked were several of the organization's infrastructures in the regions of al-Taybeh, al-Adaisah, and al-Jabin, and a military building in the area of Ayta ash-Shab.

COMMENT

Israel believes it is now fighting for its very survival. Such were the horrors of October 7th and the subsequent attacks by Hezbollah and Iran there is a determination to see this through. This week Israel approved plans for a war against Lebanon – specially against Hezbollah. On Wednesday Israel Air Force (IAF) jets struck a Hezbollah military structure in the Tyre area in Lebanon, the military said. The region of Tyre is a stronghold for Hezbollah and the reason why it is specifically mentioned in the Bible. Psalm 83 speaks of a confederacy of tribes / peoples that immediately surround Israel who come together to try to destroy the nation. On the list are "the inhabitants of Tyre." The Psalmist explains that these enemies of Israel will be totally destroyed like Sisera.

BIBLE QUOTE

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. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:

(Psalm 83:6-9)

Hezbollah leader: We'll attack Cyprus if it lets Israel use territory

The Times, June 19, 2024



EVENT

The leader of Hezbollah has threatened to attack Cyprus if the European country allows Israel to use its airbases against the Lebanese militant group. Hassan Nasrallah also threatened Israel, saying "there will be no place safe from our missiles and our drones" if a full-scale war broke out after months of cross-border attacks between Hezbollah and Israel. He warned Cyprus that it would become a target if Israel used its airbases in the potential war. In a speech on Wednesday, Nasrallah said: "We have information that the Israelis, the enemy army, are conducting drills in Cyprus every year in mountainous areas that resemble south Lebanon and using Cypriot airports. We also have information that the Israelis believe that in the upcoming war the resistance will attack airports and runways, so they will use Cypriot airports.

COMMENT

This week Hezbollah has directly threatened to attack Cyprus if airbases there are used against it. Britain has two "Sovereign Base Areas" on Cyprus – known as Dhekelia in the east of the island and Akrotiri in the west – which are large, highly secretive military and intelligence installations comprising 3% of the island's land area. RAF Akrotiri, has long been the staging post for British bombing campaigns in the Middle East, and sits 180 miles from Tel Aviv. The US airforce also conducts flights from the UK bases. This is why Hezbollah is threatening Cyprus. The Bible mentions Cyprus in the Old Testament by the ancient name Chittim. In the end time prophecy of Balaam in Numbers 34 we read that ships will come from Chittim and afflict Asshur and Eber. These places refer to Syria, Iraq and Iran. Cyprus IS going to get caught up in the conflict that is coming - soon...

BIBLE QUOTE

And he took up his parable, and said, Alas, who shall live when God doeth this! And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber, and he also shall perish for ever. This is a good talk on Cyprus / Kittim on the Christadelphian Bible Channel CLICK HERE to watch.

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US offers assurances to Israel this week in the event of full-blown war with Hezbollah

CNN, June 19, 2024



EVENT

Senior US officials reassured a delegation of top Israeli officials visiting Washington this week that if a full-out war were to break out on Israel's northern border between Israel and Hezbollah, the Biden administration is fully prepared to back its ally, according to a senior administration official. The in-person assurances came as an increase in cross-border attacks in recent weeks between Israel and the Iran-backed group Hezbollah have intensified concerns about the possible outbreak of another full-fledged conflict in the Middle East – and also as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly accused the US of withholding weapons and ammunition from his country, touching off a tense back-and-forth between Israeli and US officials. When discussing the issue of Hezbollah's provocations, US officials made clear this week that the Biden administration would offer Israel the security assistance it needs, the senior administration official said, though the US would not deploy American troops to the ground in such a scenario.

COMMENT

This is an important development that Israel requires if it is to go to war against Hezbollah. The conflict with this terror group will be on an altogether different scale than the war against Hamas. In chess terms – Hamas is like a pawn whereas Hezbollah is like the Queen. Hezbollah are the most heavily armed, most powerful non state actor in the world. But they are to be removed in the inner ring war. It is why they are NOT mentioned in Ezekiel 38 – nor are the Palestinians, Syria or Hamas. They have all been removed to create the circumstances of temporary peace described in this chapter. Only then does Gog (Russia) descend. It is during the conflict with Hezbollah that the US / UK might well get involved to offer assistance in the destruction of terror group.

BIBLE QUOTE

And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God. Round about means encircling and nearby

(Ezekjel 28:26)

Putin and Kim Jong-un pledge 'new multi-polar world'

The Times, June 17, 2024



EVENT

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Wednesday signed a new partnership agreement that includes a pledge of mutual support in the event of an attack on either country in a summit that took place amidst escalating tensions between both nations and the West. Kim said that the "fiery friendship" between Moscow and Pyongyang is now even stronger than during Soviet times, as this partnership could represent the strongest bond since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Kim said the agreement was the "strongest ever treaty" between the two countries, elevating the relationship to the level of an alliance, and pledged full support for Russia's war in Ukraine. Putin referred to it as a "breakthrough document" that reflects their shared desire to take relations to a higher level. Kim emphasized the peaceful and defensive nature of the agreement, saying, "I have no doubt it will become a driving force accelerating the creation of a new multipolar world."

COMMENT

Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un have signed an agreement pledging that Russia and North Korea will help each other in the event of "aggression" against either country. Kim pledged "full support and solidarity to the Russian government, army and people in carrying out the special military operation in Ukraine". North and South Korea is actually a relic of the Cold War. The North is backed by Russia. The South is backed by America. The North turned to Communism. The South turned to Capitalism. The reality is it that it is a standoff between the King of the North (Russia) and the King of the South (US). The Bible says that the king of the north will come against the king of the south. Although this is centred on Israel it is highly likely conflict will also occur in Korea

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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown:

(Daniel 11:40-41)

Nato in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons

The Telegraph, June 16, 2024



EVENT

Nato is in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons in the face of a growing threat from Russia and China, the head of the alliance has said. Jens Stoltenberg added that the bloc must show its nuclear arsenal to the world to send a direct message to its foes in an interview with The Telegraph. He revealed there were live consultations between members on taking missiles out of storage and placing them on standby as he called for transparency to be used as a deterrent. Mr Stoltenberg said: "I won't go into operational details about how many nuclear warheads should be operational and which should be stored, but we need to consult on these issues. "That's exactly what we're doing at Nato, for instance at meetings in Nato, a nuclear planning group as we had during the defence ministerial meeting this [last] week." Mr Stoltenberg said nuclear transparency should be the cornerstone of Nato's nuclear strategy to prepare the alliance for what he described as a more dangerous world.

COMMENT

Jens Stoltenberg is the head of NATO. He has been in position for the last decade. Ten years ago nuclear nuclear exercises were conducted in complete secrecy. Now he openly praises a number of its 32 allies for contributing to the deterrent. This is not going down well with Russia. The Kremlin said on Monday (following the NATO chief's remarks that the military alliance was holding talks on deploying more nuclear weapons) that it was an "escalation of tension". The world has become a far more dangerous place and it can be dated from Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It was the biggest attack by one state against another in Europe since World War Two. The Bible says a time of trouble is coming to the world. The labour pains are surely underway...

BIBLE QUOTE

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

(1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)

Putin makes cousin's daughter deputy defence minister

The Times, June 17, 2024



EVENT

President Putin has appointed his cousin's daughter as one of Russia's deputy defence ministers. Anna Tsivileva was announced by presidential decree on Monday as one of the replacements for four deputy defence ministers who were fired. Tsivileva, 52, is the daughter of Putin's late cousin, Yevgeny Putin. She is married to Sergei Tsivilev, Russia's minister of energy. She will reportedly be responsible for overseeing social and housing support in the defence ministry. "This area of activity is well known to Anna Evgenievna [Tsivileva] from the experience of creating and managing the activities of the Defenders of the Fatherland Foundation," a statement from the ministry said. The foundation was established by Putin to support the Russian soldiers active in the invasion of Ukraine. According to the Russian investigative outlet The Insider, it has raised some 10 billion roubles (£89 million) for "military purposes".

COMMENT

This may not see like big news — Putin appointing his cousin's daughter to deputy defence minister. Putin began his political career at St Petersburg. There were a group around him at that time. Putin has rewarded those who have remained close to him — colleagues, friends and family. This is the group that runs Russia. Putin's lawyer became prime minster of Russia. His former deputy also served as prime minster. His chief of staff at the town hall in St Petersburg now runs Russia's anti drug agency. His former assistant now runs the biggest oil company in the world. His former economist now runs the biggest gas company in the world. And so it goes on. Daniel 11:39 says that Gog (Russian ruler) will "honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward." It is happening.

BIBLE QUOTE

He will honor those who submit to him, appointing them to positions of authority and dividing the land among them as their reward. The king from verse 36-39 is describing Gog himself. Ezekiel 38 tells us where Gog lives. Daniel 11 tells us what Gog is like. To understand this in more detail please watch this video CLICK HERE (Daniel 11:36 NLT)

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