This Week's Developments

September 11 - 17, 2022 (edited)

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Israel strike on Syria airport kills 5 soldiers

(AP) Sept 17, 2022



EVENT

An Israeli strike on the Damascus International Airport and nearby military posts south of the Syrian capital killed five soldiers and two members of Iran-backed groups, state media reported Saturday. State news agency SANA, quoting an unnamed military official, said the strikes happened after midnight Friday, causing "material losses" as well. The Israeli army declined comment, saying it does not react to "foreign reports." The strike on the Damascus International Airport came 10 days after Israel launched a missile attack on Syria's Aleppo airport in the north that put it out of commission for a few days. It was the second attack on Aleppo's airport within a week. On June 10, Israeli airstrikes on Damascus International Airport caused significant damage to infrastructure and runways and rendered the main runway unserviceable. The airport opened two weeks later following renovation work. Israel has carried out hundreds of strikes on targets inside government-controlled parts of Syria in recent years. The Israeli strikes comes amid a wider shadow war between the country and Iran. The attacks on the airports in Damascus and Aleppo are over fears it was being used to funnel Iranian weaponry into the country.

COMMENT

Israel is sending a message to Iran and it's proxies and allies such as Syria and Hezbollah that it will simply not tolerate any attempt to transfer weapons to any of its surrounding neighbor nations. Now that the JCPOA is on indefinite hold, Israel, however, is not taking anything for granted. Iran is, on the surface, saying it's got the message and is closing down & withdrawing its stockpiles of missiles (what remains of them) and arsenals of weapons at Aleppo. But we know this is likely a ruse and they are simply redeploying to other areas of Syria. But it is almost impossible to escape Israeli intelligence, and hence we see Damascus targeted again. Iran has a new drone which is designed to strike Haifa and TelAviv, but again, Israel is ready with it's Iron Dome. But we know from the Bible that all these things in which they place their trust will fail, & they will – like Israel of old - learn the lesson of placing their trust in Yahweh.

BIBLE QUOTE In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left.

(Zec 12:6 NLT)

Putin and Xi welcome Iran to anti-West 'dictators' club'

The Times, September 10, 2022



EVENT

Authoritarian world leaders including President Putin of Russia and President Xi of China will gather this week in Central Asia for the annual summit of an obscure organisation which has attracted little global attention since its founding in 1996. That is about to change, for the Shanghai Co-Operation Organisation (SCO) is poised to take a bold step. In a development certain to irritate Washington, it is granting membership to Iran, a country regarded in America as a state sponsor of terrorism. The triumphalism of the post-Cold War era in the West, when Francis Fukuyama proclaimed "the end of history," and the victory of liberal democracy seems a distant memory. Today the geopolitical order is in flux, war is raging in Europe and China's new-look "autocrats club" may offer a first glimpse of an emerging anti-Western world order. in addition to Iran, Belarus, another pariah, is likely to be upgraded soon from "observer state" to full member. Turkey is also said to be weighing up an application.

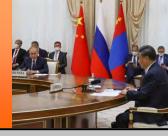
COMMENT Few people have probably heard of the SCO but it is growing in strength and resolve. It's main aim is to weaken the West. The SCO nations are authoritarian regimes of the East who are coming together to create a sort of dictator club who stand up for each other. Iran fits perfectly into this group and has been invited to join. Turkey (currently a NATO member so part of the West) is also considering whether to join. China although expressing some concerns on Putin's war in Ukraine is still supporting Russia. It is amazing how the world does divide into East and West. The West followed the false promise of liberty through democracy. The East followed the false promise of equality through autocracy. The Bible tracks both – the dragon (east) and the beast (west - EU).

BIBLE QUOTE

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. The 3 unclean spirits (godless teachings) came of out the French Revolution. They were the false promises of Liberty (from beast), Equality (from dragon) and Fraternity (from false prophet). (Revelation 17:13)

Putin looks desperate as Xi calls the shots at the SCO

Financial Review Sept 16, 2022



EVENT

While Xi called on a string of Central Asian leaders, it was his meeting with Vladimir Putin on Thursday night (AEST) that stole the headlines. "We highly value the balanced position of our Chinese friends when it comes to the Ukraine crisis," Putin said in televised remarks to Xi. "We understand your questions and concern about this. During today's meeting, we will, of course, explain our position." While Xi did not name Ukraine, his response suggested the Chinese leader was not happy with Putin's disastrous war in Europe... "China cannot fully support Russia" he said. Observers compared the meeting of the two leaders to a naughty schoolboy being addressed by his teacher. "It is pretty striking to see Putin sitting in front of another world leader and acknowledge that he has questions to answer," says Richard McGregor, a senior fellow at the Lowy Institute. "I'm not sure if I've ever seen that before. The balance of power between them was pretty clear." The tone of their exchange was a departure from the "no limits" friendship Xi declared with Putin on the eve of the Winter Olympics in Beijing in February, just weeks before the invasion started.

COMMENT

Putin is in a "pressure cooker", both at home with his closest supporters and abroad with his international "allies". Not only scolded by Xi but also by PM Modi of India who remonstrated Putin that "Today is not an era of war" to which Putin tried to assure him that "we want to end this war ASAP". All the observers noted that there was a distinct shift from earlier times in Putin's demeanor; he was not the confident self-assured Putin of even a few months ago. President Xi is, according to the same article, "also under immense domestic & political pressure as China's economy struggles to cope with an endless cycle of lockdowns. Moscow's invasion of Ukraine has not helped matters, driving up the cost of energy and vital food products such as grain at a time when China is also in the grip of the worst drought in decades." and skyrocketing inflation. It's the same forces – preparing for Armegeddon...

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Kremlin Must Placate Its Supporters Amid Outrage Over Kharkiv Retreat

Moscow Times Sept 14, 2022



EVENT

Ukraine's successful counterattack in the Kharkiv region isn't just a major defeat for the Kremlin on the battlefield, but on the propaganda front too. Active Russian supporters of the war are outraged and demoralized by the retreat, and blame their country's military leadership for it. Now they are demanding that President Vladimir Putin take decisive action, and are even questioning how serious his intentions in Ukraine really are. In launching the war against neighboring Ukraine, Putin won over his country's ultra-patriots and turned them into his fiercest supporters. Having radicalized them with imperialist slogans and actions, the Kremlin now risks those most vitriolic supporters turning against it. Trying to appease them is also a risky move, as it would alienate the passive majority of Russian society, which may support the "special operation," but certainly does not want to actually take part in it. Ukraine's blitz counterattack succeeded in driving out Russian troops from large parts of the Kharkiv region in just a few days.. the ultrapatriots have described it as a catastrophe, and have gone as far as to criticize the Russian leadership, and calling for "all-out war". This, however, would be to go against the mood of the majority of the Russian public. Ordinary Russians are tired of news about the war.

COMMENT

Putin is facing criticism from the "Ultra Patriots", mostly for being too soft on Ukraine. Even since April there have been calls from the most powerful elite members of the Kremlin to replace Putin if he does not succeed with the military "special operations". Possible replacements have been conjectured to be Russian strongmen like Sergei Kiriyenko, Vyacheslav Volodin, Sergei Ivanov and Dmitry Medvedev; all of them basically subscribing to the Putin political mentality, some perhaps even more radical than Putin, and most of them calling for a strengthening of the military gear in Ukraine and up ramping the military activity there. Putin may be the "Gog" of prophecy, but we need to be alert to what these signals may be indicating. Who actually is the Gog of the K of N, and exactly which country takes the lead role in the K of N group of countries will remain to be seen. We've always said "Russia" – but is the "Rosh" of prophecy identifying Ukraine?

BIBLE QUOTE

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Russia's cash reserves run dry as West shuns Putin's energy

The Telegraph, September 12, 2022



EVENT

Russia's budget surplus has shrunk significantly in the latest sign that its public finances are feeling the strain from sanctions and the Kremlin shutting off gas supplies to Europe. The budget surplus narrowed to 137bn roubles (£1.9bn) in the first eight months of 2022, a sharp fall from 482bn roubles in year-to-date data the previous month. Russia's public finances have been bolstered by soaring energy prices boosting revenues since it invaded Ukraine. But economists warned Russia's surplus will likely turn to a deficit in September as government revenues are hit by shrinking energy sales to Europe. Revenues from energy could be squeezed further as gas prices continue to slide. Benchmark gas prices in Europe fell a further 9pc to their lowest level in a month today as the EU drew up proposals to avoid a winter energy crisis, including measures to curb power demand.

COMMENT

Speaking on Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin denied the economy was in trouble, saying the West's "economic blitzkrieg" tactics had failed, and Russia was "confidently coping with external pressures." The truth is though that Putin's economy is in dire trouble. Foreign business's are fleeing Russia and with them are taking around 40% of the Russian GDP. Recent economic reports say that it will take a decade for Russia to get its economy back to where it was before it launched the war in Ukraine. The Bible says that Gog-will look south and decide to invade Israel (and Egypt) to take a spoil. In other words Russia needs wealth and Gog sees it in that area. It cannot push West (we have seen that in Ukraine), it cannot push East (it is allied to China) so the only direction to gain more wealth is to push South.... to Israel.....

BIBLE QUOTE

thou [Gog] shalt think an evil thought: And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; ... To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

(Ezekiel 38:10-12)

Germany seizes Russia's share in three oil refineries

The Times, September 16, 2022



EVENT

Germany has wrested control of a strategically important oil refinery from the Russian state as Olaf Scholz said his country's energy dependency on Moscow would be over by the end of next year. The de facto nationalisation is the latest move in the energy war between the Putin regime and the West, in which the industry-heavy German economy is the central battleground. The Kremlin has almost entirely cut off natural gas exports to Germany and most of its neighbours, while Berlin has tried to end its reliance on Russian fossil fuels by taking back its gas storage facilities and setting up five floating terminals for importing liquefied natural gas (LNG) from other suppliers. This morning Scholz's government took a significant step towards independence from Russian oil by taking charge of Moscow's share in three German refineries.

COMMENT

Russia used to be the single largest source of oil for Germany, accounting for about a third of its total consumption. Germany plans to stop buying Russian oil altogether by January. The German government has this week put the Russia oil refinery in Germany under state control. This is a first major step wherein we are seeing Germany attempting to break free of reliance on Russia & attempting to take independent control of her destiny. This, we believe, is in line with Bible prophecy. Germany is militarily one of the ten toe nations of the Roman Empire. We will know in hindsight when the real Gog of the land of Magog stands up whether he leads a strong Magog (aka Germany etc) united with a victorious "Rosh" (aka Ukraine) to ally with a weakened "Meschech" & "Tubal" (aka "Russia") or, vice versa? & together come down on the "mountains of Israel"...

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ADDITIONAL AND SUPPORTING ARTICLES

- DebkaFile Review (world events through the bi-focals of Israeli military intelligence) TV-7 Israel News Watchman Newscast
- 2022-09-17 See Biden's warning for Putin 7.42 min YouTube
- 2022-09-17 Putin under pressure at SCO summit- Critical voices growing louder in Russia World News WION 11.49 min YouTuk
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Why is Israel bombing Syrian airports?

Al Jazeera, Sept 8, 2022



EVENT

Israel's bombing of Syria's Aleppo International Airport on Tuesday [Sept 6] was the second time it had been attacked in less than a week. The latest aerial attack – which Syria's foreign ministry described as a "war crime" – damaged the runway, taking it out of service. The Aleppo attacks are not the first time Israel has targeted Syria's airports. Last June, Israeli air raids temporarily put Damascus International Airport out of commission. Israel has also conducted numerous attacks on targets in Syria over the last few years, although few are officially acknowledged. Israel hit a warehouse in the airport compound belonging to Iran-backed fighters, allies of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. Three people were killed in Tuesday's targeting of the airport, the monitor added. Sami Hamdi, a political analyst, said the raids must be put within the context of the United States' allies fearing Iran's influence as President Joe Biden "steamrolls" them into pursuing a nuclear deal with Tehran. "The attack is a warning to Iran insofar that it seeks to demonstrate that Tel Aviv will continue to resist the imposition of the new political dynamics of the nuclear deal in spite of Washington," Hamdi told Al Jazeera. It is also "a warning to al-Assad that there will be consequences to Syria's infrastructure if it is used to facilitate the anticipated entrenchment of Iran's reach that the nuclear deal is expected to bring about", he continued.

COMMENT

Israel is sending a message to Iran and it's proxies and allies such as Syria and Hezbollah that it will simply not tolerate any attempt to transfer weapons to any of its surrounding neighbor nations. As Europe and America forge ahead with their plan to reinstate the JCPOA agreement with Iran they have tried to assure Israel that they are not bound by the agreement, that they have "free reign" to do what they feel necessary. The point being made by all Israeli leaders is that they will not tolerate any sign of nuclear arms buildup and if they make their move, the JCPOA will blow up in everyone's face. So better to scrap the JCPOA now rather than dealing with fallout later.

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The six countries not invited to Queen's funeral

Daily Record, September 14, 2022



EVENT

Six countries have not received invitations to the Queen's state funeral on Monday September 19. The invitations have been sent to the countries with diplomatic ties to the UK, and whilst most nations have been invited to send their head of state, there are a couple that have not. No guest list has been published yet, but US President Joe Biden was among the first to declare he will be flying in with his wife Jill. But representatives from Russia, Belarus, Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan and Myanmar have been asked not to attend. North Korea and Nicaragua have been invited only at ambassadorial level, joining Iran in that category.

COMMENT

Last weekend Invitations to the Queen's funeral were sent to the heads of state of nations around the whole world with which the UK has diplomatic relations. Some countries are only represented at ambassador level like Iran. There are a few countries who are not invited at all. The most poignant of course is Russia. No invitation has been sent at all to Putin or his government. Russia has not been invited because of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, diplomatic sources said. Syria is another nation not invited. So out of all the nations in the world Russia and Syria are singled out joining the small group of pariah nations like North Korea. The ancient king of the north was the Seleucid Empire that was based in Syria. The latter day king of the north is based in Russia. Part of the latter day king of the south is Tarshish (Britain). Therefore even in the funeral arrangements of the late Queen we see the division between the king of the north (both old and new) and the king of the south. Conflict is coming....

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 [the king of the south] 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)

Wounded Putin will be more dangerous than ever

The Times, September 11, 2022



EVENT

The scale of Russia's military collapse in the northeast of Ukraine has prompted celebrations in Kyiv but a wounded President Putin is likely to be even more dangerous. A lightning counteroffensive by the Ukrainian army has forced Russia to abandon key towns such as Izyum and Kupiansk in the Kharkiv region and amounts to arguably the biggest setback for Moscow in the war. Ukraine has also seized large numbers of Russian armoured vehicles and tanks as it recaptured around 350 square miles of territory in just 48 hours. The advance came after Russia was tricked into redeploying forces to the southern Kherson region to try and counter an anticipated Ukrainian campaign there. Putin said last year that Russia would use nuclear weapons if its sovereignty was threatened. He warned western countries in February that any attempt to intervene in the war would trigger "consequences greater than you ever seen". Days later he put Russia's nuclear forces on high alert.

COMMENT There are growing concerns that despite the Russian retreat in Ukraine, Putin will not back down. In fact he has said he won't. He considers at the very least the Donbas area of Ukraine to be Russian territory. If he does believe this then he could invoke a new Russian law that says nuclear weapons can be used if Russia's sovereignty is threatened. Reports in many news agencies this week are saying that Putin could resort to "tactical" nuclear weapons to force Ukraine to the negotiate away Ukraine territory that Putin wants. These weapons are much smaller than "strategic" nuclear weapons and Putin would hope that using one of these would not involve NATO in a wider war. The Bible says Putin will cause shocking destruction... he will continue to do so.....

BIBLE QUOTE He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people. Notice he succeeds in all he does AFTER he has caused shocking destruction

(Daniel 8:24 NLT)

Germany seizes Russia's share in three oil refineries

The Times, September 16, 2022



EVENT

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BIBLE QUOTE

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations...of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: ...And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, the beast (Germanic HRE) is already in the fire (Revelation 20:7-10)

King Charles: I will protect all faiths, not just **Christianity**

Daily Telegraph, September 16, 2022



EVENT

The new head of the Church of England tells of his personal commitment to Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and other religions. The King has pledged to protect the multiple faiths of a diverse Britain "no less diligently" than Christianity in his new role as head of the Church of England. The King, addressing religious leaders during a reception at Buckingham Palace, promised to "protect the space for faith itself", promising to uphold the numerous "religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals". He is now Supreme Governor of the Church of England, just like his mother before him. Buckingham Palace has today confirmed that he will not change the wording of his Coronation Oath, in which he will pledge to be "Defender of the Faith"

COMMENT King Charles has previously said that he would not be defender of THE faith but defender of faith. However, he has now said he will keep that coronation oath BUT it is very apparent from what he has said and done this week that he will be far more ecumenical than the Queen. He wants to protect all faiths. On the face of it so did the Queen but we could see subtle differences with the King. The Queen often spoke of her faith in Christ and how she followed him. The King has not so far mentioned Christ at all. By talking only of God in broad terms allows the King to encompass all faiths. When speaking of Christ this can only link to Christianity. We know when Christ returns that the "kings of Tarshish" will bring him presents. There is now a king of Tarshish with only males in line to the throne. At some point a king of Britain will submit to Christ in person.

BIBLE QUOTE

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

(Psalm 72:8-10)