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'Intense phase' of Israel's war in Gaza over as focus shifts to Lebanon, says Netanyahu

ITV, June 24, 2024



EVENT

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the war against Hamas is winding down, as the country focuses on its border with Lebanon where fighting with the militant group Hezbollah is escalating. While saying the "intense" part of Israel's war in Gaza is over, Netanyahu vowed Israel would continue a military operation until Hamas was eliminated. "It doesn't mean that the war is going to end, but the war in its current stage is going to end in Rafah... we will continue mowing the grass later," Netanyahu told Channel 14 Television. Israel's military chief Lt. Gen. Herzi Halevi said, on Monday, that Israel is close to dismantling Hamas military brigades in the southern Gazan city of Rafah. This success will mean Israel will likely turn its forces towards the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, who began striking the country almost immediately after Hamas' October 7 cross-border attack. The fighting has intensified in recent weeks, raising fears of a full-blown war.

COMMENT

Israel is starting to divert tanks and troops from Gaza to the north in preparation for conflict with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Although Israel has still not completely destroyed Hamas what they have done is cut off all the corridors in Gaza through which Hamas got its weapons from Iran. This means they are being starved of military equipment. At some point Hamas will be completely defeated because God says the pricking briers that surround Israel will be removed. The next and most painful of those briers is based in Lebanon – the terror group Hezbollah. The war with Hezbollah will indeed be painful. Israel knows this but also knows it has to finally destroy them as it is doing with Hamas. The Bible says that God will bring a recompense on these enemies of Israel...

BIBLE QUOTE

Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre [stronghold of Hezbollah], and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine?[Palestinians / Hamas] will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

Iran is preparing to open a new front in its war against Israel

The Telegraph, June 27, 2024



EVENT

If, as the polls indicate, Labour will form our new government next week, it is likely that one of its first challenges will be how to respond to the eruption of full-scale hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon. With so much of the world's attention focused on the conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, it is understandable that the escalating tensions on Israel's northern border – where Iranian-backed Hezbollah terrorists have significantly increased their attacks – have not received the attention they deserve. As one of Hamas's principal backers, Israel's systematic destruction of the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza, culminating in the latest defeat of the Rafah brigade in the south of the enclave, is nothing short of a humiliation for the ayatollahs. The hundreds of millions of dollars they have invested in constructing Hamas's terrorist network have achieved almost nothing. This might explain why Iran is encouraging Hezbollah, the other major terror organisation it funds and supports in the region, to intensify its attacks against Israel.

COMMENT

Next week Britain will have a new government. It is almost guaranteed to be a change of government if the polls are to be believed and the Conservatives who have been in power for 14 years will be swept away and a new Labour government will be installed with a huge majority. As the article above says this new government could quickly be embroiled in a major worldwide crisis if / when the Israel / Hezbollah war begins. The Labour party has historically been pro Palestinian and anti Israel. In their manifesto Labour have said they will recognise a Palestinian state. Ancient Tyre turned against Israel. Britain is modern day Tyre and they too are turning against Israel.

BIBLE QUOTE

Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth? The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth. Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength. (Isiah 23:8-9)

US issues fresh sanctions against Iran over nuclear escalations

Reuters, June 27, 2024



EVENT

The United States on Thursday issued fresh sanctions targeting Iran in response to "continued nuclear escalations," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. "Over the past month, Iran has announced steps to further expand its nuclear program in ways that have no credible peaceful purpose," Blinken said. "We remain committed to never letting Iran obtain a nuclear weapon, and we are prepared to use all elements of national power to ensure that outcome." Thursday's action imposes sanctions on three companies based in the United Arab Emirates the U.S. accused of being involved in the transport of Iranian petroleum or petrochemical products, as well as 11 associated vessels. Earlier this month, the Group of Seven rich nations warned Iran against advancing its nuclear enrichment program and said they would be ready to enforce new measures if Tehran were to transfer ballistic missiles to Russia.

COMMENT

The UK has elections on 4th July. Iran has snap elections following the death of Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi who died in a helicopter crash on May 19th. The second round of elections takes place on 5th July. The two candidates set to compete in the next round of elections represent opposite sides of Iran's political spectrum. One is a reformist and the other (Saeed Jalili) an ultraconservative hawk. With Bible in hand we might expect the latter to win. Saeed Jalili was lead negotiator of the landmark 2015 nuclear agreement. The Bible says that Iran will create a treacherous deal. It will lead to them besieging the Persian Gulf. Iran has made a treacherous deal around its nuclear weapons. It will break this deal and already is very close to being able to make a nuclear weapon. America can see this happening hence placing fresh sanctions on Iran.

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.

There is a new video that explains in detail what these verse are speaking about.

CLICK HERE to watch.

(Isaiah 21:2)

Russia mulling downgrading ties with West, Kremlin says

Reuters, June 27, 2024



EVENT

Russia is considering a possible downgrading of relations with the West due to the deeper involvement of the United States and its allies in the Ukraine war, but no decision had yet been taken, the Kremlin said on Thursday. A downgrading of relations - or even breaking them off - would illustrate the gravity of the confrontation between Russia and the West over Ukraine after an escalation in tensions over the war in recent months. Even during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, when the Cold War is thought to have come closest to nuclear war, Russia did not sever relations with the United States, though Moscow did break off ties with Israel over the 1967 Middle East war. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told the Izvestia newspaper that ambassadors fulfilled a difficult but important job that allowed a channel of communication to operate in troubled times. But Ryabkov also said that a possible downgrading of ties with the West was being studied.

COMMENT

Relations between Moscow and Washington have plunged to their lowest level since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Diplomatic contacts between President Vladimir Putin's government and President Joe Biden's administration are now at "an absolute minimum," Moscow said last week. Russia is now indicating they are considering breaking off all ties with the US. This came after an attack on Crimea this week by Ukraine using US weapons. Russia said the United States was directly responsible for a Ukrainian attack on the Crimean peninsula with five U.S.-supplied missiles that killed four people. The Bible says that the king of the south (US) will provoke (push) at the king of the north (Gog).

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)

Putin says Russia plans to 'comprehensively' upgrade' its navy

Business Insider, June 28, 2024



EVENT

Russia has been working hard to bolster its naval capabilities, the country's leader Vladimir Putin said on Thursday. "A lot has been done in this area, as our navy is getting new ships," Putin said during a meeting on shipbuilding issues, according to Russian state media outlet TASS. Russia's navy is set to receive more than 40 ships and boats this year, said Putin. This exceeds the 33 and 24 vessels it received in **2023 and 2022, respectively.** The boost in naval capacity, Putin said, is part of Russia's wider plans to "comprehensively upgrade the navy, including its ship, aircraft, and coastal components, as well as the infrastructure of bases." He added that the upgrades to Russia's navy will "strengthen its positions in the strategically crucial areas of the world ocean" and "drastically improve its combat potential." The move would certainly provide a boost to Russia's navy, which has weathered significant losses ever since the country invaded Ukraine in 2022.

COMMENT Putin said he plans "to comprehensively upgrade the Navy, including its ship, aircraft, and coastal components, as well as the infrastructure of bases, to strengthen its positions in the strategically crucial areas of the world ocean, and to drastically improve its combat potential." Putin has put the whole country of Russia on a war footing with huge amounts of cash pouring into creating weapons of war - including warships. This is interesting of course with Bible in hand because God through the prophet Daniel specifically mentions "the king of the north" - Gog - the Russian ruler - coming with "many ships". It is clearly a key strategy of the future invasion of Israel. Putin is preparing for this time and it comes AFTER he has been "pushed" – militarily provoked.

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World reacts to Trump-Biden debate

BBC, June 28, 2024



EVENT

A weak Joe Biden self-destructed in front of the whole world, while an aggressive Donald Trump told lies and mangled his sentences in a presidential debate that was like a reality show, according to international media. The verdicts of pundits from around the globe to Thursday night's televised clash in Atlanta, Georgia, between the two White House rivals was damning. From Beijing to New Delhi and beyond, the reviews were most scathing of President Biden's performance at the CNN forum, but his Republican challenger did not escape criticism. Russian media branded Biden a 'total failure'. Even before last night's debate, the main evening news shows on Russian TV on Thursday were speculating that Mr Biden would not be able to survive it. In Israel, media agreed that Mr Biden looked "weak", and theorised how a Trump presidential win would affect the ongoing Gaza war.

COMMENT

With Bible in hand we have long been saying that America and Britain would be weakened in the last days. The president of the "free world" is commander in chief of the world's most powerful army. President Biden is a personification of the physical weakness the Bible speaks of. President Trump is a personification of the moral weakness in the world. Some of the US press say that the current situation is a threat to US national security. Some say that this display of weakness is an invitation for America's enemies to attack. The world is in a perilous place. There are major wars in Ukraine and Israel with trouble on the horizon with Iran, Korea, China, Taiwan. We know that Armageddon is coming and that this will be a time of trouble such as never was. America's weakness is part of bringing this about. Psalm 58 speaks of God breaking out the great teeth of the young lions. America is one of the young lions...

BIBLE QUOTE

Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

(Psalm 58:6-7)

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