

This Week's Developments

April 21 - 27, 2024

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Israel on the brink of Rafah invasion as Hamas prepares for full-scale attack

The Telegraph, April 26, 2024



EVENT

For those who take Benjamin Netanyahu at his word, there is no doubt an assault is coming. Ever since Oct 7, he has promised to not stop until the destruction of Hamas is complete. Yahya Sinwar and Mohammed Deif, the terror group's two most senior leaders in Gaza, are believed to be hiding somewhere in the southern city. **"This victory requires entry into Rafah and the elimination of the terrorist battalions there,"** he said earlier this month. **"It will happen. There is a date."** In recent days, preparations appear to have been ramping up. Israel is reported to have procured 40,000 tents, each with space for 10 to 12 people, into which it intends to evacuate people from Rafah in the coming weeks. Satellite pictures show hundreds being erected in neat rows on vacant ground in Khan Younis, just three miles north of Rafah. **The Israeli media are also reporting that the IDF is readying to deploy two reserve brigades – amounting to some 6,000 soldiers – to the Gaza Strip.**

COMMENT

Another possible indicator of impending action came this week with a meeting between Egypt's intelligence chief and the head of Israel's Shin Bet security agency, Ronen Bar, and IDF Chief of Staff Lt Gen Herzi Halevi on Wednesday morning. Cairo fears a humanitarian catastrophe that could push Gazans over the border into Egypt. The Bible says that Israel's nearby surrounding enemies will be destroyed. This includes Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, even Syria. This is detailed in Psalm 83 and Zechariah 12. Therefore, we expect Israel to eventually move into Rafah to destroy the remaining Hamas base there. All this will leave Israel a short time when they believe they are "dwelling safely" - see Ezekiel 38:8. But then Russia and Iran and Turkey etc invade....

BIBLE QUOTE

On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. **They will consume all the surrounding peoples right and left**, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place..

(Zechariah 12:6 NIV)

‘Jordan, help us’ – Hamas calls for escalation, intensification of war

World Israel News, April 24, 2024



EVENT

A senior Hamas spokesman urged its Arab allies to escalate violence against Israel and aid the terror group in the war, calling specifically upon Jordanians to attack the Jewish State. In his first speech in nearly two months, Abu Obaida demanded that the Islamic world intensify its efforts across all fronts. “We call on the Jordanian people to step up their actions and raise their voices,” Abu Obaida said, in a televised speech broadcast on Al Jazeera. Abu Obaida stressed that Jordan and Palestinian Authority-controlled areas in Judea and Samaria are the “most important Arab fronts” against Israel. Notably, Jordan played a critical role in intercepting drones launched at Israel from Iran earlier this month. **Jordan’s defense of Israel sparked backlash from many of the country’s citizens.** Abu Obaida’s remarks come as Hezbollah launched the furthest attack into Israel since the start of the conflict.

COMMENT

Jordan is on a precarious tightrope between Iran and Israel with the Hamas conflict causing ever increasing issues internally for the kingdom. As regional tensions soar, the kingdom is contending with domestic as well as international pressures. One in five people in Jordan (including the Queen) are of Palestinian descent and the Palestinian cause is close to the hearts of many. Analysts fear that the country could be dragged into an escalation against its will if the war with Israel and Hamas expands into Rafah and then into war with Hezbollah. The Bible says Jordan will be part of the inner ring war. Psalm 83 says that the “tents of Edom” will take part. Living in Jordan are 2 million Palestinian refugees - the largest number in the world – and they live in camps and tents

BIBLE QUOTE

“Come,” they say, “let us destroy them as a nation, so that Israel’s name is remembered no more.” With one mind they plot together; they form an alliance against you— **the tents of Edom** and the Ishmaelites, of **Moab** and the Hagrites Byblos, Ammon and Amalek, Philistia, with the people of Tyre. Even Assyria has joined them **Edom and Moab = Jordan** *(Psalm 83:4-8 NIV)*

Belarus moves troops to border and warns of nuclear 'apocalypse'

The Times, April 25, 2024



EVENT

Belarus has moved combat-ready troops closer to the border with Poland, President Lukashenko said as he warned that a growing stand-off between his country, its ally Russia and the West could end in nuclear “apocalypse”. The long-serving Belarusian dictator said on Thursday that troops had been moved from Vitebsk, close to Russia, to the western end of Belarus in response to a Nato build-up across the border. “From Vitebsk we’ve transferred a couple of battalions and are [now] standing head to head with Nato,” he said. “These battalions are at full operational readiness, with a readiness of three hours from leaving their place of deployment. Three hours and we’re there.” **The Belarusian leader confirmed that “several dozen” Russian tactical nuclear weapons had been deployed in Belarus** under an agreement struck with President Putin last year. **Lukashenko said it was “very dangerous” that the US was now supplying longer-range weapons to Ukraine, adding: “Russia will use the entire arsenal which it has. And that will be apocalypse.”**

COMMENT

This week the US signed off an enormous \$61bn of military aid for Ukraine. So far the US have given \$46 bn so this is a huge boost for Ukraine. The Pentagon says it will "rush" Patriot air defence missiles and artillery ammunition to Ukraine as part of its new military aid package. This new package has infuriated Russia. It is no confidence that Putin’s ally President Lukashenko of Belarus has spoken this week of an “apocalypse” coming and also the possible use of nuclear weapons. The Bible says that the king of the south (US/UK) will PUSH (military provocation) against Gog (the king of the north) in Daniel 11 verse 40. The Ukraine war is part of the push which causes Putin to descend.

BIBLE QUOTE

And at the time of the end shall **the king of the south [US/UK] push at him [Gog]**: and the king of the north {Russian nation} shall come against him [US/UK] 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)

Russia Deploying Three Cruise Missile Carriers to Mediterranean Sea

Newsweek, April 25, 2024



EVENT

Russia has deployed three more cruise missile carriers to the Mediterranean Sea with a total of 20 missiles, the Ukrainian Navy said on Wednesday. "As of 07:00 on April 24, 2024, there are no enemy ships in the Black Sea, one enemy ship in the Sea of Azov, and seven enemy ships in the Mediterranean Sea, including three carriers of Kalibr cruise missiles with a total salvo of up to 20 missiles," the navy said on its Telegram channel. Earlier this month, Lieutenant Commander Dmytro Pletenchuk, spokesperson for the Ukrainian Navy, said Russia has been deploying ships in the Mediterranean Sea, including its Kalibr missile carriers, as part of a tactic to expand its military presence in other regions, not just in Ukraine. In January, Kyiv's navy said Russia had deployed three ships in the Mediterranean, including two Kalibr carriers. In February, the Ukrainian Navy said there were two Russian ships in the Mediterranean Sea, including one vessel armed with up to eight Kalibr cruise missiles.

COMMENT

We should not forget that the Russian Federation sees geopolitical competitors not only in Ukraine. They are trying to spread their military presence in other regions where they have interests. Russia is spreading their influence in Africa and also supporting the Assad regime in Syria. This is why Russia is deploying missile carriers into the Mediterranean. The Bible says that following the "push" against Gog (the Russian ruler) that the "king of the north" comes down with "many ships". Russia's invasion of Israel and Egypt will not just be on land but they will attack from the sea. That sea of course is the Mediterranean. Russia's current deployment therefore can be seen in the light of that future invasion. Russia is preparing for a much wider conflict in the region...

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US troops to depart Chad and Niger, leaving way clear for Russia

The Times, April 26, 2024



EVENT

American troops are preparing to pull out of Chad and Niger in a move that risks ceding more influence to Russia. The withdrawals follow demands by the military rulers of the neighbouring countries to re-examine the terms of the US military's presence to give them a better deal, in a blow to US counterterrorism operations. This week Chad questioned the validity of an agreement covering a US military presence in its borders. Washington has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in building bases in Niger and training its military since beginning operations there in 2013. At one point, more than a thousand troops were stationed there. But tensions were strained by a coup last year that robbed the West of its most important ally in the Sahel, the semi-arid region south of the Sahara where affiliates of Islamic State and al-Qaeda wreak havoc. Now, only a skeleton team remains. Niger's president has visited the Kremlin in recent months and Putin said the two countries had "great opportunities to develop our bilateral ties".

COMMENT

Chad and Niger lie between two nations in northern Africa – they are Libya and Sudan. Libya and Sudan are specifically mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as being allied with Russia when the invasion of Israel occurs. It is probable that nations close by are also involved eg Chad and Niger. With reports this week that the US is preparing to pullout allowing Russia a greater foothold clearly lines up with Ezekiel 38. In modern versions Ezekiel 38 says that the nations of Cush and Put are allied with Russia. Cush refers to the kingdom of Kush which was centred around modern Sudan. The region of Put (west of Egypt) is now Libya. Which is why in the AV the name Put is actually translated as Libya. Russia's influence over all these African nations is continuing to grow...

BIBLE QUOTE

I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. Persia [Iran], **Cush [Sudan]** and **Put [Libya]** will be with them, all with shields and helmets,

(Joel 3:2-4 NIV)

War footing as Sunak ramps up defence spending

The Telegraph, April 23, 2024



EVENT

Rishi Sunak said he would put Britain's defence industry "on a war footing" as he unveiled the biggest boost to military spending in a generation. Speaking during a visit to Poland, the Prime Minister unveiled £75 billion in new funding that will take the defence budget to 2.5 per cent of national wealth – or £87 billion a year – by the start of 2030. Mr Sunak announced that £10 billion would be used to "put the UK's own defence industry on a war footing" and "hugely ramp up" domestic weapons production. He said the plan, which will make Britain "by far the largest defence power in Europe", would serve to "show our enemies that we are resolute and determined". The Prime Minister also committed to matching this year's £3 billion of military support for Ukraine every year until at least the end of the decade. Mr Sunak's announcement was welcomed by Nato, and the Prime Minister – who will hold talks with Olaf Scholz, the German chancellor, on Wednesday – challenged other European countries to match Britain's commitment.

COMMENT

The UK prime minister has said that Britain's defence industry is on a "war footing". Why? Well it's almost entirely down to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. For the first time in modern history, Russia is set to spend 6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2024 on the military, and defense spending will exceed social spending. We are seeing the world gearing up for war. The Bible says that leading up to Armageddon that nations would divert spending from agriculture to armaments. The Bible puts it like this in Joel 3:10.... "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears." It won't be until Christ returns and establishes God's kingdom that the opposite will happen.

BIBLE QUOTE

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and **they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:** nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. **The opposite situation to Joel 3:10!**

(Isaiah 2:4)

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2) Gog (Russia) advances on Turkey, Egypt *



RUSSIA ("CHIEF PRINCE" = "PRINCE OF ROSH")

○ TOBOLSK (Tubal)

○ MOSCOW (Meshech)

"YOUNG LIONS" (USA, CANADA, ETC)

"LION" TARSHISH UK

GERMANY (LAND OF MAGOG)

GOMER
European Economic Community

Gibraltar

TURKEY (Togarmah)

IRAQ/IRAN (Persia)

INDIA

LIBYA

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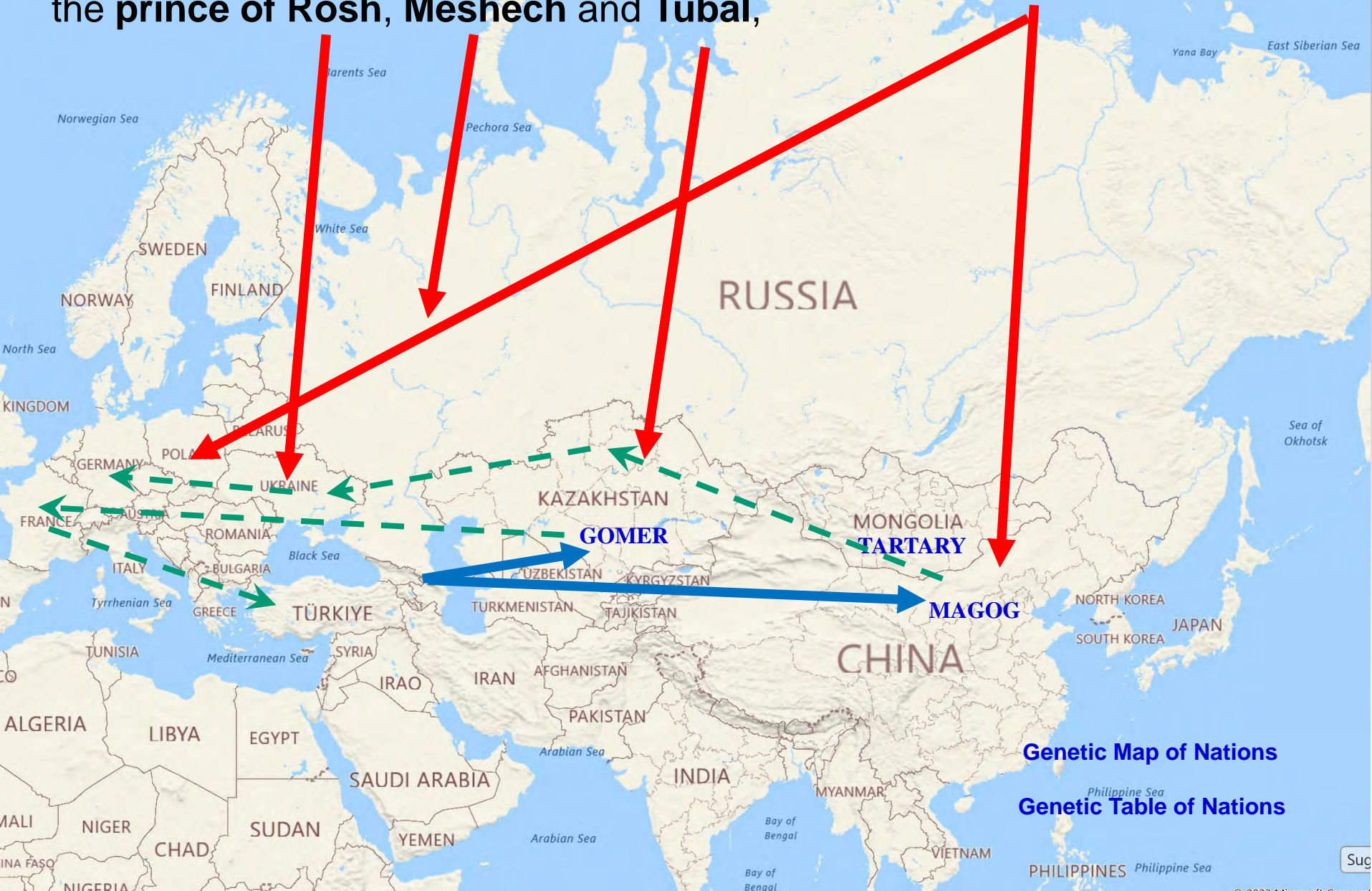
SHEBA

ETHIOPIA

AUSTRALIA

Legend HandOut

"Son of man, set your face toward **Gog of the land of Magog,**
the **prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal,**



"Son of man, set thy face against Gog (head), of the land of Magog (China?), prince of Ros (river in Ukraine) Meshech and Tubal (rivers in Russia)"?

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Israelis Horrified by Protests on American Campuses

News Ticker, Virtual Jerusalem Apr 25, 2024



EVENT

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu released a fierce video message Wednesday, saying that “what’s happening in America’s college campuses is horrific.” “Antisemitic mobs have taken over leading universities. They call for the annihilation of Israel. They attack Jewish students. They attack Jewish faculty,” he said. “This is reminiscent of what happened in German universities in the 1930s. It’s unconscionable. It has to be stopped. It has to be condemned and condemned unequivocally. But that’s not what happened. The response of several university presidents was shameful.” Netanyahu spoke as American college students are continuing to hold anti-Israel demonstrations Wednesday around the nation. Arrests were made at NYU, Columbia, USC, and the University of Texas, among others, reportedly as many as 200 campuses holding protest demonstrations. “Now, fortunately, state, local, federal officials, many of them have responded differently but there has to be more. More has to be done. It has to be done not only because they attack Israel, that’s bad enough, not only because they want to kill Jews wherever they are, that’s bad enough, it’s also when you listen to them, it’s also because they say not only, “Death to Israel. Death to the Jews,” but “death to America,” Netanyahu said. “And this tells us that there is an antisemitic surge here that has terrible consequences.

COMMENT

We wonder what these same folks would say if a terror group came into the USA from Mexico and, not slaughtered, but tortured and butchered and raped over 40,000 men women and children and carried back over 8000 hostages back to their home territory to the sights and sounds of everyone clapping and dancing in the streets in celebration of those brutal activities, parading many of the hostages in the streets naked and bleeding. Would the USA just stay calm and cool and look for a careful & cautious way of dealing with it to minimize collateral casualties? It is obvious the protesters have not thought this through. And support for Palestinians is one thing, but support for HAMAS is quite another. The whole world - including Israel, these protestors, the UN, the gov'ts - are all playing right into HAMAS' orchestration of this event - like puppets on a string. Their plan on Oct 7 was obviously to bring world opinion against Israel - and it's working like a charm.

BIBLE QUOTE

The LORD will scatter you among all the nations from one end of the earth to the other. There among those nations you will find no peace or place to rest. And the LORD will cause your heart to tremble, your eyesight to fail, and your soul to despair. Your life will constantly hang in the balance. You will live night and day in fear, unsure if you will survive. In the morning you will say, ‘If only it were night!’ And in the evening you will say, ‘If only it were morning!’ Deut 28:64-67

China to host Hamas, Fatah for Palestinian unity talks

Reuters April 26, 2024



EVENT

China will host Palestinian unity talks between Islamist militant group Hamas and its rivals Fatah, a notable Chinese foray into Palestinian diplomacy amid the war in the Gaza Strip. The two rival Palestinian factions have failed to heal their political disputes since Hamas fighters expelled Fatah from Gaza in a short war in 2007. A Fatah official told Reuters a delegation, led by the group's senior official Azzam Al-Ahmed, had left for China. A Hamas official said the faction's team for the talks, led by senior Hamas official Moussa Abu Marzouk, would be flying there later on Friday. The visit will be the first time a Hamas delegation is publicly known to have gone to China since the start of the war in Gaza. A Chinese diplomat, who had been briefed on the matter, said the talks aimed to support efforts to reconcile the two Palestinian rival groups. China has lately demonstrated growing diplomatic influence in the Middle East, where it enjoys strong ties with Arab nations and Iran. Chinese officials have ramped up advocacy for the Palestinians in international forums in recent months, calling for a larger-scale Israeli-Palestinian peace conference and a specific timetable to implement a two-state solution. More recently, China has been pushing for Palestine to join the United Nations, which would "rectify a prolonged historical injustice".

COMMENT

Last year China was instrumental in brokering an uneasy peace between Iran and Saudi Arabia, and is now venturing into the very turbulent waters of the HAMAS / FATAH rival political groups, attempting to form some kind of working relationship between them. The objective is to bring peace to the land via a form of the "two state solution" and bring that new political entity into the embrace of the UN. This is significant in that the nation attempting to bring this about belongs to the entity predicted to sweep down on the "pleasant land". Is the objective to bring about by force that which it will probably have failed to do by diplomacy. Also within a short time, Putin is said to be planning a visit to China, no doubt to strengthen Russia's financial and military ties with its Magogian partner and no doubt discuss how to support the other partner in the threesome that has vowed to obliterate Israel. The "Additional Articles" has a piece about that and also about Blinken's recent visit.

BIBLE QUOTE

At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. You will say, 'Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwallled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile in many nations.

Ezek 38:10-12

As solar capacity grows, some of America's most productive farmland is at risk

Reuters, April 27, 2024



EVENT

No one knows how much cropland nationwide is currently under solar panels or leased for possible future development. Land deals are typically private transactions. The total power capacity of the solar operations tracked in the data set represents over 60 gigawatts of electric power capacity. In the following two years, solar capacity has nearly tripled. To better understand future land-use patterns, Reuters reviewed more than 2,000 pages of solar-related documents filed at local county recorders' offices in a small sample of four Midwestern counties. The counties, representing an area of land slightly bigger than the state of Delaware, are where some of the nation's largest projects are being developed or built. The sample gives an idea of the potential impact of solar projects in farm-heavy counties. Reuters found the percentage of these counties' most productive cropland secured by solar and energy companies as of end of 2022 was 5% to 12%. Shifting corn acres for solar? "I don't see it as replacing something that is vital to our society," [Area farmer] Cohen said. Solar can make farmland "more productive from an economic perspective," he added. Indiana farmer Norm Welker says he got a better deal leasing 60% of his farmland to Mammoth than he would have growing corn, with prices dipping to three-year lows this year. "We've got mounds of corn, we're below the cost of production, and right now, if you're renting land to grow corn – you're losing money," Welker said. "This way, my economic circumstances are very good."

COMMENT

Even as the world is facing an increasing possibility of drought and famine and food shortages in many regions, it is also striving to change to more environmentally friendly methods of energy production. More and more the world is coming to face the conflict between food production and energy production. The problem is that solar panels need a lot of space to create the capacity to produce the amount of energy required to service a world population with an exponential growth rate. The two demands are bound to meet at an impasse where the choice will have to be one or the other.

BIBLE QUOTE

"Farmers who work their land have plenty of food, but those who waste their time on worthless projects are foolish."
Pro 12:11 ERV

Kenyan military deployed as East Africa floods kill dozens

Reuters April 25, 2024



EVENT

Kenya's military was deployed on Thursday to rescue victims of heavy rains that have killed dozens of people across East Africa over the past month. At least 45 people have died in the floods in Kenya since March, including 10 since Monday, the Kenya Red Cross said. Large parts of the capital Nairobi and other major towns are underwater, forcing thousands of residents to leave their homes. Collins Obondo, 38, lost at least four relatives in the flooding on Wednesday in Nairobi's densely-populated Mathare neighborhood, which lies along the Nairobi River.. In neighboring Tanzania, the death toll from the rains has reached 155, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa told parliament on Thursday. Hundreds of thousands have had to flee their homes in Burundi. East Africa was hit by record floods during the last rainy season in late 2023. Scientists say climate change is causing more intense and frequent extreme weather events. Kenyan President William Ruto said at a meeting with senior government officials that the military was deploying to help with rescue operations. His deputy, Rigathi Gachagua, said above-normal rainfall was forecast for the next week.

COMMENT

In the supplemental information there are articles about countries such as China slowly sinking from the weight of development and the collapse of underground cavities created by the pumping of water from the aquifers to supply the ever increasing population. Changing weather patterns are responsible for the type of current situation in East Africa where 100s of people have lost their homes, some have lost their lives and so far no end in sight to the deluge. What was once extremely rare is becoming more common. A reset is needed. The earth is groaning – both from man's mismanagement and from the sin that has the population in its grip. The reset is coming - the restitution of all things. We just need to be sure we are ready.

BIBLE QUOTE

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets. Act 3:19-21

