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B. Putin will announce General Mobilization: "NATO is preparing Operation Barbarossa No. 2" - What a Russian General Said

Storm of reactions in Germany: "The Americans trapped us"

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Russian Generals suggest to B.Putin to declare General Mobilization in Russia as soon as the first German tank enters Ukraine. According to the Russians, NATO is planning a new operation "Barbarossa", a fact that fully justifies the general mobilization.

It should be noted, Olaf Solz's decision raised a storm of reactions within the country's Parliament.

Many Germans believe that the US along with Britain set up an ambush in Germany.

It is still unknown how many Abrams tanks the US will send, but their plan is clear: **Together with Britain, which will send some Challenger 2s, trap Germany.**

They invalidate Berlin's main argument by sending in American tanks in an attempt to engage it in a direct confrontation with Russia.

We remind you that Barbarossa (German: Unternehmen Barbarossa) is the name given to Germany's plan of attack and invasion of the Soviet Union. Execution of the plan began on Sunday, June 22, 1941, in violation of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Non-Aggression Pact. It is part of the Eastern Front.

General conscription in Russia just around the corner

Intelligence sources (and there are many) now confirm that Germany's decision to send tanks to Ukraine to use against Russia will trigger an unimaginable response from Russia.

According to intelligence sources in Russia, Lieutenant General Andrei Gurulev told President Vladimir Putin that:

"As soon as German tanks appear on Russian soil, Russia will have no choice but to announce a general mobilization"

The General went on to tell President Putin that ***"German tanks are a clear violation of World War II demilitarization pacts."***

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Russia-NATO direct military confrontation: Hundreds of M1A2 Abrams and Leopard 2 tanks with NATO crew enter Ukraine - Scenario III

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The planet is on the precipice of a Third World War (practically it has already started) after the US-Germany and Britain agreement to send hundreds of Leopard 2 tanks (mainly), M1A2 Abrams and Challenger 2 to Ukraine.

And this is because there is no time to train the Ukrainians: The crews of the tanks will be NATO, while the transfer of F-16 fighters and attack helicopters to Ukraine is expected to follow.

It has already been decided to transfer Patriot and SAMP-T to Ukraine, which will be connected to the rest of the Western-made anti-aircraft systems such as IRIS-T, etc.

Read also: [War preparations in Moscow: Russia to declare "New Patriotic War" against NATO - "Victory will be ours, like 1812 and 1945"](#)

In more detail, making a 180-degree turn, the US has decided to lift its objections to sending US M1 Abrams tanks to Ukraine, and an announcement on this issue may even be made within the week, the Wall Street Journal writes.

According to the source, the announcement will be part of a wider diplomatic deal with Germany under which Berlin will agree to send a smaller number of its own Leopard 2

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German media: "The Bundeswehr's warehouses are emptying from Leopard 2 - Ukraine wants 300 tanks in the first phase - Greece is also in the sights"

"Leopards are a Game changer" - Which type is NATO aiming for?

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Germany's federal defense minister, Pistorius, has launched a stockpile audit of the Bundeswehr and industry to determine the number of Leopard tanks that can be delivered to Ukraine.

Welt analyzed the current figures for Leopards in Germany and Europe.

Ukrainian ambassador Oleksiy Makeyev said in an interview with Welt.

"I deal with things directly." We need German tanks - and we need them now," he told the German news agency.

"We don't have time to consider, think and hesitate. What we need: decision, training and implementation in a coordinated way. Immediately."

Regarding the recent conference on Ukraine in Ramstein, Rhineland-Palatinate, on Friday, the ambassador said: *"I have to be honest, we expected a lot more from our German partners."*

Also read: [Ukrainians collapse and West runs: Europe-wide plan to deliver hundreds of Leopard 2s to Kiev – US sends M2 Bradley and Paladin M109A6](#)

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Sweden and Finland's membership freezes - Turkey halts talks

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NATO membership negotiations between Turkey, Sweden and Finland have been postponed indefinitely at Ankara's request, an Ankara source told RIA Novosti.

"At our request, the tripartite mechanism between Turkey, Sweden and Finland has been canceled indefinitely," the Turkish source told the Russian agency. According to the same source, the next meeting under the mechanism was to take place in Brussels in February.

The news of the cancellation was broadcast by the Turkish television station TRT and relayed by Reuters.

The meeting that was supposed to take place in Brussels in February was postponed at the request of Ankara, TRT reported citing Turkish diplomatic sources.

Logically, Erdogan will "freeze" the negotiations until the Turkish elections with a more likely scenario that he will never approve the accession of Sweden and Finland to NATO.

And that's because:

He wants to hold NATO and the USA hostage indefinitely:

Chief of General Staff details security threats

Three motorized rifle divisions will be created in newly-acquired Kherson and Zaporozhye regions, Army General Valery Gerasimov reveals



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Chief of the Russian General Staff Valery Gerasimov at a command post during an inspection of Russian troops involved in a special military operation in Ukraine. © Sputnik / Russian Defence Ministry

The chief of Russia's armed forces, Army General Valery Gerasimov, has said that Moscow intends to set up new military districts and put together fresh units to counter the most pressing security threats it faces, including hybrid war in Ukraine, as well as Finland and Sweden potentially joining NATO.

"At the moment, such threats are the aspirations of NATO to expand by incorporating Finland and Sweden, as well as the use of Ukraine as a tool for waging a hybrid war against our country" by the US and its allies, the general said in an interview in the Argumenty i Fakty newspaper on Monday.

According to Gerasimov, the Russian military's response to those challenges will, among other things, include the creation of the Moscow and Leningrad military districts and the formation of three motorized rifle divisions in Kherson and Zaporozhye regions, which joined Russia in autumn after referendums, as did the Republics of Donetsk and Lugansk. Also on the agenda is putting together an army corps in the Republic of Karelia, located in Russia's northwest and bordering Finland.

Speaking about the conflict in Ukraine, Gerasimov pointed out that the Russian military hasn't seen hostilities of such scale and intensity in the country's modern history and that Moscow was *"opposed by almost the entire collective West."*

Finland and Sweden applied to become NATO members in May, citing concerns over Russia's military operation in Ukraine. But their bids have so far been blocked by Türkiye, which accused the two Nordic nations of harboring members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and other associated groups, designated by Ankara as *"terrorist organizations."*

The three sides signed an agreement last June to address Ankara's concerns and pave the way for approving the NATO applications. But Sweden's future in the US-led military appears now to be hanging in the balance, after an anti-Islam activist was allowed to burn a copy of the Koran near the Turkish Embassy in Stockholm on Saturday.

Türkiye's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan responded by telling the Swedish authorities that if they won't respect the faith of the Turkish people "then, no offense but you will not receive any support from us with regard to NATO." <https://www.rt.com/russia/570393-ukraine-finland-sweden-gerasimov/>

Russian warship with 'unstoppable' 7,000mph hypersonic missiles 'sails towards US and will soon be in strike range'

- Will Stewart
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A RUSSIAN warship armed with "unstoppable" hypersonic missiles is sailing towards the US coast in a show of strength, reports claim.

The guided missile frigate Admiral Gorshkov has been closely monitored by Nato navies on its maiden voyage armed with 6,670mph Zircon weapons.

An unconfirmed Russian Telegram channel report says it was "spotted on radar in neutral waters of the Atlantic Ocean - at an effective salvo launch distance from the US coast".

The [nuclear-capable Mach 9 missiles](#) have a reported range of 625 miles.

The [Russian](#) defence ministry has not commented on the latest report.

It comes after the Royal Navy intercepted the Gorshkov as it sailed through the English Channel earlier this month.

More recently the Russian vessel was tailed by the Portuguese navy in the Atlantic and was expected to sail round Africa.

But radar monitoring sites suggest the Gorshkov made an unexpected diversion.

One report said it had separated from its escort tanker ship Kama in the Bay of Biscay and headed west.

The Kama continued its routing to the south, passing the Azores.

The missile frigate was tracked to 800 miles west of the Portuguese island of Flores in the Azores, suggested ItaMilRadar.

At this distance it would not yet be in range of the US for its deadly Zircons.

The frigate is also carrying Kalibr missiles, a type used in Russia's war in Ukraine.

[Vladimir Putin](#) hailed it as "an important, if not momentous, event" when the vessel embarked from Arctic naval base Severomorsk on January 4.

He made clear this mission was intended as a show of strength to the West.

And he boasted Nato could not match his "latest generation" of hypersonic firepower.

The Zircon "has no equivalent in any country in the world", he said.

Putin went on: "I am sure that such a powerful weapon will allow us to reliably protect Russia from potential external threats and help ensure our country's national interests."

Moscow has boasted that the Gorshkov is "the most dangerous enemy of surface ships in the world's oceans" now it is armed with the new hypersonic missile.

Last year, the Zircon was [test fired from the Admiral Gorshkov](#) in the Barents Sea and hit a target 625 miles away in the White Sea. **MORE - <https://www.the-sun.com/news/7211759/russian-warship-hypersonic-missiles-us-coast/>**

[Ladies and Gentlemen to say that this is getting very serious is the understatement. There was a rather ominous quiet in Russian news for about 4 days and then today there has been a true flurry of items including more explicit threats of international NATO/Russian confrontation probability. You need to be prayed up and ready to meet your maker at any time because it is looking very difficult. While we read the prophets and focus on Ezekiel and Daniel and the Gog Magog we need to recall that the bear has a hook in his jaw which brings him down to the Holy Land. The hook can be oil or gas OR a previous agreement with Persia (Iran). Russia has already threatened Israel to stop their military action that has been carried out in Syria which has not actually stopped. It is understandable on Israel's part but they are bombing Iranian facilities and Russia and Iran have increased their relationship in the past year. The time of Jacobs trouble could very likely be in the near future and that means that the Church age of grace is near ending. – rdb]

90 seconds to midnight: World closer to doomsday than ever - Doomsday Clock

The Doomsday Clock is now 90 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been to a global catastrophe.

By [AARON REICH](#) Published: JANUARY 24, 2023 18:11 Updated: JANUARY 24, 2023 18:59

Earth is closer to a catastrophic global demise than ever before, with the famous Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists being at 90 seconds to midnight, thanks in large part to the [Russian invasion of Ukraine](#).

This is the closest the clock has ever been to reaching the dreaded midnight.

This marks a 10-second change compared to 2022 when the [Doomsday Clock was set at 100 seconds to midnight](#).

"We are living in a time of unprecedented danger, and the Doomsday Clock time reflects that reality," Bulletin president and CEO Rachel Bronson said, adding that "90 seconds to midnight is the closest the Clock has ever been set to midnight, and it's a decision our experts do not take lightly. The US government, its NATO allies and Ukraine have a multitude of channels for dialogue; we urge leaders to explore all of them to their fullest ability to turn back the Clock."

Why is it just 90 seconds to midnight?

The change was largely due to the Russian [invasion of Ukraine](#) and the subsequently increased possibility of nuclear war, especially with the nuclear rhetoric espoused by officials in Moscow. **MORE - <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-729470>**

Reshuffle in Kiev amid scandals

Zelensky's deputy chief of staff is among the Ukrainian officials who have lost their positions

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Kirill Timoshenko has resigned as deputy head of Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky's office, after the head of state pledged to shake up the government.

The reshuffle, which the president announced in his daily video address on Tuesday morning, will affect officials “on different levels, in ministries and other bodies of central and provincial authority, and law enforcement.”

Timoshenko is the most senior official whose removal from office has been confirmed so far. He published his signed resignation letter on social media in a farewell post.

Some Ukrainian news outlets have said he will be replaced with Aleksey Kuleba, head of the Kiev Region, and that Timoshenko may be put in charge of a provincial administration.

Another senior official heading for the exit is Deputy Prosecutor General Aleksey Simonenko, according to reports. Earlier this month he sparked outrage by spending the New Year holidays in Spain.

Aside from the bad optics of relaxing at a foreign resort during wartime, the trip raised suspicions of corruption, as Simonenko allegedly used a car that belongs to a wealthy businessman, and was accompanied by a bodyguard employed by the car’s owner.

Following the incident, the Ukrainian National Security Council issued an order banning officials from crossing the national border unless they are on state business.

Simonenko’s resignation was officially confirmed by Zelensky’s office later in the day.

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Aleksey Reznikov was apparently spared on Monday, after the Ukrainian parliament declined to take action against him over a graft scandal.

A media investigation claimed on Saturday that the ministry was buying food supplies worth hundreds of millions of dollars for troops, at prices that were several times higher than in Ukrainian retail chains.

Reznikov told lawmakers that the documents cited in the investigation were inaccurate, and that some prices were inflated due to a “technical error”. Other items legitimately included costs that retail prices do not, he claimed, arguing that the comparison was not valid.

Some members of parliament accepted the minister’s explanations, but the Ukrainian anti-corruption body NABU continues to investigate the graft allegations.

Last week, NABU indicted Andrey Kobolev, the former CEO of state-owned energy company Naftogaz. In 2018, he awarded himself a \$10 million bonus for achievements in legal battles with Russia’s Gazprom.

NABU alleges that Kobolev overstated the financial benefit that he and other executives secured for the Ukrainian company, and consequently took unreasonably high level of compensation

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'Thousands of shells per day' would hit Lebanon if IDF, Hezbollah go to war in the future

IDF Lt. Col. El-Chai Cohen spoke to the Jerusalem Post in the midst of a 10-day-long drill for the artillery.

By [YONAH JEREMY BOB](#) Published: JANUARY 23, 2023 20:45 Updated: JANUARY 23, 2023 22:13

If Israel goes to war with Hezbollah, IDF artillery will hit Lebanon with “thousands of shells per day,” Lt.-Col. El-Chai Cohen told The Jerusalem Post.

Cohen, the commander in charge of training for land forces artillery officers, spoke to the Post in the midst of a 10-day-long artillery drill.

However, what classifies as “artillery” today is completely different from the traditional definition. It now includes attack and intelligence-collection drones. In fact, 60% of current “artillery” forces are non-traditional – either drones, attack rockets or other methods of attack.

Also, Cohen’s land forces have much longer ranges, precision weapons and increased maneuverability than in the past, which radically changes their ability to shape the battlefield.



“We train artillery personnel, the next commanders, which is a big responsibility,” he said. “In the battle we imagine as the next war, artillery firepower will be very decisive. It is hard to conceptualize the full scope of our firepower capability. In the next war, it will not have ‘just’ jumped by 100%, it will be the heart of any new major conflict.”

An IDF tank. (credit: IDF SPOKESPERSON'S OFFICE)

In other words, he was warning Hezbollah that Israel’s

artillery would overwhelm it in ways it cannot imagine. Though he said “we are looking at and ready on all fronts,” including against Hamas, from artillery’s perspective, the biggest conflict it needs to be ready for is with [Hezbollah](#).

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The 10-day drill is important

Next, Cohen said the significant length of the 10-day drill was important in order to “simulate that there are lots of dilemmas in the middle of a war. We need to see what a general war would really be like in the North and to feel the central role of artillery firepower.”

Asked to **compare the IDF’s current artillery capabilities to previous ones, he said, “There will be much more firepower than in the past. There will be more integration of intelligence and firepower, with artillery being the tip of the spear of intelligence.** And since intelligence must be much better, the precision of artillery will also be improved. Our capabilities are very diverse. We also have visual and intelligence collection capabilities. We have both unguided artillery bombardment munitions and precision munitions.”

Moreover, Cohen explained that current artillery units give the IDF “the maximum number of possibilities, advanced options and parameters for using force. The act of firing is now connected to all of the other forces, which was a big part of what we were working on during the current training drill.”

Regarding the challenge of avoiding civilian casualties in an urban setting, he said that “the enemy is using civilian shields, which is immoral. The fact they are doing that just means that we need to be even more precise so the harm to civilians will be minimized. We saw this during the [May 2021 Operation Guardian of the Walls \[against Hamas\]](#) and some other operations not long before that.

“Any weapon we need to achieve precision in urban settings we possess,” he said. “It has gotten dramatically better, but it is still a challenge. We have the capability to impose [our dominance] at a very high level – even if [urban settings] are challenging – much better now than even in the past.”

Cohen added that as a commander who participated in [Operation Protective Edge against Hamas](#) in Gaza in 2014, “We have elevated our performance on many levels since then.”

If in 2014, artillery might only have been accurate within a few hundred meters, precision munitions can now be accurate within single digits.

Discussing some of the IDF’s restraint to limit civilian casualties during the May 2021 Gaza War, he said, “There were areas we knew we could not fire at or where we only fired after others checked that we would only be hitting those who we needed to strike. Definitely there were multiple cases where we could have fired and canceled the attack” because of civilians in the area or where his forces delayed their attack to enable the use of “a less heavy and more precise munition.”

Comparing his forces’ precision capabilities to the IDF’s air-power capabilities, Cohen said that “We try not to be the air force or to have the same level of precision. Sometimes massive firepower is at the expense of precision, but we can still adjust our aim to hit specific areas with a certain level of precision. This gives us added value in any war.”

Questioned about how maneuverable current artillery forces are, Cohen said that “The artillery has been in every war: the [Yom Kippur War](#), the [First Lebanon War](#) – wherever we were needed. We can always maneuver to different locations. But now our maneuvering capabilities have improved even more and our longer ranges for striking [targets] make us deadlier and more effective.”

Asked about how he simulated difficult battle conditions, the artillery commander said the soldiers he trained learned “how to fire when under threat. They know how to fire while being shot at simultaneously. They also simulate dealing with troops dying and being injured and evacuated.”

It is important for artillery commanders to know “how to act when they lose part of their personnel or forces,” he said. “They need the capability to take in their surroundings strategically and tactically and to keep up attacking at a fast pace.” <https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-729375>

Israel's Netanyahu meets with King Abdullah in Jordan

Israel and Jordan have been experiencing tensions over Temple Mount following National Security Minister Ben-Gvir's visit to the site.

By [TOVAH LAZAROFF](#) Published: JANUARY 24, 2023 15:37 Updated: JANUARY 24, 2023 15:57

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with King Abdullah of Jordan on Tuesday amid tensions between the two countries over the Temple Mount.

“The two leaders discussed regional issues, emphasizing the strategic, security and economic cooperation between Israel and Jordan, which contributes to the stability of the region,” the Prime Minister’s Office said.

The two leaders also underscored the “long-standing friendship and partnership between the State of Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan,” the PMO said.

It’s the first visit Netanyahu has made abroad let alone to Amman since he returned to office last month, During his last tenure as prime minister relations and cooled between Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom. The last government had worked to restore those ties.

Tensions flare over Temple Mount

This visit comes as tensions have flared over issues relating to the Temple Mount, known to Muslims as al-Haram, al-Sharif. This was followed by an incident in which the Jordanian Ambassador was briefly stoped by police officers to check paperwork, prior to his entry to the [al-Aqsa Mosque](#) compound. The envoy left without entering the site but returned later to pray.

Israel’s Ambassador to Jordan was summoned after both incidents. <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-729456>

Hundreds of tech workers strike, block Tel Aviv road to protest judicial overhaul

Demonstrators against controversial plan warn of threat to foreign investments, impact on economy; NY-based investor in local startups says it supports action

By [Sharon Wrobel](#) Today, 2:01 pm



Israeli tech company employees stage a one-hour protest in Tel Aviv against judicial overhaul, January 24, 2023 (Courtesy)

Hundreds of workers in the tech sector held a one-hour warning strike on Tuesday, blocking roads in central Tel Aviv as they protested the government’s contentious plans to overhaul the judicial system.

Dozens of Israeli companies and organizations granted permission for their workers to attend demonstrations held around the country.

Protesters gathered at three main locations — the Sarona complex in Tel Aviv, a high-tech complex in Herzliya and the Airport City business park — many of them carrying Israeli

flags.

“Without democracy, there is no high tech. Even without ChatGPT, we know that you are wrong,” read some of the signs held by the striking workers, referencing the artificial intelligence tool. Others read: “No freedom, no high tech.”

“The High Court of Justice is protecting us all,” some demonstrators chanted.

Toward the end of the hour-long strike, demonstrators around Tel Aviv’s Sarona complex went onto busy Kaplan Street — the site of one of Saturday’s mass protests — where they briefly blocked traffic.

Tech workers block a street to protest judicial overhaul, in Tel Aviv, on January 24, 2023 (Tomer Neuberg/Flash90)

The planned overhaul has drawn intense criticism, even from longtime proponents of judicial reform, and has sparked weekly mass protests and public petitions by various officials, professionals, private companies and other bodies.

Over 100,000 people demonstrated against the overhaul in Tel Aviv on Saturday night, with thousands more at other demonstrations including in Jerusalem, Haifa and Beersheba.



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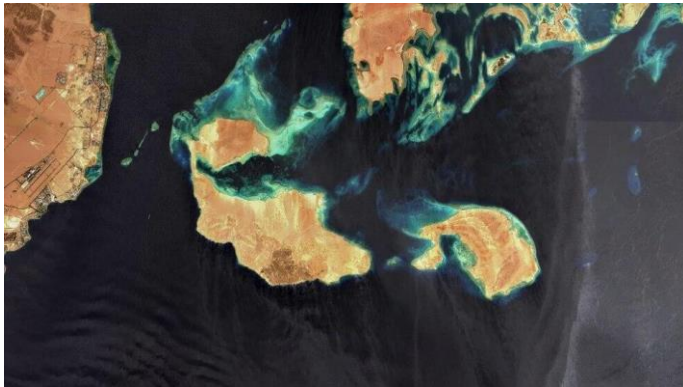
Israelis could soon be able to visit Saudi islands of Tiran and Sanafir

Normalization between Saudi Arabia and Israel is still not a done deal, however sources say Crown Prince Bin Salman may condition progress in establishing bilateral relations on stronger American support for his country

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Israeli passport holders will soon be able to fly to Saudi Arabia to visit the Red Sea islands of Tiran and Sanafir, which it bought from Egypt in 2016, according to a report.

Saudi Arabia plans to build a bridge connecting the islands to Egypt. However, Israel and Saudi Arabia do not have official diplomatic relations and therefore citizens cannot travel to both countries.



A view of the Red Sea islands of Tiran and Sanafir, and the Saudi Arabian mainland (top) (Photo: AFP / COPERNICUS SENTINEL-2 IMAGERY)

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's long-term vision is to develop his country and open it up to the world, including launching huge tourism projects along the Red Sea coast to the Gulf of Eilat. The Saudis also plan to make the islands of Tiran and Sanafir popular tourist destinations, complete with hotels and casinos.

Sources told Israeli business newspaper Globes that opening up the islands to Israeli tourists indicates a willingness by Riyadh to move closer to Israel in what is a [gradual process toward normalization](#) between the two countries.

The agreement fixing the maritime boundary between Egypt and Saudi Arabia was signed in 2016 despite opposition from some in Egypt. Tiran and Sanafir were returned to Egypt by Israel as part of the peace deal and some consider the islands sacred Egyptian land. Israel has demanded that the transfer of ownership of the islands does not violate its peace agreement with Egypt, which stipulated that a multinational force led by the United States would operate there.



The Red Sea islands of Tiran (foreground) and Sanafir (background) are seen in the Strait of Tiran between Egypt's Sinai Peninsula and Saudi Arabia (Photo: AFP / STRINGER)

Following Benjamin Netanyahu's re-election as prime minister, talks resumed between the parties over benefits for Israeli tourists.

At this point, Egypt would have a veto over what happens on the islands and the maintenance of the peace agreement and the possibility of Israelis vacationing on the islands. Israeli passport holders entering Egypt through Taba or Sharm el-Sheikh

airport will be able to spend time in hotels and casinos run by Saudi companies on the islands.

Normalization between Saudi Arabia and Israel is only a matter of time, according to an official document. According to senior Saudi officials, however, Crown Prince Bin Salman would condition progress in establishing bilateral relations on stronger [American support](#) for his country. <https://www.ynetnews.com/travel/article/sytwoi6is>

China slams US over 'catastrophic' debt

Beijing has urged Washington to conduct responsible monetary policy to avoid a default on payments

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China has rebuked the US for its brinkmanship over the nation's "catastrophic debt problem" as Washington approaches a statutory debt ceiling this week that could see the country defaulting on its obligations.

The criticism came from the Chinese embassy in Zambia's capital Lusaka, following a reproach from US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen over alleged mishandling by Beijing of a debt problem in the southern African country.

On Monday, during a visit to Zambia, Yellen said that it was critically important to restructure the country's debt. She blamed China, the key creditor of the African state, for being an obstacle to resolving the problem.

In response, the Chinese Embassy in Zambia said on Tuesday that "the biggest contribution that the US can make to the debt issues outside the country is to act on responsible monetary policies, cope with its own debt problem, and stop sabotaging other sovereign countries' active efforts to solve their debt issues."

According to official data, China holds about \$870 billion in US debt, down from more than \$1.3 trillion in late 2013. The country's stockpile, the world's largest after Japan's, slumped for the third straight month, reaching the lowest level since June 2010, Bloomberg reported. { This would be funny if it weren't so pathetic and sad and actually criminal. People hold huge amounts of US debt and the US continues to radically devalue the dollar which makes their holdings essentially worthless. The American people and leadership should be appalled that a country like China should have to make such a statement. Their statements are accurate and very true. rdb

US debt is currently capped at \$31.4 trillion. In December the ceiling was lifted. Last week, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned that "once the limit is reached, the Treasury will need to start taking certain extraordinary measures to prevent the United States from defaulting on its obligations." She explained that these measures will only go as far as to give Congress time to negotiate and pass a debt-limit hike, most likely until early June.

Economists warn that raising the debt ceiling would give the Treasury some time before it runs out of money, adding that a US default on payments would damage not only the world's biggest economy but also the global financial system. <https://www.rt.com/business/570398-china-slams-us-debt/>

Another coup plot foiled in Germany

Five suspects from right-wing circles were charged with preparing to overthrow the government and abduct a minister
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German security services have charged five suspects with treason over an alleged plot to overthrow the government. The group, whose members are now all in custody, allegedly planned to cause a "civil war-like" situation and abduct a government minister.

In early December, the German authorities also claimed to have thwarted a separate coup attempt, also by right-wing extremists.

On Monday, the German Federal Prosecutor's Office released a statement, saying charges were brought on January 16 against five individuals identified as Sven B., Michael H., Thomas K., Thomas O. and Elisabeth R. They are suspected of having "established or participated in a domestic terrorist organization."

In addition, the suspects were charged with preparing an "act of high treason" against the German federal government.

The authorities claim the group was set up no later than mid-January last year, aiming to trigger "civil war-like conditions" in the country. The suspects' supposed goal was to topple the German government and the "parliamentary democracy."

All of the members are believed to be followers of the so-called Reichsbuerger or 'Citizens of the Reich' movement, which claims the constitution and government of Germany have no legal basis. The conspiracy theory's proponents insist that the 1871 constitution is the only valid one. According to the federal prosecutor's office, the suspects had planned to create an "authoritarian government system" to replace the current one.

The group is said to have been divided into two branches: military and administrative. According to their alleged plans, cited by the authorities, the plotters would have targeted Germany's power grid in the hope of plunging the country into a blackout.

Moreover, the suspects had presumably planned to abduct Health Minister Karl Lauterbach, who was in charge of the government's Covid-19 measures and vaccination efforts, unpopular with right-wingers. <https://www.rt.com/news/570397-germany-coup-attempt-treason-charges/>

Dr. Robert Malone: I can't support Trump if he defends COVID shots

Inventor of mRNA tech opposes former president's position on vaccinations

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Dr. Robert Malone, who invented the mRNA technology that was used for most of the COVID-19 shots, says he cannot support President Donald Trump for re-election as long as Trump defends the experimental shots.

The vaccinations were developed on a fast-track under Trump, after COVID-19 was unleashed in China and circled the globe, killing millions.

It was during an interview with "**Real America's Voice**" recently that Trump was asked about the **COVID shots.**

He said, "I was able to get something approved that, you know, that has proven to have saved a lot of lives. Some people say that I saved 100 million lives worldwide."

He also said there are concerns with the safety.

"You have to understand. There are the pros and cons...I never demanded anybody use it. I never had a mandate. And I think that's very important to know."

Trump added, "Some reports [say] that it's the greatest thing that's ever happened and we saved tens of millions of lives. Then you'll read other reports [that] say there were some problems with the vaccine ...but relatively small numbers.

"But, you know, you have many reports that say the vaccines save tens of millions of lives," Trump said. "That without the vaccines you would have had a thing ... where perhaps 100 million people died."

Actually, the complications from the COVID shots still are being reported, and tens of thousands of deaths are being attributed to the shots.

Malone said he agreed with those who would not support someone backing the COVID shots.

"I shot a film segment designed to help DJT see the truth. No impact. As I said, it is with regret that I have to agree with Brian. This is different from Mikki's point. This is DJT's decision. I disagree," he said.

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Bombshell from grave! Pope Benedict, who is dead, unleashes on Catholics

Writes Church near 'collapse,' U.S. seminaries are centers of promiscuous homosexuality, perversion

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- Pope Emeritus Benedict's posthumous book revealed the church leader's thoughts about multiple scandals the church has suffered over several decades regarding homosexuality, porn and pedophilia.
- Benedict blamed the "sexual revolution" of the 1960s for a "collapse" of the Catholic church's foundation on many teachings and the rampant sexual abuse discovered in later years.
- The book was entrusted to Dr. Elio Guerriero, who also wrote Benedict's biography, to be released only after the former pope's death.

A posthumous book written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, the former head of the Catholic church, claimed that pornography, homosexual clubs and pedophilia had taken root within the church.

Benedict [died](#) on Dec. 31, 2022, at the age of 95 after [struggling](#) with a "respiratory illness" for several weeks. Nearly a month after his death, the Italian publishing company, **Mondadori, released a series of works over the weekend entitled "What Is Christianity?" that contained theological essays written after Benedict stepped down from his position** as pope in 2013, illustrating his concerns about issues of **homosexuality, pedophilia and pornography** in the church.

In the book, Benedict discusses a wide range of theological questions from communion, to the Catholic church's history with Israel and the Jewish people, in addition to what he describes as "moral issues," in the fifth chapter. Benedict discusses the effect that pornography has had on the church and expressed extreme displeasure that porn was often rampant in seminaries. **MORE -** <https://www.wnd.com/2023/01/bombshell-grave-pope-benedict-dead-unleashes-catholics/>