



## **THE RUSSIAN BEAR AWAKING**

### **PUTIN ATTACKS AMERICA'S ABUSE OF POWER**

FEB 10, 07. At the annual Munich Conference on Security, Russian President Vladimir Putin attacked the United States for what he said was its “almost uncontained” use of force around the world. America’s “very dangerous” approach to global relations was fuelling a nuclear arms race. He called the US a reckless power that has made the world more dangerous by pursuing policies that have led to war, ruin and insecurity.

Mr Putin stunned an audience of security officials from around the world that included US Defence Secretary Robert Gates. He said that nations were “witnessing an almost uncontained hyper use of force in international relations. The US had disastrously abused its power, and has imposed itself on other countries.” One state, the United States, he said, “has overstepped its national borders in all spheres.”

“This is extremely dangerous. Nobody feels secure anymore because nobody can hide behind international law. This is nourishing an arms race and the desire of countries to get nuclear weapons.”

Mr Putin went on to charge that the US dominance had been ruinous. “Local and regional wars didn’t get fewer. The number of people who died didn’t get less, but increased ... We see no kind of restraint,” he said.

A “unipolar” world, Putin said, “means in practice one thing: one centre of power, one centre of force, one centre of decision-making, a world of one master, one sovereign.” (Unipolar means “a single centre of power,” as differing to bipolar and multipolar.)

Putin’s speech has added to tensions between Russia and the US.

US Republican senator and presidential hopeful John McCain who heard Putin at the Munich conference said: “Today’s world is not unipolar ... the Russian leader’s apparent belief to the contrary raises a number of very difficult questions.”

Correspondents say Putin’s strident speech may signal a more assertive Russia, and it may be a turning point in international relations.

What are the reasons for Putin’s sudden attack on the US? One is that it is a response to US plans to establish a missile defence system close to Russia’s border - in the Czech Republic and Poland – former Soviet satellites, now members of the western NATO alliance.

“Why is it necessary to put military infrastructure on our border? It’s hardly connected to today’s global threats. What is the threat? Terrorism and fighting it!”

Putin said. He warned that any further enlargement of the alliance would be inappropriate.

### **“WHY DID WEST LIE ON NATO EXPANSION?”**

FEB 12, 07. NEW DELHI: “We don’t have to cheat each other and the rest of the world.” That’s what Russian Ambassador to India Vyacheslav Trubnikov believes to be the “main message” of the February 11 speech made by President Putin, lambasting the US and its allies, at the annual Munich security conference.

Echoing his words, Mr. Trubnikov wanted to know why the West “practically lied to us” on the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Again, he pointed to the “treachery” in going back on the commitment that military hardware would not be deployed in new NATO countries in Europe.

Pointing out that Mr. Putin’s speech was about Russia’s position in today’s world, Mr. Trubnikov said the President did not mince his words. Though it did not signal a return to the Cold War, Mr. Putin provided a “frank and honest” assessment of the global scene.

### **RUSSIA TRACKING IDF MOVEMENTS**

JAN 26, 07. A few days ago Russia announced that it had completed the sale of advanced anti-aircraft systems to Iran, providing a protective umbrella for the genocidal regime’s nuclear program.

On Friday, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Russian military officers are manning listening posts along the Syrian border with Israel and feeding intelligence on IDF movements to Lebanon’s Hizb’allah. <http://www.jnewswire.com/article/1606>

### **IRAN SAYS IT RECEIVED RUSSIAN AIR DEFENCE MISSILES**

Jan 24, 07. The Iranian defence minister announced Iran has received a Russian air defence missile system. Iran’s announcement came as it launched three days of military maneuvers - its first since the UN Security Council approved sanctions against Iran on Dec 23. – ynet news.com

### **RUSSIA AGAINST U.S. PLAN FOR MISSILE SITES IN CENTRAL EUROPE**

Jan 24, 07. *The International Herald Tribune* reported the Russian defence minister has harshly criticized U.S. plans to deploy missile defence sites in Central Europe, saying that Moscow did not trust American claims that the sites were intended to counter missile threats posed by Iran and North Korea.

### **RUSSIA~VENEZUELA~IRAN ALLIANCE**

Boosted by Russia’s oil wealth, President Putin has been seeking to restore Moscow’s international influence by making common cause with anti-US allies, notably

**Venezuelan** President Hugo Chavez, and by maintaining its longtime “friendship” with **Iran**.

Russia, although a member of the Quartet, and the Road Map to Peace in the Middle East, is shoring up its backing for its traditional Arab “friends” - Syria, Egypt and the Palestinians; as well as Iran.

Vladimir Putin’s hardening line is not surprising. In the light of his renewed build-up of military weapons and systems, and his expansion of alliances to the south, east and to S America, it is evident that he is gearing up for the great battle of the ages.

The Bible foretells a great Northern Confederation led by Rosh (Russia) which will include Beth-Togarmah (the Turkomen), and many Arab and African nations. This alliance which will invade Israel and the Middle East in the endtimes, will be a major part of a holocaustic world war. Read Ezekiel 38:3-8.

“The Sovereign Master, YHWH, says: Listen! I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Rosh (Russia), and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws and bring you out with your whole army - your horses and horsemen all fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing swords.

“Persia (*Iran*), Cush (*Ethiopia*), and Put (*Libya*) will be with them, all with shields and helmets; Gomer (*Germany*) also with all its troops; and the House of Togarmah from the far north (*Turkey and the Turkic people of Central Asia*) with all its troops - many nations with you. Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them.

“After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will invade the land that has recovered from the sword, whose people have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had long been desolate. Its people had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them are living securely.”

The time for this battle is early in the Great Tribulation. But before the Tribulation, the Rapture – the catching up of the people of Y’shua, Jesus the Messiah, will take place. Oh friend, don’t be left behind!