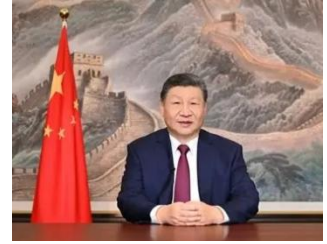




Xi Jinping Proposes Elbowing U.S. Out of Middle East on Egypt Trip

September 3, 2026 **Breitbart** reported: “Xi conducted a two-day visit to Cairo this week following a hectic diplomatic schedule that began by welcoming Jordanian King Abdullah II to Beijing in late August and also included at stop at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. There, Xi held meetings with some of his most important allies, such as Russian strongman Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, though the optics of the latter meeting suggested that the Chinese government may rapidly be losing patience with Iran’s ongoing disruptions of global shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.



China President Xi

The visit to Egypt featured a lavish welcome from that nation’s government and a tour of the recently opened Grand Museum, home to some of the world’s oldest civilizational artifacts.

Losing influence with Iran and Saudi Arabia, Xi has turned to Egypt. There, the Chinese president emphasized the economic need for stability in the Middle East, suggesting that Egypt should assume a leadership role in diplomacy and resolving longstanding conflicts. He also introduced what Chinese state media called a “four-point proposal” to build a “new security architecture” in the Middle East. Reports on Xi’s proposal did not mention the United States or American influence in the region but repeatedly emphasized the need for blocking “external interference...”

Erdogan says Turkey would consider full membership of China-Russia-led security bloc

September 2, 2026 **The Jerusalem Post** reported: “NATO member Turkey would consider taking its relations with the China and Russia-led security bloc, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, to a higher level, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday.

"Turkey's prospect of (full) membership to the organization does not imply a breakaway from any other bloc or from the West," Erdogan said, according to a transcript of remarks he made to journalists on his return flight from Kyrgyzstan.

Erdogan attended a summit of the SCO, of which Turkey is a "dialog partner," in Bishkek on Tuesday. Erdogan also said on Wednesday that a mechanism is needed to permanently ensure the safety of commercial maritime transport in the Black Sea before a grain crisis escalates.

Earlier this week, Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said Turkey had prepared a plan for the safe passage of grain via the Black Sea, and that it was in contact with both Russia and Ukraine regarding it...”

Russia secretly aiding Iran in development of supersonic cruise missile technology - report

September 2, 2026 **The Jerusalem Post** reported: “Russia has been secretly helping Iran develop supersonic cruise missiles, London-based outlet *The Financial Times* reported on Wednesday morning, which experts say would likely have been intended for anti-ship and land attacks.

The program, codenamed C430L, began in 2023 and was arranged by Russia's state arms exporter, Rosoboronexport, in coordination with the US-sanctioned NPO Mashinostroyenia, *FT* reported. According to *FT*, Russian arms export officials and senior NPO Mashinostroyenia engineers traveled to Iran repeatedly in 2023.

Among the engineers who conducted these trips were Alexander Dergachev, chief designer for sea-launched missiles and cruise missile complexes; Alexander Chebakov, head of NPO Mashinostroyenia’s design department for air-breathing propulsion units and a specialist in supersonic ramjet propulsion for cruise missiles; and Yuri Prokhorchuk, head of the aerodynamics and ballistics department. *FT* also learned that Vladislav Kuzmichev, head of Rosoboronexport’s department of defense technologies and space, accompanied the delegation on its third trip to Iran, and later negotiated the C430L contract with Iran.

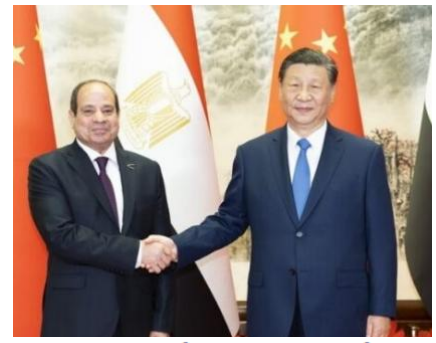
On Tuesday, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian thanked Russian President Vladimir Putin for Moscow's position on the war in Iran and resulting sanctions, and said that together, Moscow and Tehran can resist what he called US “unilateralism.” ...”

Xi's visit to Egypt marks Chinese interest in Middle East, Egypt's push to keep growing - analysis

September 1, 2026 **The Jerusalem Post** reported: China’s President Xi Jinping is visiting Egypt this week. The three-day visit is important as it showcases China’s continued interest in the Middle East.

It is his first to Egypt since 2016, MBN News noted, and it “coincides with the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Egypt was the first Arab and African state to establish relations with the People’s Republic of China in 1956.”

The MBN report adds that “the anniversary offers both governments an opportunity to highlight a partnership that has expanded into infrastructure, trade, telecommunications, space technology, defense, and artificial intelligence. Behind the official celebrations, however, is a more practical question: Why has Egypt become so important to China?”



Egyptian President meets President Xi

Why indeed? Egypt is a large country with around 100 million people. It has the Suez Canal, and it is situated at the junction of the Middle East and North Africa. It plays a role in Libya and Sudan and historically was a leader in the Arab world. Egypt was also an important country during the Cold War and has continued to be an anchor of the entire region...

The report says that Xi is keen to work with Egypt’s President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. This can lead to a “push for the growth of China-Egypt relations, featuring greater strategic guidance, stronger synergy for development, and broader international influence.” China has been seeking greater inroads in the Middle East....”

New scans push Turkey’s Noah’s Ark formation closer to proof

August 31, 2026 israel365news.com reported: “A boat-shaped formation in eastern Turkey has produced its most detailed underground readings in decades. Ground-penetrating radar equipment brought from the United States has detected multiple anomalies beneath the Durupinar formation in Ağrı province, including cavities and structures that intersect at right angles across several underground levels. Soil samples pulled from inside the formation have also shown carbon levels roughly 40 percent higher than samples taken outside it. Researchers say the combined data are pushing them toward answers that six decades of speculation have failed to produce.

The Sages treated the Genesis flood narrative as a record of real geography, not allegory, and the text itself supports that reading. After the water receded, “And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat” (Genesis 8:4). Genesis continues with the same precision: “And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen” (Genesis 8:5). These verses give factual clues to the Biblical account, citing months, days, and a named mountain range. That level of specificity is precisely what has kept researchers returning to the region for over sixty years, and it is what now sends them underground with radar equipment rather than simply photographing a hillside from the air.

The current excavation, led by archaeology professor Cenk Atilla of Sivas Cumhuriyet University, began fieldwork on June 28, 2026, near the Doğubayazıt district. Around 20 researchers and students from five countries have produced three-dimensional models of the formation, recorded GPS coordinates, and mapped the site before moving into underground surveys with radar systems also used by the U.S. Air Force.

“We tried to understand whether there are cavities, wood remains or other fragments underground that could have formed the shape of a ship,” Atilla told the Turkish newspaper Milliyet...

The scans identified what Atilla described as intersecting angular structures on multiple levels, converging toward the center of the formation. “The presence of anomalies and voids intersecting at a right angle raised the question of whether they could be part of a vessel,” he said...

Atilla said. “Already the current data daily raise[s] the probability that Noah’s Ark is here....”

Taiwan says 'unpredictable' China strengthens air and sea control nearby

August 31, 2026 reuters.com reported: “An increasingly unpredictable Beijing is tightening its grip on the air and sea around Taiwan, Taipei said in an annual review of the Chinese threat that also said China was learning lessons from issues faced by the United States in waging war on Iran.

China views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control, and sends its military into the waters and airspace around Taiwan on an almost daily basis.

Taiwan's government rejects Beijing's sovereignty claims, saying only the island's people can decide their future...”

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