
CHINA TO CONSTRUCT AFGHAN MILITARY BASE ON AFGHANISTAN-TAJIKISTAN BORDER

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What is behind Chinas increasing presence in Central Asia?

China will build a military base along the border between Afghanistan and Tajikistan for the Afghan armed forces, according to a January 7 report by EurasiaNet. The plan, if it is realized, promises a deeper Chinese military involvement in Tajikistan, which is necessary as a supply corridor to Badakhshan, the report said.

The plan calls for China to supply the base with weapons, uniforms and gear, and also for Beijing to move military vehicles through Tajikistan into Afghanistan.

The news follows a visit in December by an Afghan military delegation to Beijing. Afghan Defense Minister Tariq Shah Bahrami said the two sides agreed during the visit to deepen pragmatic cooperation in various fields including antiterrorism operations, and push forward the state and military relations between the two countries.

Building a military base in this region fits in with Chinas growing security ties to Afghanistan and its increasing presence in Central Asia.

China has been ramping up its ties with nations in this region partly to fight terrorism. Tajikistan and Afghanistan are often breeding grounds for Islamic extremism, some of which has spilled into China. The base will help China address its security concerns on its western border.

Chinas increasing focus is also motivated by its Belt and Road Initiative. This project aims to rebuild the ancient Silk Road trade route, stretching from China to Europe by boosting connectivity and transport infrastructure along the thousands of miles between the two, a route that passes

through Afghanistan and Tajikistan. An increasingly important component of Beijings Belt and Road Initiative can be found in the Central Asian corridor that connects China and Afghanistan, Stratfor wrote on January 11.

The Trumpet monitors Chinas progress on the Belt and Road Initiative because of the projects biblically prophetic significance. Isaiah 23 discusses a mart of nations that will form in modern times and function as a massive economic partnership. At the helm of the mart of nations will be a country Isaiah refers to as Chittim, an ancient name for modern-day China. Also at the helm will be Tyre, a city that represents the commercial center of modern Europe.

Isaiah 23 says these two economic powers will become partners and will control global commerce for a brief time. Deuteronomy 28:52 makes clear that this trade partnership will form at Americas expense.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains the details of this economic mart in his booklet Isaiahs End-Time Vision:

The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America [] many other prophecies of America being besieged.

That is where China and the giants of Asia enter the picture. When the [European power] attacks North America, there will be no help or sympathy from Asia.

Instead, Asian nations such as China will assist in carrying out the attack. Mr. Flurry says the fact that China has come to possess most of the worlds strategic sea gates shows that there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers

He continues: Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage [] for a moment [] key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations

The significance of Chinas growing presence in Afghanistan and Tajikistan is revealed in these Bible prophecies. And Chinas drive to connect itself to Europe through Central Asia and the Middle East is already redirecting some international trade in a way that marginalizes the United States.

This trend points to some troubling times ahead for America and some of its allies. But these troubling times will be immediately followed by the most prosperous and peaceful age in mankind's history. Mr. Flurry writes: [W]hat a dynamic market of nations it is. All of them are going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation. * But that trading partnership won't last long. Soon they will clash, just before Jesus Christ returns and destroys both of them (ibid).

China's increasing presence in Central Asia and beyond is leading to the long-awaited return of Christ! He will usher in an age of peace and prosperity for the Chinese, Afghans, Tajiks, Europeans, Americans and all other peoples.

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