August 11, 1840 dateline information

The following information is in a raw state of compilation, but is none the less historical facts in history. Much of the following information was found by Goggle while searching the five key words or groups of words in the below listed items. <u>This search located a second happening in the mideast on August 11, 1840, this supports Litch's prediction and Ellen G. White's comments on this date in Advent and world history.</u>

- (1) Rifaat bey
- (2) Turkey
- (3) Austria Prussia Russia England
- (4) Quadlateral convention
- (5) Quadruple Alliance

I noticed that on the London Morning Chronicle of August 7 that there are starting to be many articles written about the Eastern Question, I noticed that the British had set up the French and never included them in the plan because they supported the Pasha and his vested interests.

Mehemet Ali, the Pasha of Egypt, who had sent men and ships to help subdue Greece, decided to take advantage of the weakened state of Turkey to extend his own area of influence by invading Palestine in November 1831. He advanced north, capturing Acre in May 1832 and Damascus in June. The Sultan, in desparation, turned for help to Russia and made concessions to Mehemet Ali ceding him Palestine and Syria. In 1839 the Sultan decided to strike back at Egypt but his army was routed at Nezib on 29 June and the Turkish main fleet deserted at Alexandria. In July 1840 Britain, Austria, Russia and Prussia agreed to back Turkey and Admiral Sir Robert Stopford ordered <u>Captain Charles Napier to proceed to Beirut which was captured on 11</u> <u>August.</u> [Reference "The Eastern Question a study in European Diplomacy" by J.A.R. Marriot page 243]

Syria rose in revolt and Napier moved on to Acre and took it in three hours. The Egyptians capitulated when Napier appeared off Alexandria. 32 British and 8 Austrian vessels operated off the coast of Syria.

http://www.cronab.demon.co.uk/hist.htm

Found this with the search of Rifat bey, @ Goggle it was on the third page.

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who proposed to afford material aid to the Porte against the pasha of Egypt, was overruled by the cabinet: and again, in 1839, when Baron Brunnow first proposed the active interference of Russia and England, the offer was rejected. But in 1840 Lord Palmerston returned to the charge and prevailed. The moment was critical, for Mehemet Ali had occupied Syria and won the Battle of Nezib against the Turkish forces, and on 1 July 1839 the sultan Mahmud expired. The Egyptian forces occupied Syria, and threatened Turkey; and Lord Ponsonby, then British ambassador at Constantinople, vehemently urged the necessity of crushing so formidable a rebellion against the Ottoman power. But France, though her ambassador had signed the collective note in the previous year, declined to be a party to measures of coercion against the pasha of Egypt. Palmerston, irritated at her Egyptian policy, flung himself into the arms of the northern powers, and the treaty of the 15 July 1840 was signed in London without the knowledge or concurrence of France. This measure was not taken without great hesitation, and strong opposition on the part of several members of the British cabinet. Lord Palmerston himself declared in a letter to the Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne, that he should guit the ministry if his policy was not adopted; and he carried his point. The French ultimately refused to go to war to defend their Egyptian clients, and the bombardment of Beirut, the fall of Acre, and the total collapse of the boasted power of Mehemet Ali followed in rapid succession. Before the close of the year Lord Palmerston's policy, which had convulsed and terrified Europe, was triumphant, and the author of it was regarded as one of the most powerful statesmen of the age. At the same time, though acting with Russia in the Levant, the British government engaged in the affairs of Afghanistan to defeat her intrigues in Central Asia, and a contest with China was terminated by the conquest of Chusan, afterwards exchanged for the island of Hong Kong.

http://www.answers.com/topic/henry-john-temple-3rd-viscount-palmerston

The date that needs to be considered is July 15, 1840 when the Quadruple Alliance was signed. This treaty was fulfilled on August 11, 1840 when the Turkish ambassador appeared with the ultimatum to leave Syria.

1840 Egypt forced to relinquish Syria by quadruple alliance of the Europeans. http://www.maxpages.com/umarkhan/Islam Is Great Part 4

<u>www.knowledgerush.com/kr/jsp/db/viewWiki.jsp?title=Henry+John+Temple%2C+3rd+Viscount+Palmerston</u> Search address for the following statement.

The **Ottoman Empire** (sometimes referred to in diplomatic circles as the "Sublime Porte" or simply as "the Porte") was a <u>Turkish state</u> that comprised <u>Turkey</u>, part of the <u>Middle East</u>, <u>North Africa</u> and south-eastern <u>Europe</u> in the <u>14th</u> to <u>20th</u> centuries, established by the <u>Seljuq</u> Turkish tribe of <u>Söğüt</u> in western <u>Anatolia</u>. The Ottoman Empire was among the world's most powerful polities in the <u>16th</u> and <u>17th</u> centuries when the countries of <u>Europe</u> felt threatened by its steady advances through the <u>Balkans</u>.

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