



Attacks on Saudi Arabia's Oil Resources Blamed on Iran, NeoCons Ready for War

Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil processing facility, the largest refinery in the world, and the Khurais oil field, were attacked. The Houthis have claimed responsibility but, since Iran is an ally of the Houthis and since the drones used in the attack may have come from Iran, the Saudis are putting the blame on Iran. Some observers suspect a false flag attack; earlier this year, there were two questionable claimed attacks against oil tankers that were blamed on Iran (see [here](#) and [here](#)). The NeoCons and WarHawks in Washington are calling for war. -GEG

Following the early morning attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil processing facility—the largest oil processing plant in the world—and a similar drone attack at the Khurais oil field on Saturday, the neocon senator from South Carolina, Lindsey Graham, has called for attacking Iran.

It is now time for the U.S. to put on the table an attack on Iranian oil refineries if they continue their provocations or increase nuclear enrichment.

– Lindsey Graham (@LindseyGrahamSC) [September 14, 2019](#)

Although the Houthis claimed responsibility for the crippling

attack, there is little evidence who is actually responsible. It is just as likely the Saudis did this to 1) ramp up hostilities against their arch enemy, Shia Iran, 2) jack up the price of oil, and 3) in the process make the impending Aramco IPO more lucrative.

In addition, the Saudis fear the end of the illegal war on the people of Yemen negotiated by the US:

*US in Direct Talks With Yemen's Houthis
Talks 'narrowly focused on trying to end the war' #Yemen
#SaudiArabia #UAE #Houthi*
<https://t.co/5uS0gVnfh8pic.twitter.com/CL48LIqsHR>

– *Antiwar.com (@Antiwarcom) [September 6, 2019](#)*

[Zerohedge](#) notes:

According to Reuters reports the drone attacks will impact up to 5 million bpd of oil production, which suggests that the price of oil—already severely depressed by the recent news that John Bolton is out, making de-escalation with Iran far more likely—is set to soar when trading reopens late on Sunday, just what the upcoming Aramco IPO desperately needs, which in turn has prompted some to wonder if the “Yemen” attack on Saudi Arabia wasn’t in fact orchestrated by Saudi interests. (Emphasis mine.)

Meanwhile, the corporate media, as should be expected, is placing the blame indirectly on Iran. From the beginning of the Saudi campaign to bomb the daylights out of Yemen, creating one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory, the corporate media has stated as an indisputable fact the Houthis are an Iranian proxy doing the bidding of the mullahs in Tehran.

The attack by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias against the two Aramco pumping stations proves that these militias are

merely a tool that Iran's regime uses to implement its expansionist agenda in the region, and not to protect the people of Yemen as the Houthis falsely claim.

– Khalid bin Salman ﷺ ﷺ (@kbsalsaud) [May 16, 2019](#)

On the contrary, the Iranians have very little to do with supporting the Houthis, a fact rarely mentioned because it conflicts with the narrative that fallaciously states Iran is the most vicious terror state in the world (that designation is better suited for the United States and Israel).

[Thomas Juneau](#), the assistant professor at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and an analyst with Canada's Department of National Defense, wrote for The Washington Post in 2016, "Tehran's support for the Houthis is limited, and its influence in Yemen is marginal. It is simply inaccurate to claim that the Houthis are Iranian proxies."

Breaking News: Drone strikes set 2 major oil refineries ablaze deep in Saudi Arabia. Houthi rebels in Yemen, who are supported by Iran, claimed responsibility. <https://t.co/N8qk7M0dE9>

– The New York Times (@nytimes) [September 14, 2019](#)

Iran's assistance "remains limited and far from sufficient to make more than a marginal difference to the balance of forces in Yemen, a country awash with weapons. There is, therefore, no supporting evidence to the claim that Iran has bought itself any significant measure of influence over Houthi decision-making."

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