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by a_family_member_of_adam_and_eve on 30.03.2006 [17:36]

we have seen the roll of the bodor brigade in iraq and the bigger bodor brigade are preparing to grab the middle eastern oil and their rival is the invading pigs of america.

Iran's domestic military technology is more advanced than some people realize.
by Iranian-Shi'ite on 31.03.2006 [06:06]

Iran's domestic military technology is more advanced than some people realize.

Iran has been studying the USA's capabilities in Iraq since 1991.
Iran studied the USA's capabilities in Serbia.

Iran managed to capture some failed cruise missiles and take them back to Iran to study them.

Some very good Iranian engineers and scientists have studied advanced military equipment from around the world and have reverse-engineered them such that they are produced indigenously in Iran.

When Iran fought against Iraq, there were several countries often selling advanced arms to Iraq regularly; and only occasionally selling anything to Iran.

Iran decided that it would be necessary to develop its own indigenous military technology industry.

For over 25 years Iran has defined its military capabilities as being reliant not on foreign equipment, but on equipment that can be produced at home.

For over 25 years Iran has defined its military strategy as confronting enemies that have superior technology, and how to use tactical domestic technology to take advantage of weaknesses in the enemy's technology.

Domestically created military technologies used in conjunction with asymmetrical warfare strategies, and used in conjunction with disrupting oil supplies, create a capacity on the part of Iran which some people have not recognized.

Thanks for inviting the US
by cpmnpa on 31.03.2006 [09:53]

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It'll give us a chance to see your battle plans, test our communications intercepts, etc.

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