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An Israeli military base in Saudi Arabia?

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Although Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf disclaimed the news reported in the *Times of London* according to which Saudi Arabia had opened an air corridor enabling Tsalal to attack Iran, numerous Middle East outlets have indicated that Tsalal is building a military base near Tabuk (on the Jordanian border). It is meant to serve as a support base for airborne troops.

If this news were confirmed, it would constitute the first Israeli base on Saudi territory, with all the symbolic weight that it represents.

The December 2008 *Operation "Cast Lead"*, which aimed to eradicate Hamas from the Gaza Strip, **was bankrolled by Saudi funds**, although it has never been specified whether they originated from the royal family or from the State itself.

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