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ISRAEL ORDERS MASSIVE MILITARY FUEL STOCKS FAR IN EXCESS OF THAT REQUIRED FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS

Three weeks ago the US Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) published a notice, as it is legally required to do, announcing that Israel has ordered massive quantities of various fuels suitable for military use, and in the case of the order for JP-8 jet fuel, suitable only for military use.

The massive order is valued at some \$2 billion and, as well as the 284 million gallons (1.075 billion litres) of JP-8 jet fuel, the order also includes 60 million gallons (227 million litres) of unleaded gasoline and 100 million gallons (378 million litres) of diesel fuel.

Last week I wrote of how it would not be possible for Israel to mount a 'unilateral' strike against Iran because Israel would require complete connivance and support for such a strike from the US. I explained, as I have in the past, how it would be necessary for the US to supply the massive amounts of fuel need for such a strike. If Israel were to strike Iran, Israel would only require the massive

amounts of jet fuel and over a billion litres of jet fuel would be more than enough to do the job in practical terms.

If Israel were planning to strike Iran then that would explain the requirement for the large amounts of JP-8 fuel. However, it does not explain Israel's need for such large amounts of gasoline and diesel fuel since an Israeli strike against Iran is unlikely to include any type of ground incursion into Iran for which these fuels would be used. The only conclusion one can draw, if Israel is not planning to actually invade Iran, which, clearly, it could not, is that Israel is planning to use the gasoline and the diesel fuel for some other ground incursion – and that can only mean an invasion of Lebanon and possibly the Gaza and West Bank when an attack against Iran is launched.

This massive order begs the question; is the final confrontation imminent? And, if not, then what is all this fuel for?

Time will tell. Jet fuel, if it's going to be used in peak condition, doesn't have a very long shelf life.

POSTED BY DAMIAN LATAAN AT 11:35 AM 

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 Anonymous said...

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11:48 AM

 Northerntruthseeker said...

Damien... I read the original document, and it states of a potential sale to Israel. The question becomes:

Has the US ok'ed this sale and has it shipped the fuel off to Israel already? Or is the sale and shipment still pending?

Once Israel gets the fuel, the clock on the attack on Iran is definitely ticking!

12:36 PM

 Damian Lataan said...

Sorry about the typo. Thanks for pointing it out to me.

Northerntruthseeker, the wording about 'potential sale' is just a formality as part of processing the order. As a matter of course such orders are always reviewed. As far as I'm aware, the Israelis haven't yet had a knock-back from the US on such orders. I don't know what stage the order is at at the moment or if it's been shipped yet. It will require several large tankers to transport such large quantities.

10:01 AM

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