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**Today**

**US to sell Israel massive military fuel stocks worth \$2 bn**  
By: Damian Lataan + Debka on: 28.08.2010 [07:51 ] (457 reads)

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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.

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**US to sell Israel massive military fuel stocks worth \$2 bn**

DEBKAFIle Exclusive Report August 28, 2010, 12:53 PM (GMT+02:00) Tags: US military fuel Israel Japanese tanker sabotaged in Hormuz in July On Aug. 6, the US Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DSCA, informed Congress of the sale to Israel of 60 million gallons of unleaded gasoline, 284 million gallons of JP-8 aviation jet fuel and 100 million gallons of diesel fuel at an estimated cost of two billion dollars. The date is significant, debkafile's intelligence sources find. Ten days earlier, the Japanese tanker M.Star was attacked in Omani waters of the Strait of Hormuz with 200,000 tons of oil. Although American experts who examined the vessel, they never attributed the damage to sabotage by Iran or al Qaeda, despite the latter's claim of responsibility on Aug. 4 While Washington did its best to sweep the incident under the rug, Saudi intelligence were worried enough about the threat inching dangerously close to the Gulf's oil exporting lifeline to launch an independent investigation of the incident. Their investigators discovered it was staged by a Saudi terrorist who operates out of Iran under the orders of the Revolutionary Guards. To Riyadh, the episode looked like a blunt warning from Tehran to Washington and its allies about the consequences - not just of a direct strike against Iran's nuclear facilities, but the possibility of sanctions upsetting the equilibrium of the Islamic regime.

Blockage of the Strait of Hormuz would cut off Israel's primary source of fuel. Therefore, our sources report, a series of accords, some of them secret, have been transacted to back up America's standing commitment to keep Israel supplied with its energy needs in the event of armed conflict or crisis on world fuel markets. In its request to Congress to approve the sale, the DSCA noted:

"The proposed sale of the JP-B aviation fuel will enable Israel to maintain the operational capability of its aircraft inventory. The unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel will be used for ground forces' vehicles and other equipment used in keeping peace and security in the region. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing this additional fuel into its armed forces."

debkafile adds: Israel is therefore ready and able to absorb this huge injection of military-purpose fuels. Tehran published its response through an item on the Tabanak Website on Saturday, Aug. 28. It was headlined in large capitals: ISRAEL ORDERS MASSIVE MLITARY FUEL STOCKS FAR IN EXCESS OF THAT REQUIRED FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS. Our Iranian sources report that this site belongs to Mohsen Rezaei, ex-commander of the Revolutionary Guards and much respected in the highest Iranian military and intelligence circles. The Iranian site goes on to cite bloggers' comments, the most quoted of which comes from an anonymous ex-US Air Force officer, who wrote on Aug. 27: "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 n Israeli 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."

According to debkafile's military experts, the shelf life of JP-8 jet fuel is not long - no more than six to eight months. Also Saturday, the Kuwait Al-Rai claimed that Israel is making its last preparations for an attack on the Hizballah missile stores located in Syria close to the Lebanese border, for which an IDF armored division has been called up.

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**A cheap \$100.00 missile can make a big "boom"????**  
by bernie22 on 26.08.2010 [20:55 ]

Those fuel stocks will make for one big fireball when those Iranian and Hezbollah missiles start to rain down on the israeli's????

**DUMB POST!....**  
by sealion on 27.08.2010 [01:02 ]

IsraHELL only has 8 old 707 tanker planes, only 6 of which are currently in service, each carrying some 120,000 pounds of fuel and, at most, they can only service 4 fighter/bombers, each...  
120,000 x 6 = 720,000 pounds  
The F-16I and F-15I need to take off with full bomb load and no external fuel tanks, so add another 6000 pounds of fuel for each of the 24 planes fielded:  
6000 x 24 = 144,000 pounds  
Total: 864,000 pounds  
**At 6.8 pounds per gallon 864,000/6.8 = 127,058 gallons**  
Yet this STUPID story talks about: 284 million gallons (1.075 billion litres) of JP-8 jet fuel - STORED where, I'd like to know, as such capacity just doesn't exist in IsraHELLI...  
**CONCLUSION: another BULLSHIT story put out by KIKISTAN in its putrid media to try and scare Iran...**

**Illogical story**  
by LittleHelper on 27.08.2010 [06:05 ]

sealion is right, and the story has even more flaws.  
Israel doesn't buy her fuel in the US (transport would be far too expensive) but mostly at the marine port of Rotterdam, Netherlands, also the raw oil, which she is refining in her own refinery at Jaffa. Ironically most of the raw oil Israel is buying in Rotterdam is of Iranian origin, as this is the quality of oil her refinery is optimized for. This is despite Israel never gets tired to speak of a 'total boycott of Iranian goods.

**Corrigenda**

by LittleHelper on 27.08.2010 [06:07 ]

The israeli refinery is not located in Jaffa, but in Haifa.

**The military base Israel...**

by gmmonko on 28.08.2010 [22:21 ]

...needs lots of fuel for peace mission in the Middle East. Today another hilarious story was in the press: Mr. Alawi the former Iraqi PM predicts a war between Iraq/Iran. Hmm? The US and stupids brought back the old Sunni/Schia conflict to Iraq and hope the can cash in with a cheap war against Iran.

It is really hard to tell what could happen.

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