Kirkuk to Haifa Pipeline: Reason for the War?

Let's look back at a motivation for the Iraq war.

Israel seeks pipeline for Iraqi oil

US discusses plan to pump fuel to its regional ally and solve energy headache at a stroke Ed Vuillamy in Washington Sunday April 20, 2003 The Observer

Plans to build a pipeline to siphon oil from newly conquered Iraq to Israel are being discussed between Washington, Tel Aviv and potential future government figures in Baghdad. The plan envisages the reconstruction of an old pipeline, inactive since the end of the British mandate in Palestine in 1948, when the flow from Iraq's northern oilfields to Palestine was re-directed to Syria.

Look at the size of that Kirkuk oilfield.
**Haifa 1, Haifa 2, Haifa 3?**

Permanent US bases on the map are marked H2 and H3, following the path of the Kirkuk to Haifa pipeline. H1 is also visible, partially obscured by the US official’s head:

One can draw a line from Kirkuk in Iraq, through the three bases, then through Jordan and finally to the oil refineries and ports of Haifa, Israel. This is in fact the path of the old pipeline which was shut down in 1948.
Also in 2003, Arch-Zionist Benjamin Netanyahu told of the pipeline plans.

Small wonder Israeli interests backed the war so strongly.

Netanyahu Says Iraq-Israel Oil Line No Pipe-Dream

By Steven Scheer

LONDON (Reuters) - Israeli Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (news - web sites) said he expected an oil pipeline from Iraq (news - web sites) to Israel to be reopened in the near future after being closed when Israel became a state in 1948.

"It won't be long when you will see Iraqi oil flowing to Haifa," the port city in northern Israel, Netanyahu told a group of British investors, declining to give a timetable.

"It is just a matter of time until the pipeline is reconstituted and Iraqi oil will flow to the Mediterranean."

Netanyahu later told Reuters the government was in the early stages of looking into the possibility of reopening the pipeline, which during the British Mandate sent oil from Mosul to Haifa via Jordan.

"It's not a pipe-dream," Netanyahu said.

This article has been picked up by Zionopedia.

Further Reading:

Ziopedia: Nation-building, Resource Manipulation and Zionist Skullduggery

Xymphora: The Haifa-Kirkuk Pipeline

Index Research: US/UK BASES IN IRAQ, Part II. The South : Falcon-Al-Sarq, Tallil, Shaibah

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7 Responses to “Kirkuk to Haifa Pipeline: Reason for the War?”

1. Ian Robertson Says:
   August 23rd, 2007 at 7:25 pm

   Too much of our oil must pass through the Straits of Hormuz. I fail to see any problem with oil reaching the Medit. through Haifa.

   Would you prefer that we freeze in the winter?

2. anarchore Says:
   August 24th, 2007 at 7:27 pm

   Oh, it is your oil now, is it?

   Otherwise those 650,000 Iraqis and 3,000 US will have died for nothing, right?

3. Greg Bacon Says:
   September 23rd, 2007 at 10:24 am

   Nothing’s too good for our “best” freinds in the ME, Israel.

   From fighting THEIR wars to maintain Israeli hegemony in the ME to invading Iraq and letting Israel siphon off the oil sales for their country, nothing’s too good for our best friends in the ME.

   Anything for our “only” friend in the ME. Hell, if it means we have to send another 10,000 American kids to get murdered in the desert sands of the ME so Israel can remain the top dog of that area, then let the slaughter continue.

   Funny, but i can’t help but to think that before Israel came into existence, the U.S. had no enemies in the ME.
NEVER AGAIN!!!

NO MORE AMERICAN BLOOD FOR ISRAEL.

NEVER AGAIN!!!

4. JoeP Says:
   September 23rd, 2007 at 11:28 am

   How naive, Ian Robertson, with regard to it being Ok for oil to make it to Haifa. The point is: then it’s NOT Iraq´s oil or anyone’s but Israel’s. And that was a main facet of the war, more profits for the criminals in both Israel and elsewhere.

5. Ian is a selfish pr*ck Says:
   September 23rd, 2007 at 11:31 am

   Obviously, other people’s deaths and the rape of nations is OK if it let’s “Ian Robertson” live comfortably.

   Short answer, yes, Ian, I’d like to see you freeze your worthless nads off. a-hole

6. fedupwantthetruth Says:
   September 23rd, 2007 at 1:39 pm

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   “Too much of our oil must pass through the Straits of Hormuz. I fail to see any problem with oil reaching the Medit. through Haifa.”

   (1) The oil was to go to Haifa, whereupon Israel would sell it to us. Israel would become an oil country. Haifa to become “The New Rotterdam.”

   (2) Israel is trying to avoid a 25% premium paid to Gazprom presently for trucking and shipping oil to Israel because it doesn’t have a pipeline and DOES NOT WANT TO PAY FOR ONE. This argument started in 1998 when Ariel Sharon was the Minister of Oil or Infrastructure or whatever title he held before Paritzky took over same.

   (3) The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) re-upped in 2002 now charges the USA with supplying Israel with $3 BILLION of oil at 2002 prices (meaning however many barrels 2002 prices would purchase) and guaranteeing their storage and shipment to Israel “even if it causes domestic shortages at home.” That is in the language of the MOU. Google Jane’s Defense Weekly for the story.

   (4) Early in the Iraq War all pipelines except the defunct one to Haifa (it was closed in 1948 . . . that’s what they want to re-open) were bombed. Why would Iraqis disturb their own national treasure at a time of war. Would you bomb your local gas station if this nation were attacked or would you be trying to get fuel out of it so that you could eat or escape?

   (5) The US bases at H1, H2, H3 were the first bases built. There are photos flying around the web of the highly sophisticated bases built in early 2003 in an area of the country where there was NO FIGHTING. I downloaded them in 2003 but did not rename them.

   (6) These are some of the articles you show be reading.

   NOTE THE DATES. Israel was FURIOUS that Paritzky let the cat out of the bag. Livid. But since the American citizens didn’t notice or go crazy, they let it die down, and then it was to appear that Netanyahu came up with the idea in June 2003 with a bunch of British investors, and appear, once again, to be approached by the Americans asking for that in August, 2003.

   THE APRIL 2003 articles
   http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,940250,00.html
   http://www.counterpunch.org/eldar04012003.html

   THE AUGUST 2003 article about how its now an American request, which went ignored since the Valerie Plame thing was in the news. (well, it references the Ha’aretz article . . . you get the drift. All this shit has been wiped from the web except for a few left over places.)
   http://www.counterpunch.org/eldar04012003.html

7. fedupwantthetruth Says:
   September 23rd, 2007 at 1:50 pm

   I apologize. The Guardian article I cited is the same as The Observer in the article above, except I think, st least, my link is more direct for your readers.

   I can’t find what I am about to suggest because my backup is inaccessible right now, but I downloaded a military map of all the Iraqi pipelines bombed in the early months of the war. Seeing it would shock you as it did me. It had to be sabotage. Every major pipeline to the Straits of Hormuz, to Turkey, to Syria . . . all bombed.

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