

# Sen. Graham Wants to Bomb Iran in Response to Houthi Attack on Saudi Oil

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*Following the early morning attack on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq oil processing facility—the largest oil processing plant in the world—and a similar drone attack at the Khurais oil field on Saturday, the neocon senator from South Carolina, Lindsey Graham, has called for attacking Iran.*

It is now time for the U.S. to put on the table an attack on Iranian oil refineries if they continue their provocations or increase nuclear enrichment.

— Lindsey Graham (@LindseyGrahamSC) [September 14, 2019](#)

Although the Houthis claimed responsibility for the crippling attack, there is little evidence who is actually responsible. It is just as likely the Saudis did this to 1) ramp up hostilities against their arch enemy, Shia Iran, 2) jack up the price of oil, and 3) in the process make the impending Aramco IPO more lucrative.

In addition, the Saudis fear the end of the illegal war on the people of Yemen negotiated by the US:

US in Direct Talks With Yemen's Houthis  
Talks 'narrowly focused on trying to end the war' [#Yemen](#) [#SaudiArabia](#) [#UAE](#) [#Houthi](#) <https://t.co/5uSQgVnfh8> [pic.twitter.com/CL48LlqsHR](https://pic.twitter.com/CL48LlqsHR)

— Antiwar.com (@Antiwarcom) [September 6, 2019](#)

[Zerohedge](#) notes:

According to Reuters reports the drone attacks will impact up to 5 million bpd of oil production, which suggests that the price of oil—already severely depressed by the recent news that John Bolton is out, making de-escalation with Iran far more likely—is set to soar when trading reopens late on Sunday, just what the upcoming Aramco IPO desperately needs, which in turn has prompted some to wonder if the “Yemen” attack on Saudi Arabia wasn’t in fact

orchestrated by Saudi interests. (Emphasis mine.)

Meanwhile, the corporate media, as should be expected, is placing the blame indirectly on Iran. From the beginning of the Saudi campaign to bomb the daylights out of Yemen, creating one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent memory, the corporate media has stated as an indisputable fact the Houthis are an Iranian proxy doing the bidding of the mullahs in Tehran.

The attack by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias against the two Aramco pumping stations proves that these militias are merely a tool that Iran's regime uses to implement its expansionist agenda in the region, and not to protect the people of Yemen as the Houthis falsely claim.

— Khalid bin Salman خالد بن سلمان (@kbsalsaud) [May 16, 2019](#)

On the contrary, the Iranians have very little to do with supporting the Houthis, a fact rarely mentioned because it conflicts with the narrative that fallaciously states Iran is the most vicious terror state in the world (that designation is better suited for the United States and Israel).

[Thomas Juneau](#), the assistant professor at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and an analyst with Canada's Department of National Defense, wrote for The Washington Post in 2016, "Tehran's support for the Houthis is limited, and its influence in Yemen is marginal. It is simply inaccurate to claim that the Houthis are Iranian proxies."

Breaking News: Drone strikes set 2 major oil refineries ablaze deep in Saudi Arabia. Houthi rebels in Yemen, who are supported by Iran, claimed responsibility. <https://t.co/N8qk7MOdE9>

— The New York Times (@nytimes) [September 14, 2019](#)

Iran's assistance "remains limited and far from sufficient to make more than a marginal difference to the balance of forces in Yemen, a country awash with weapons. There is, therefore, no supporting evidence to the claim that Iran has bought itself any significant measure of influence over Houthi decision-making."

Graham sits on a number of committees—including the Foreign Relations Committee, and he is the chairman of the Subcommittee on the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs—so it really isn't possible he doesn't know the oft-claimed accusation Iran controls the Houthis is little more than war propaganda.

But then Graham, as a neocon fellow traveler, is enthusiastically in favor of Israel's wars in the Middle East. If it takes a few lies to get things moving, so be it. Iran must be bombed because it cannot be allowed to challenge the Zionist apartheid state, and condemn its disruptive behavior, violation of human rights, and relentless agitation for a war that would suck in America and crash an already teetering world economy.

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