

# THE PEOPLE'S ENERGY EMBARGO:

A hand is shown pouring a dark, thick liquid, representing oil, from a can into a large, dark, textured bag. The bag is filled with the liquid, and the pouring action is emphasized by the flow of the liquid. The background is white, and the overall style is that of a political poster or protest sign.

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FUELING GENOCIDE:  
BRAZIL'S OIL IN "ISRAEL'S"  
WAR MACHINE

# NO DROP OF BRAZILIAN OIL!

A hand is holding a can labeled 'OIL'. The can is tilted, and the liquid inside is being poured into the large bag. The can is white with a black label that says 'OIL'. The hand is drawn in a simple, sketchy style.

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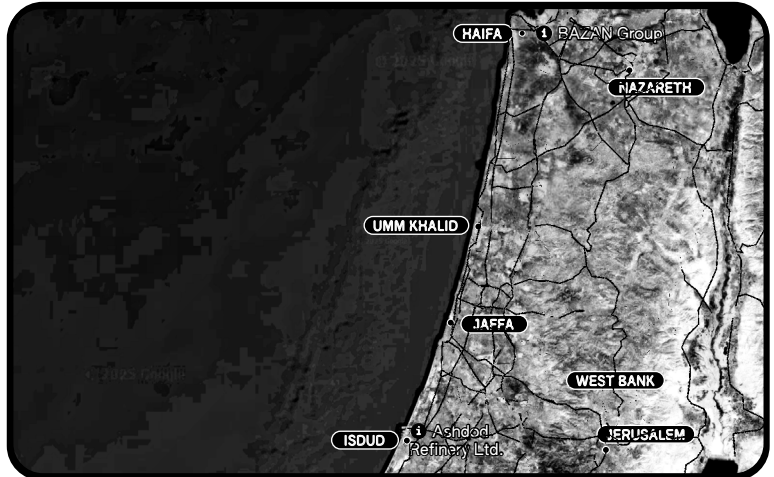
# TRACING GENOCIDE BY THE BARREL: BRAZIL'S OIL IN "ISRAEL'S" WAR MACHINE

In 2024, Brazil's exports to "Israel" amounted to a total of **\$725 million: \$215.94 million**, or around **30%**, consisted of mineral fuels, oils, and distillation products – representing 2.1% of all the Zionist regime's deals, making it the second-biggest partner in the American continent, after the United States and "Israel's" 12th biggest commercial partner.

While the Zionist entity's main sources for crude oil flow from Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, via the port of Ceyhan in Turkey and the Russian port of Novorossiysk – **more than 2.7 million barrels of Brazil's crude oil – 260,000 tons** – have been extracted and eight shipments delivered to "Israel" since December 2023. <sup>(1)</sup>

**"Oil [extracted and delivered] from these companies supplies two refineries in "Israel."**

<sup>(2)</sup> Data according to an investigation by DataDesk (commissioned by Oil Change International) in March, 2024.



**① From Haifa Refinery,** two United Nations Database-listed companies supply their petrol stations throughout Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory,

**② From Ashdod Refinery,** a subsidiary of UN Database-listed company Paz Retail and Energy Ltd provides jet fuel to the Israeli Air Force operating in Gaza.”

— Excerpt from Economy of Occupation to Economy of Genocide (2025)

# FROM RIO TO HAIFA: THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF COMPLICITY

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Four corporations have been named responsible for the extraction of Brazilian oil, from various offshore fields across Sao Paulo and Rio De Janeiro, co-owned by Shell and TotalEnergies, Brazil's Petrobras and to a lesser extent Prio.  
(02) Brazilian oil consists of almost 9% of "Israel's" oil imports—fueling Merkava tanks, F-16, and F-35 US fighter jets in the unfolding genocide and occupation in Gaza and across Palestine.

These corporations continue to profit from both genocide and environmental destruction.

(02) Prio is a partially Brazilian corporation, citing its biggest shareholders as BlackRock and Vanguard Group

**On October 20, 2025 Petrobras was given the green light to drill for oil near the mouth of the Amazon River, casting a shadow over the country's green ambitions as it prepares to host COP 30: the United Nations Climate Change Conference.**

Petrobras has failed to take accountability, stating it did not "deliver any cargoes of crude oil from its production to Israel in December 2023 and 2024." An investigation in July 2025 (03), citing official documents and sources, confirmed Petrobras has been utilizing intermediaries in Italy to keep the crude oil shipment to "Israel" flowing, all the while registering an official dramatic drop in 2025.

(03) The investigation was conducted by Leandro Lanfredi published at La Izquierda Diario, a Brazilian digital daily newspaper part of an international network of leftist media outlets.



The corporation claims cites that since Brazilian oil is sold directly to foreign refineries, it cannot be held accountable, nor control its final destination.

“...amid Israel’s renewed genocidal offensive, Brazil increased its exports and became even more complicit in these crimes...<sup>(04)</sup> These trade developments, coupled with countless military ties, reveal Brazil’s complicity more clearly than Lula’s speeches denouncing the genocide.”

— Excerpt from Special Investigation: This is how Petrobras triangulates fuel via Italy to supply the genocidal machinery of the State of Israel.



>> the Freud on the morning of 20 December 2023, just to the east of Crete, located by matching with AIS track



>> a similar ship moored at the EAPC terminal, 26 December 2023. Satellite imagery: ESA Sentinel-2

<sup>(04)</sup> The investigation revealed that the country’s increased trade with “Israel” follows the guidance of various initiatives of Apex-Brasil, a company linked to the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade and headed by former Workers’ Party (PT) governor Jorge Viana.

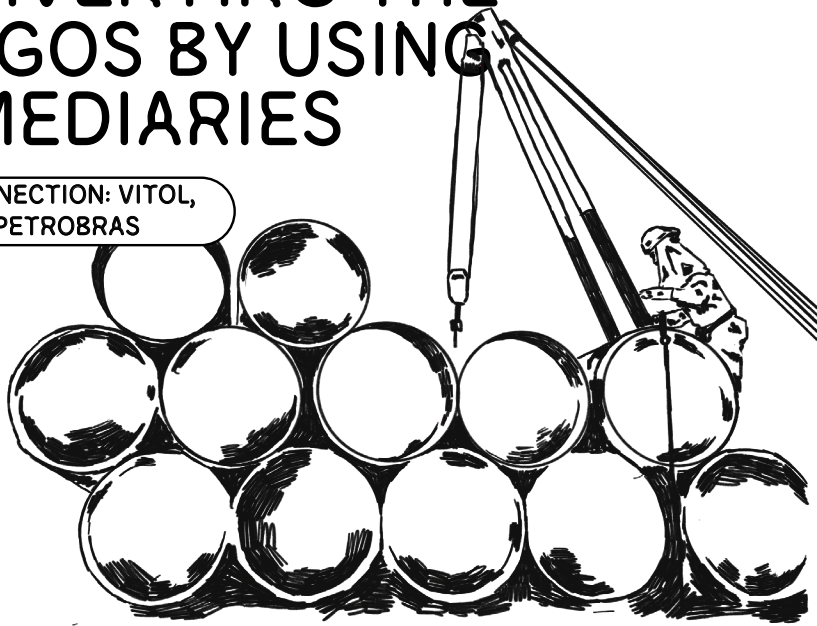


# CIRCUMVENTING THE EMBARGOS BY USING INTERMEDIARIES

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THE ITALIAN CONNECTION: VITOL, SARAS SPA, AND PETROBRAS



“Israel’s” total imports of oil and refined products are supplied in large part by two refineries — the Valero E Bill refinery in Texas, a key provider of military fuel, and the Saras SpA refinery in Sarroch, Sardinia — each accounting for **approximately 17%, representing a combined total of 34%.** Saras refinery is owned by the Swiss giant Vitol, the world’s largest oil and petroleum product distribution conglomerate, and a direct commercial partner of the genocidal state. <sup>(65)</sup>

While brazen, the extent of the United State’s complicity is not at all surprising. Yet, in the midst of increased mobilization and pressure, Italy and Brazil have emerged as key actors in ensuring a sustained flow of oil through indirect trade routes—supporting the Zionist state’s strategy to circumvent a weapon and energy embargo by diverting its imports from direct imports to derivative or indirect imports.

<sup>(65)</sup> VITOL IS LITTLE-KNOWN, DUE TO ITS PRIVATE NATURE AND THE SECRECY SURROUNDING ITS MAJORITY SHAREHOLDERS. HOWEVER, IT COMPETES WITH CORPORATIONS SUCH AS EXXON AND SHELL, WITH TOTAL REVENUES EXCEEDING OVER \$331 BILLION IN REVENUE IN 2024 ALONE.

ITS OWNERSHIP OF A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE GLOBAL OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCT TRADE, REPRESENTS 7.2 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL PER DAY, MORE THAN DOUBLE BRAZIL’S

Data from the special investigation published in La Izquierda Diario reveals the growing dependence of the Zionist entity on Brazilian crude oil exports—primarily sold by Petrobras and indirectly routed through Italy's Saras refinery:

- In 2024, Brazilian crude oil exports to Italy increased by a much higher rate than to the rest of the world **(4.9%)**.<sup>(66)</sup>
- In June and July 2025 alone, the Saras SpA refinery was responsible for the export of approximately **45,000 tons of petroleum products to "Israel."**
- Historical data indicates a baseline **average of 7% of Brazilian oil** in the Saras refinery blend of refined petroleum. But, in June 2025 when exports to "Israel" increased, it was using **47% Brazilian oil**.

<sup>(66)</sup> ACCORDING TO COMEXSTAT, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S PLATFORM ON FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS.

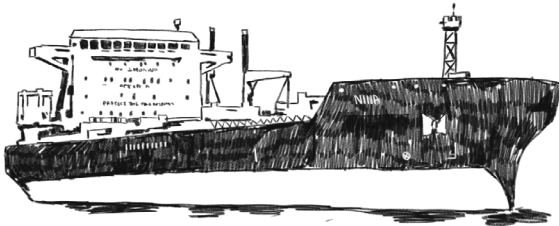
<sup>(67)</sup> IN 2019, PETROBRAS, PLACED A BID IN "ISRAEL'S" GAS AND EXPLORATION TENDER, WHILE VITOL HAS BEEN SERVING AS THE LOGISTICS OPERATOR FOR EXPORTING SURPLUS OIL FROM THE KARISH GAS FIELD, SINCE 2023.

Both Petrobras, and Vitol have stakes in the Zionist project of becoming a global energy provider through the extraction of stolen Palestinian gas. <sup>(68)</sup> Petrobras in 2019, intended to place a bid in "Israel's" gas and exploration tender, while Vitol is the logistics operator for the export of surplus oil from the Karish oil field.

During the unprovoked 12-day war on Iran in June, “Israel’s” two refineries, increased production of crude oil imports in advance of the attack to circumvent potential shortages to its reserves. While Iranian strikes caused significant damage to the Haifa refinery, reducing the Zionist state’s overall refining capacity —



→ MARIA M



→ NINA AN

**that same month 5% of its total liquid energy intake originated from Brazilian crude oil, refined in Italy.**

The result of a Petrobras sale to Vitol in June, 2025, the Sardinian refinery carried out a roundabout export operation to “Israel.” The vessel “Maria M,” carrying Brazilian oil refined in Italy, sailed from Italy to Cyprus, via a transfer operation known as “Ship to Ship,” the “Maria M” unloaded the refined oil atop the vessel “Nina An,” and sailed past the Egyptian border, turning off its AIS transmitters, and unloaded in “Israel.”

“In June, 33 percent of that oil came from Petrobras, the state-owned company, and 67 percent from Equinor, the Norwegian state company through its operations in Brazil. In July, it was Shell, and in August,

it was Prio, a company controlled by imperialist funds like Vanguard Group and BlackRock.”

—Excerpt from Who Is Fueling the Genocide in Gaza?

# “No Drop of Petrobras Oil to Israel!”

-Brazilian Union Sindipetro-RJ Denounce's  
State's and Corporate Complicity

