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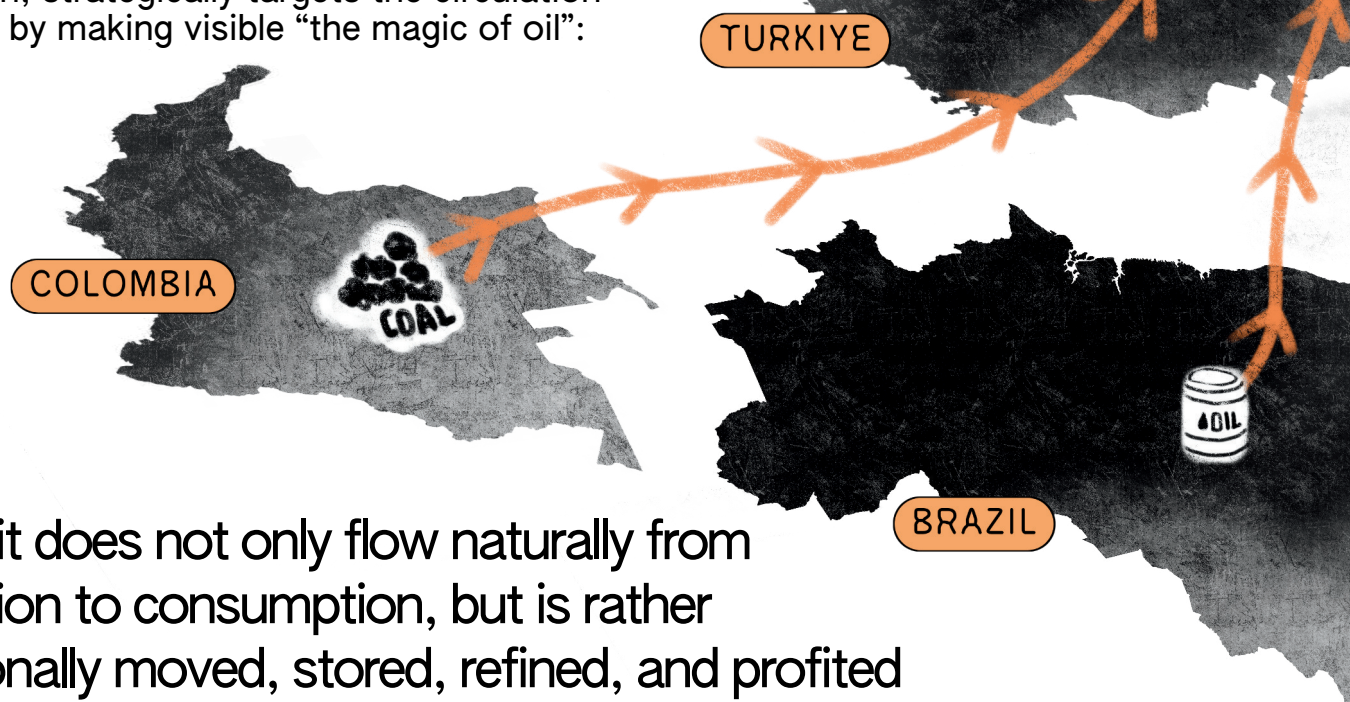
VITOL SUPPLIES OIL FOR GENOCIDE

AN ENERGY EMBARGO FROM BELOW:

CHOKING THE WAR MACHINE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF CUBA, VENEZUELA, IRAN, LEBANON, AND PALESTINE.

The Zionist entity's energy infrastructure fuels a system of apartheid, genocide, and colonial expansion. As Iran and its allies target the Zionist entities' power plants, refineries, and pipelines, it presents a crucial opportunity to engage in the strategic disruption of energy flows, and enact an embargo on the apartheid state of "Israel."

Extraction, refining, shipping and trading become sites of struggle against the material infrastructure that pillages Abya Yala's (Latin America) [@] oil reserves in service of economies of genocide. Energy flows from Brazil, Colombia, South Africa and Turkiye continue to fuel the genocidal settler-colonial state's expansionist agenda. The Disrupt Oil Flows of Genocide campaign, organized around a specific, traceable supply chain, strategically targets the circulation of oil flows by making visible "the magic of oil":

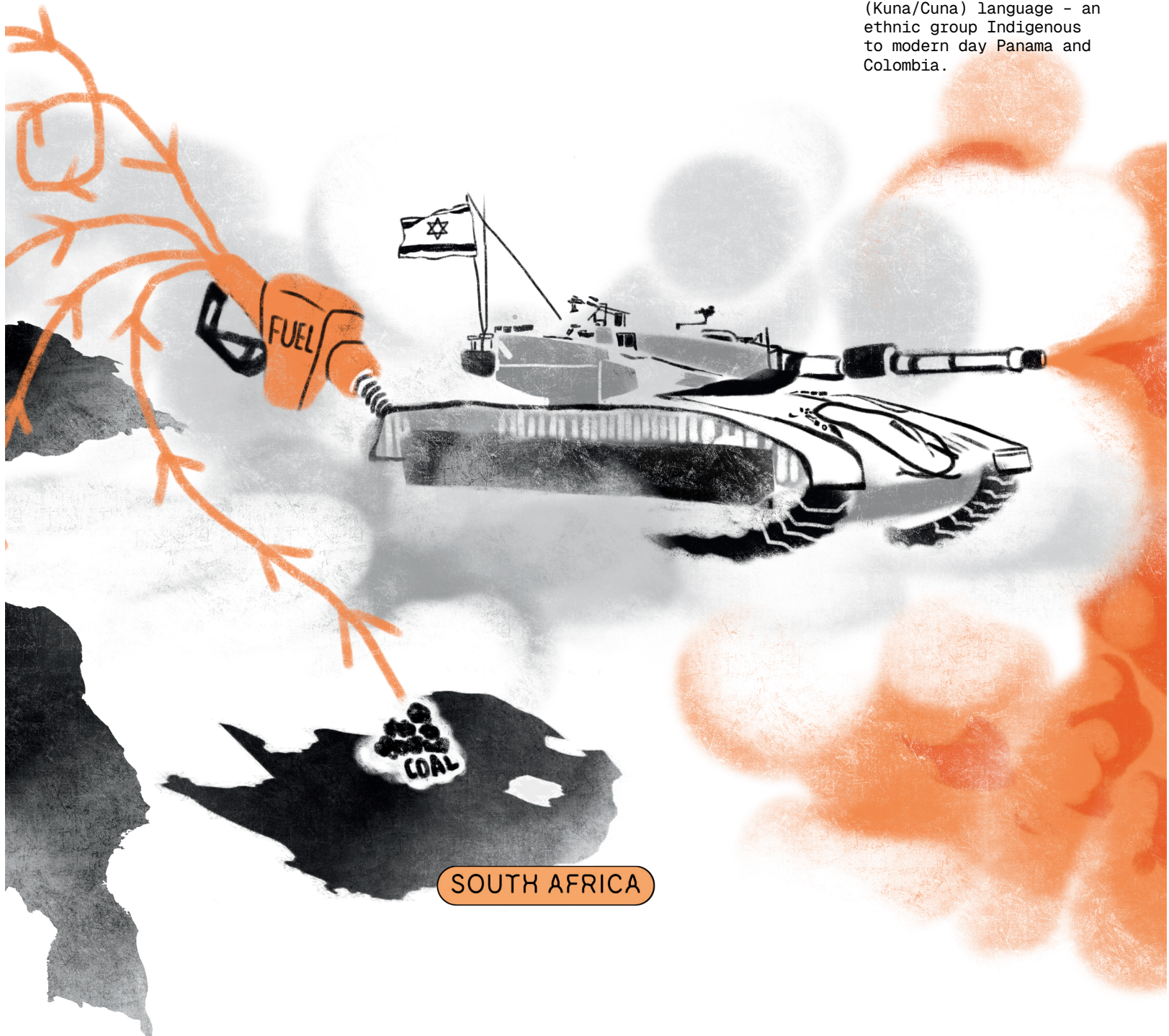


Where it does not only flow naturally from extraction to consumption, but is rather intentionally moved, stored, refined, and profited from at specific chokepoints where power can be disrupted.

-ADAM HANIEH. CRUDE CAPITALISM: OIL, CORPORATE POWER, AND THE MAKING OF THE WORLD MARKET. 2025.

The Disrupt Oil Flows of Genocide coalition is a growing global alliance that targets Vitol's supply chain as contested terrain across borders, not as the problem of one corporation in one place. An energy embargo from below becomes possible when workers at strategic energy infrastructures and communities resisting extraction act together to disrupt the flows that fuel genocide.

(1) Abya Yala is a term used by Indigenous people to refer to the Americas and translates to "Land of Vital Blood" or "Mature/Fertile Land." It comes from the Guna (Kuna/Cuna) language - an ethnic group Indigenous to modern day Panama and Colombia.



In the face of escalating violence by the imperialist US and Zionist regimes in Cuba, Iran, Lebanon, Palestine and Venezuela, we must escalate our solidarity to stand against those fueling this violence!

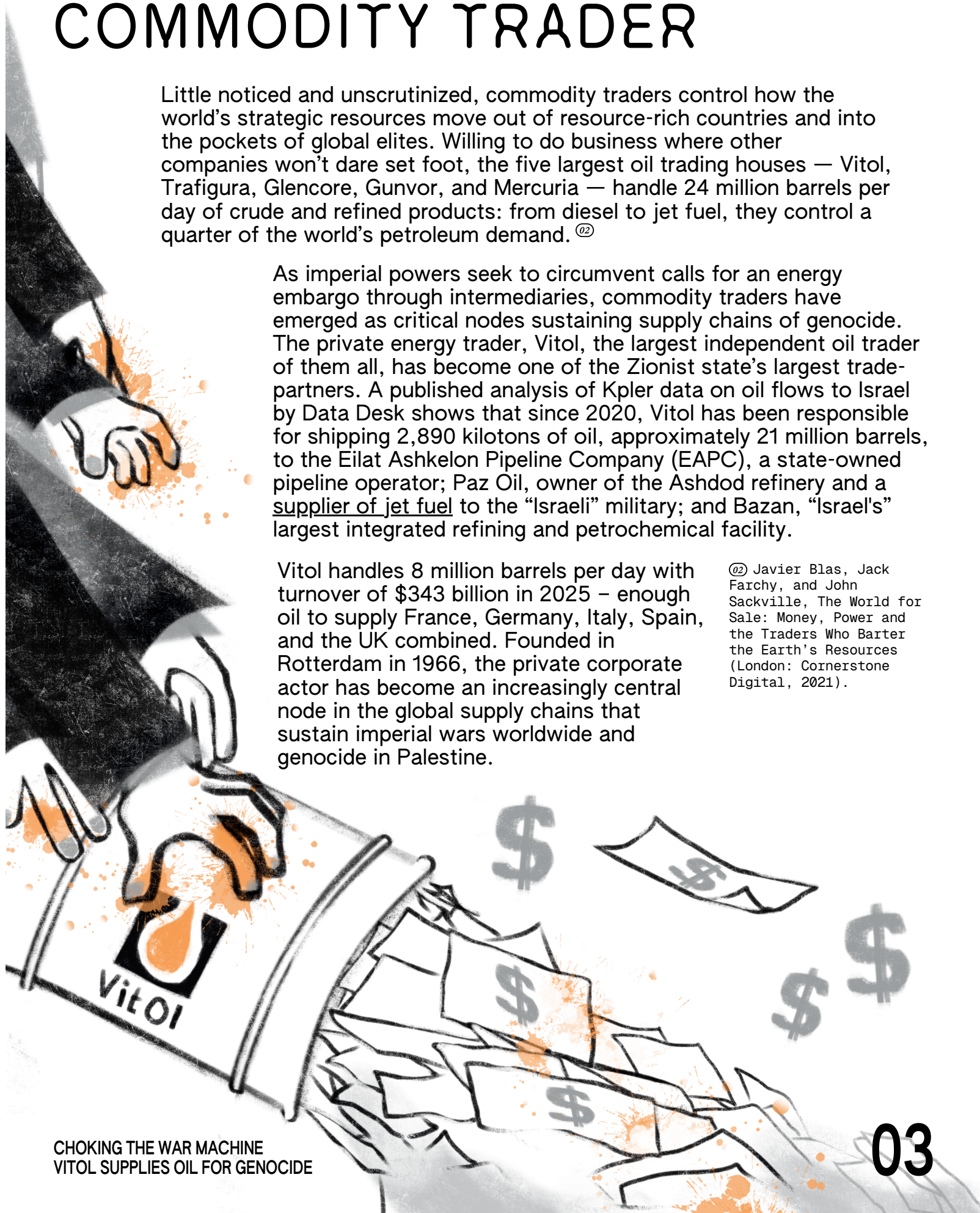
THE HIDDEN OIL GIANT: THE RISE OF THE COMMODITY TRADER

Little noticed and unscrutinized, commodity traders control how the world's strategic resources move out of resource-rich countries and into the pockets of global elites. Willing to do business where other companies won't dare set foot, the five largest oil trading houses — Vitol, Trafigura, Glencore, Gunvor, and Mercuria — handle 24 million barrels per day of crude and refined products: from diesel to jet fuel, they control a quarter of the world's petroleum demand. ⁽⁰²⁾

As imperial powers seek to circumvent calls for an energy embargo through intermediaries, commodity traders have emerged as critical nodes sustaining supply chains of genocide. The private energy trader, Vitol, the largest independent oil trader of them all, has become one of the Zionist state's largest trade-partners. A published analysis of Kpler data on oil flows to Israel by Data Desk shows that since 2020, Vitol has been responsible for shipping 2,890 kilotons of oil, approximately 21 million barrels, to the Eilat Ashkelon Pipeline Company (EAPC), a state-owned pipeline operator; Paz Oil, owner of the Ashdod refinery and a supplier of jet fuel to the "Israeli" military; and Bazan, "Israel's" largest integrated refining and petrochemical facility.

Vitol handles 8 million barrels per day with turnover of \$343 billion in 2025 – enough oil to supply France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK combined. Founded in Rotterdam in 1966, the private corporate actor has become an increasingly central node in the global supply chains that sustain imperial wars worldwide and genocide in Palestine.

⁽⁰²⁾ Javier Blas, Jack Farhy, and John Sackville, *The World for Sale: Money, Power and the Traders Who Barter the Earth's Resources* (London: Cornerstone Digital, 2021).



STRUCTURES OF SECRECY: THE CORPORATE ARCHITECTURE OF IMPUNITY



Vitol is controlled by 400 partners through multiple jurisdictional layers designed to separate ownership, financial consolidation, and operational activity. Vitol is managed through Luxembourg-based shell companies, Vitol Holding II S.A. and Tinsel Group S.A., under an umbrella entity called Vitol Netherlands Coöperatief U.A., allowing control to be obscured across multiple jurisdictions. Through a geographically sprawled financial network – trading offices in Houston, Singapore, and the United Kingdom (UK), a decision-making centre in Geneva and legal headquarters in Rotterdam – Vitol consolidates and maintains its neo-colonial power.

⁰³ Russell Hardy, CEO, Vitol “[Vitol 2025 volumes and review](#),” Vitol, 2025.

⁰⁴ Javier Blass and Andy Hoffman, “[Inside Vitol: How the World’s Largest Oil Trader Makes Billions](#),” Bloomberg, June 1, 2016.

Routinely investing in its physical assets, the company accumulates profits to gain further control in energy supply chains. Its long-term assets, spanning refineries, oil and gas production, shipping and power generation, are valued at \$13 billion, with a refining capacity of around 1.2 million barrels per day across Europe and Asia. ⁰³ Vitol’s deliberately opaque corporate structure, not only allows it to exploit the tax-friendly jurisdictions veils such as Luxembourg and Switzerland (where its effective global tax rate has been as low as 14%) but also grants it the agility to operate vertically integrated energy supply chains, almost completely in the dark. ⁰⁴

Vitol operates and spans across the full spectrum of oil economies: everything from commodity trading, refining, storage, shipping to retail fuel stations — all while refusing to disclose its financial reporting. Without public shareholders, its opacity is not incidental. It is structural: Vitol is designed to move through volatile markets, execute high-risk deals in politically fragile regions, and evade scrutiny.

⁰⁵ Joseph Keefe, “[Canada Orders Seizure of Oil Tanker](#),” World Energy News, July 5, 2017.

⁰⁶ The Unit for Political Studies, “[The Lebanese Israeli Maritime Border Agreement: Challenges Ahead](#),” Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies, 19 October, 2022.

From the chartering of contested oil-filled vessels stolen ⁰⁵ from the Iraqi government, to the marketing and sale of contested gas from the disputed Karish field on the maritime borders of Lebanon. ⁰⁶ –Vitol has a dark history of striking blood stained deals.



VITOL'S DARK HISTORY OF WAR PROFITEERING: BLOOD STAINED DEALS IN IRAQ AND LIBYA

The private nature of this corporate actor has enabled it to go where other corporations will never venture. Vitol's reputation has been called into question for its role as a war-profiteer.

IRAQ: FROM OPPORTUNISTIC TRADER TO CRISIS PROFITEER SANCTIONS, OIL-FOR-FOOD, AND PROFITEERING

In 1990, the United Nations Security Council Resolution 661, imposed the cruel and inhumane decades-long sanction on Iraq, ultimately causing widespread famine across the population, spearheaded through imposed pressure by the US.^⑦ The sanctions, a war crime,^⑧ predating the US invasion of the country in 2003, were ultimately a coercive tool designed to weaken Iraqi sovereignty.



In 1995, the UN implemented the controversial 'Oil-for-Food' programme as a corrective measure to the 'unintended' consequences of starvation, chronic child malnutrition, and death. The programme established a committee which would approve Iraq's ability to export a portion of its oil production in exchange for importing its essential goods. Between 2001–2003, Vitol circumvented the committee and purchased 31 million barrels of Iraqi oil directly from Saddam Hussein^⑨ through an associated entity, Vitol Bahrain. While the corporation pleaded guilty to grand larceny in a U.S. court in 2007, its purchase of Iraqi oil was akin to a crisis profiteer.

^⑦ Doa Ali, "[How to Kill an Entire Country: The Legacy of the Sanctions against Iraq](#)," Transnational Institute, 26 July 2023.

^⑧ Rob Kennedy, "[Sanctioned genocide: Was 'the price' of disarming Iraq worth it?](#)," Relief Web, 10 June, 2003.

^⑨ Javier Blas, Jack Farchy, and John Sackville, *The World for Sale: Money, Power and the Traders Who Barter the Earth's Resources* (London: Cornerstone Digital, 2021).

^⑩ Caroline Kehoe, Mark Hatfull, and Joseph Bentley, "[Finding Neverland: exploring the risks in exporting Kurdistan's oil](#)," Menas Associates, 5 October, 2017.

THE NEVERLAND AFFAIR

In 2017, Vitol's role was more direct. Despite long-standing constitutional disputes on the export and sale of Kurdish crude,¹⁰ Vitol would make a deal to purchase crude oil from the semi-autonomous Kurdish region in Iraq. The sale would face global outcry when Iraq filed a lawsuit to impound the 721,915 barrels of oil Vitol was chartering on the 'Neverland' oil tanker,¹¹ claiming that the oil was stolen as well as seeking \$30 million in damages from the privately held corporation.

Canada's Federal Court ordered the seizure of the vessel, if it entered its waters, and the world's eyes went in search of 'Neverland,' the vessel disappeared.¹² Only to turn up empty weeks later. To everyone's surprise, not only had Vitol managed to make the 'ghost tanker' disappear, but offload the Kurdish oil to an unknown destination.¹³



LIBYA: FUELING REGIME CHANGE AND CIVIL WAR

In 2011, the internal Libyan struggle against the Gaddafi administration was externalized by NATO's military intervention, led by former colonial powers—the UK and France—alongside the US. Capitalizing on the destabilization of Libyan sovereignty, the global commodity giant Vitol secured a foothold by exchanging \$1 billion in fuel for the nation's crude oil. This "secret" agreement, brokered by Alan Duncan, a figure straddling the line between British state power and private oil interests, reinstated a pattern of resource extraction where external corporate entities dictate the material conditions of a nation's transition, effectively trading self-determination for debt-driven dependency on Western markets.

¹¹ John Lee, "Canada Orders Seizure of Tanker carrying Kurdish Oil," Iraq Business News, July 5, 2017.

¹² Reuters, "Neverland tanker with disputed Kurdish oil reappears off Malta," Reuters, July 21, 2017.

¹³ ¹⁴ Javier Blas, Jack Farchy, and John Sackville, *The World for Sale: Money, Power and the Traders Who Barter the Earth's Resources* (London: Cornerstone Digital, 2021).

Vitol's intervention shifted the balance of power. Without the ability to fuel their tanks, or their military trucks armed with machine-guns, the rebels might certainly have been defeated. The oil trader quite literally shaped the history of the country and the region.



"The fuel from Vitol was very important for the military."

- ABDELJALIL MAYUF, OFFICIAL AT REBEL-CONTROLLED ARABIAN GULF OIL IN BENGHAZI, 2011



¹⁵ Robert Winnett, and Rowena Mason, "LIBYA: The minister, the Tory donor and a contract to supply oil," The Telegraph (UK), September 2, 2011.

¹⁶ "Hidden oil giant Vitol skirts war, market chaos to make billions," Energy Voice, June 1, 2016.

¹⁷ Mark Curtis, "11 years after toppling Gaddafi, UK gets Libya's oil," Declassified UK, November 29, 2022.

PROFIT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME

Vitol structured the deal to profit regardless of which side won the war. The rebels had no money, so Vitol accepted payment in the form of crude oil from rebel-controlled fields — effectively gambling on the rebels' ability to hold territory. But Vitol hedged the bet: the UK government provided assurances that if the rebels failed, Vitol could recover its costs from Gaddafi's frozen assets held in European banks. UN Security Council Resolutions 1970 and 1973, passed in February and March 2011, had frozen approximately \$70 billion in Libyan state assets worldwide, including over £12 billion held in the UK alone. The UK government also helped secure insurance for Vitol's shipments through what Alan Duncan reportedly described as 'the Duncan Plan,' a Cabinet Office and Foreign Office 'Libyan oil cell' that facilitated the deal.

If the rebels won, Vitol would be paid in crude oil and positioned as a preferred partner in post-Gaddafi Libya.¹⁵ If the rebels lost, Vitol's downside was underwritten by frozen sovereign wealth. Either way, Vitol profited.¹⁶

The outcome was profits in billions to Vitol, and an opportunity for UK oil interests to guarantee their oil presence in the post-Gaddafi Libya coupled with British military presence.¹⁷

VITOL'S DARK PRESENT: PLUNDERING RESOURCES IN SERVICE OF GENOCIDE

⁽¹⁸⁾ Spencer Kimball, "Exxon CEO Says Venezuela Needs to Transition to Democracy for Oil Investment to Make Sense," CNBC, January 30, 2026, .

⁽¹⁹⁾ Binish Azhar, "Venezuelan crude shipments to US on track to rise in February," S&P Global, February 10, 2026.

⁽²⁰⁾ Tsvetana Paraskova, "Trader Trafigura To Stop Oil Business With Venezuela," Oil Price, Feb 15, 2019.

⁽²¹⁾ BDS National Committee, "BDS Alert: Venezuelan Oil Being Shipped from Sardinia to Genocidal Israel." BDS Movement, February 27, 2026,

VENEZUELA: FROM SANCTIONS PLUNDER TO IMPERIAL RESOURCE THEFT

On 3 January 2026, US forces captured Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro in what the Venezuelan government and its allies have described as a political kidnapping. Within days, the Trump administration moved to seize control of Venezuela's oil industry. Chevron, Vitol, and Trafigura competed for US government contracts to export Venezuelan crude,⁽¹⁸⁾ with both traders attending White House meetings by 9 January.⁽¹⁹⁾

The speed was not coincidental. Vitol and Trafigura had traded Venezuelan oil before US sanctions in 2019 and had maintained indirect access through PDVSA partners in the years since.⁽²⁰⁾ With the US imposing a naval blockade that cut off Chinese buyers, previously the largest importers of Venezuelan crude, the commodity traders positioned themselves as Washington's preferred intermediaries for redirecting Venezuelan oil flows.

On 26 February 2026, barely eight weeks after Maduro's capture, Vitol carried out the first confirmed shipment of Venezuelan crude oil to the apartheid state: approximately 200,000 barrels,⁽²¹⁾ routed through Vitol's Saras refinery in Sardinia, Italy, and shipped onward to Israel, despite protests by Italian civil society organizations and unions staged in front of the refinery.⁽²²⁾

The political meaning is stark: Venezuelan oil, extracted under conditions of imperial coercion from the Orinoco region,⁽²³⁾ where local populations face a decades-long militarized regime tied to oil extraction and expanding gold mining, is now being refined in Italy and shipped to fuel genocide in Palestine. At the same time, the US oil embargo against Cuba has caused energy blackouts in Cuban hospitals.

If there is no shortage of energy to fuel genocide, there cannot be a shortage of energy for Gaza and Cuba's hospitals.

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⁽²²⁾ On the 17th of February, 2026, Italian civil-society and unions staged a press conference in front of the Saras refinery in Sardinia, Italy.

⁽²³⁾ Trump often refers to the oil infrastructure in Lake Maracaibo installed by the United States decades ago, although extraction in Venezuela typically draws from multiple basins.

Javier Blas, Jack Faricy, and John Sackville, *The World for Sale: Money, Power and the Traders Who Barter the Earth's Resources* (London: Cornerstone Digital, 2021).

BRAZIL: FROM WORKER EMBARGO DEMANDS TO OFFSHORE PLUNDER

Not only have the oil flows from Brazil to the settler colonial state been sustained during the course of its genocidal and expansionist wars – they have increased. Up until 2024, Brazilian oil was sold directly to Israel. Calls for an energy embargo by Brazilian Union Sindipetro-RJ workers "No Drop of Petrobras Oil to Israel!" pressured President Lula to cut off oil supplies to the Zionist entity. Though publicly official data in 2025 revealed direct crude exports dropped to zero, four corporations operating in Brazil would engage in indirect sales to foreign intermediary, Vitol, in 2025.

⁽²⁴⁾ See Figure 1: Venezuela and Brazil Crude Feedstock, Analysis of Kpler data by Datadesk 2022-2026 Volume in Barrels. (Kilotons * 7300=barrels of oil)

⁽²⁵⁾ Leandro Lanfredi, "How Brazilian Oil Becomes Fuel in Italy to Supply Israel and the Genocide [Como o Petróleo Brasileiro Vira Combustível Na Itália Para Abastecer Israel e o Genocídio]," Esquerda Diário, August 17, 2025, .

⁽²⁶⁾ Fred Santana "Institute fines Petrobras for fluid spill at the Amazon River Mouth," Amazon Agency, February, 10, 2026.

Shipments of oil continue to happen against workers' demands. In Brazil, energy corporations utilized Vitol as a corporate intermediary to circumvent union demands for an energy embargo.

Between 2022 to 2026, Petrobras, Perenco, Prio S.A, and Equinor have engaged in the extraction and sale of approximately 13 million barrels of Brazilian crude oil, or 1,790 kilotons,⁽²⁴⁾ from offshore fields across São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro to the Zionist state. Via the Italian Sarroch or Saras SpA refinery, in June 2025 Brazilian crude increased to 47%, when exports from the refinery increased to "Israel," despite a baseline average of 7% Brazilian oil.



(KNOWN AS BRAZIL)

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The continued sale of Brazilian crude oil, to Vitol, in spite of its brazen involvement in genocide, emboldens corporate actors like Petrobras, whose extractivist operations, from offshore drilling in the Santos Basin to pipeline infrastructure threatening the Amazon, continue to prioritize profit over people and ecosystems.⁽²⁶⁾

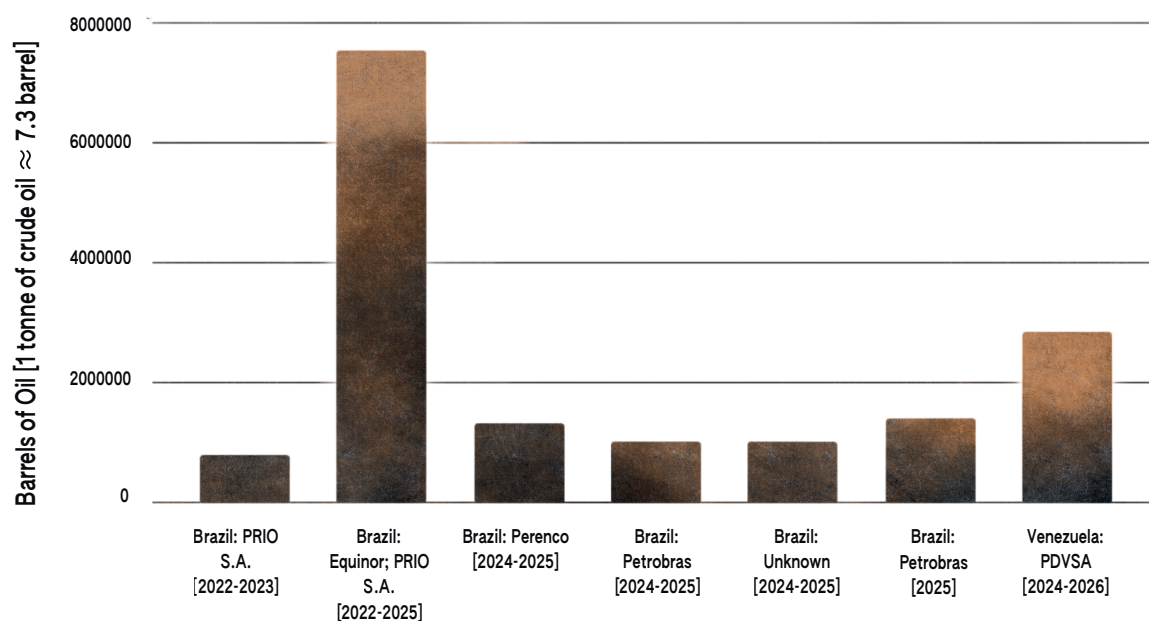
By supplying Israel with coal, gas, oil and fuel, companies are contributing to civilian infrastructures that Israel uses to entrench permanent annexation and weaponises in the destruction of Palestinian life. The same infrastructure services the Israeli military while it obliterates Gaza [...].

-From economy of occupation to economy of genocide - (A/HRC/59/23) Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967



VOLUME OF VENEZUELAN & BRAZILIAN OIL IN SARROCH REFINERY FEEDSTOCK

VOLUME OF VENEZUELAN AND BRAZILIAN OIL IN SARROCH REFINERY FEEDSTOCK
AGGREGATE KPLER DATA BETWEEN 2020-2026 BY DATADESK



⁽²⁷⁾ Subvertacomunica, "[Oil Speaks Loudest: Environmental backsliding and the limits of Brazil's energy transition.](#)" International Viewpoints, October 28, 2025.

RESISTING FOSSIL FUEL EMPIRES: FROM ABYA YALA TO PALESTINE

The indigenous Quilombola fisher communities in Brazil face the daily destruction of their cultures and environments by extractive offshore infrastructure. Fishers continue to resist a wide range of threats: from imposed fishing restrictions and heavily securitized zones around oil platforms to oil spills, pipeline leaks, and the ongoing impacts of crude oil extraction.⁽²⁷⁾ The struggle of Brazilian fishing communities against offshore-oil extraction is not much different from the militarization required to secure the gas-industrial complex,⁽²⁸⁾ a network of Zionist offshore gas reserves in the Eastern Mediterranean.



From Abya Yala to occupied Palestine, and Lebanon, fishing communities continue to resist the frontiers of fossil fuel empires.⁽²⁹⁾

Vitol's dealings in the Eastern Mediterranean, as a marketer and seller of contested gas from the Karish off-shore field bordering Lebanon's maritime waters, positions it as a commercial partner in the Zionist gas project.⁽³⁰⁾ Vitol ventured to be the first corporate actor to engage in the sale of this contested gas, in the aftermath of a controversial agreement with the Lebanese government in late 2022, pungent with US and European coercive pressures and in light of devastating economic hardships facing the country. Lebanon signed off its stake in the Karish field in exchange for the ability to extract gas from the Qana gas field.⁽³¹⁾

The Zionist gas project that targets, maims, and executes Palestinian and Lebanese fisherman, does so, in an attempt to secure its position as a reliable source of gas exporter to the European Union.⁽³²⁾

⁽²⁸⁾ WeSmellGas, "[A Gas-Industrial Complex: Tracing the Colonial Cartography of the Eastern Mediterranean.](#)" Antipode Online, January 28, 2025.

⁽²⁹⁾ Aya Bseiso, "[Navigating Gaza's Weaponized Sea.](#)" Shado, June 12, 2025.

⁽³⁰⁾ Nick Coleman and Stuart Elliott, "[Israel makes first-ever crude oil exports as Karish gas giant ramps up.](#)" S&P Global, February 14, 2023.

⁽³¹⁾ The Unit for Political Studies, "[The Lebanese Israeli Maritime Border Agreement: Challenges Ahead.](#)" Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, October 19, 2022.

⁽³²⁾ Charlotte Rose and Elia El Khazen, "[Leaking Imperialism: Tracing gas flows sustaining the settler occupation of Palestine.](#)" Transnational Institute, November 29, 2024.

INTERMEDIARY NODES AS LOGISTIC CHOKEPOINTS: THE ITALIAN CONNECTION

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³³ "Members of the Moratti family enter into an agreement to sell approx. 35% of Saras to Vitol," Vitol, February 11, 2024.

³⁴ S&P Capital IQ, "Vitol S.A. completed the acquisition of remaining 54.52% stake in Saras S.p.A." Market Screener, October 9, 2024.

³⁵ Leandro Lanfredi, "Oil Complaint: Through Imperialist Companies, Brazilian Oil Continues to Fuel Genocide! [Petróleo Denúncia: Através de Empresas Imperialistas, Petróleo Brasileiro Segue Abastecendo o Genocídio!]," Esquerda Diário, September 2, 2025.

THE SARROCH REFINERY (SARAS SPA): AN INTERMEDIARY NODE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF GENOCIDE

Vitol's new found ownership of the Sarroch refinery in Sardinia, Italy has transformed it into a critical logistical node in the supply chains fueling militarism and genocide. While the privately held corporation originally held only a 10.4% stake in the refinery, in 2024, Vitol acquired the Moratti family's 35.02% share.

With total shares now rising to 45.48%.³³ It launched a mandatory tender offer, in October 2024, to acquire the remaining 54.52% of the refinery.³⁴

In June 2025, this refinery was responsible for approximately 17% of all oil imports into "Israel," and accounted for approximately 10% in the months of July and August 2025, according to Kpler data.³⁵ This share is rivaled only by Valero Energy's Bill Greehey Refinery in Corpus Christi, Texas, at 11% ensuring a consistent flow of military fuel, specifically JP-8 refined petroleum for F-35 and F-16 fighter jets.³⁶

UN INTERMEDIARIO PARA ELUDIR EL EMBARGO

Los datos comerciales agregados muestran que la mayor parte de la carga total de Sarroch entre 2022 y 2026 provino de proveedores más grandes como Libia y Azerbaiyán. En comparación con los 110,4 millones de barriles de petróleo de Libia, o los 92,4 millones de barriles de petróleo de Azerbaiyán cargados desde Georgia y Turquía, el crudo de Brasil y Venezuela solo asciende a 15,9 millones de barriles de petróleo hasta la fecha.⁽³⁷⁾

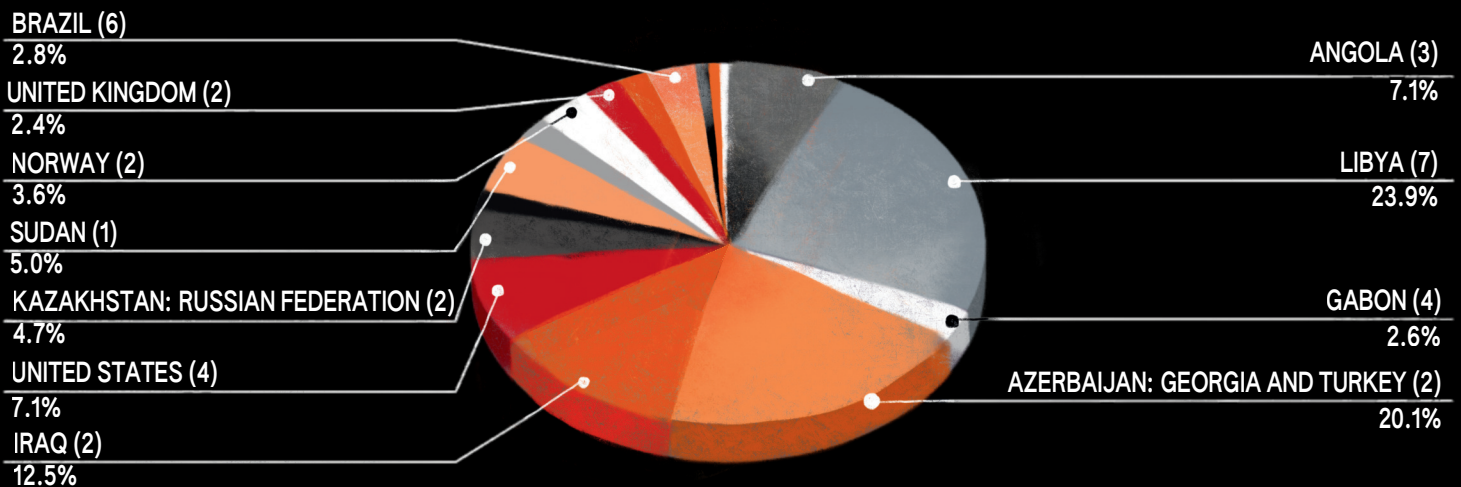
Aquí, Brasil y Venezuela no dominan la carga total de la refinería — pero ese no es el punto. La importancia política de Saras SpA reside en su papel como nodo intermediario: una

refinería donde las corporaciones pueden continuar enrutando crudo hacia Israel mientras se distancian formalmente de las ventas directas.

El aumento de las entregas de crudo brasileño por encima del nivel histórico, junto con los nuevos envíos de Venezuela, muestra cómo las potencias imperiales y los traders de commodities dependen de infraestructuras intermediarias para eludir la presión del embargo y mantener el petróleo fluyendo al servicio del genocidio.

SARROCH REFINERY FEEDSTOCK: ORIGIN COUNTRY IN BARRELS OF OIL

AGGREGATE KPLER DATA BETWEEN 2020-2026 BY DATADESK



⁽³⁶⁾ Leandro Lanfredi, "Who Is Fueling the Genocide in Gaza?" Left Voice, September 26, 2025.

⁽³⁷⁾ Figure 2: Volume in Barrels of Oil: Sarroch Refinery Feedstock, Analysis of Aggregate Kpler data by Datadesk 2022-2026 Note: Loading country may differ from origin country (# of shipments)

VITOL FUELS THE MILITARISATION OF MEDITERRANEAN PORTS:

ITALIAN DOCKWORKERS, BLOCK EVERYTHING!

Vitol Aviation, operating independently from its parent company, has been awarded contracts by the US Department of Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Energy’s Atlantic-European-Middle East (AEM) and NATO’s Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). Additionally, the German Refinery, Bayernoil—which is directly connected to the CEPS and likely supplies fuel to NATO—is majority owned by Vitol through a company it co-founded, Varo Energy Holding.³⁸

During the course of the genocide, Vitol was awarded two contracts by the DLA.

³⁸ Vitol, “The Carlyle Group and Vitol Group to invest in Varo Energy to Create a Major New Energy Midstream Group across North-West Europe,” December 19, 2023.

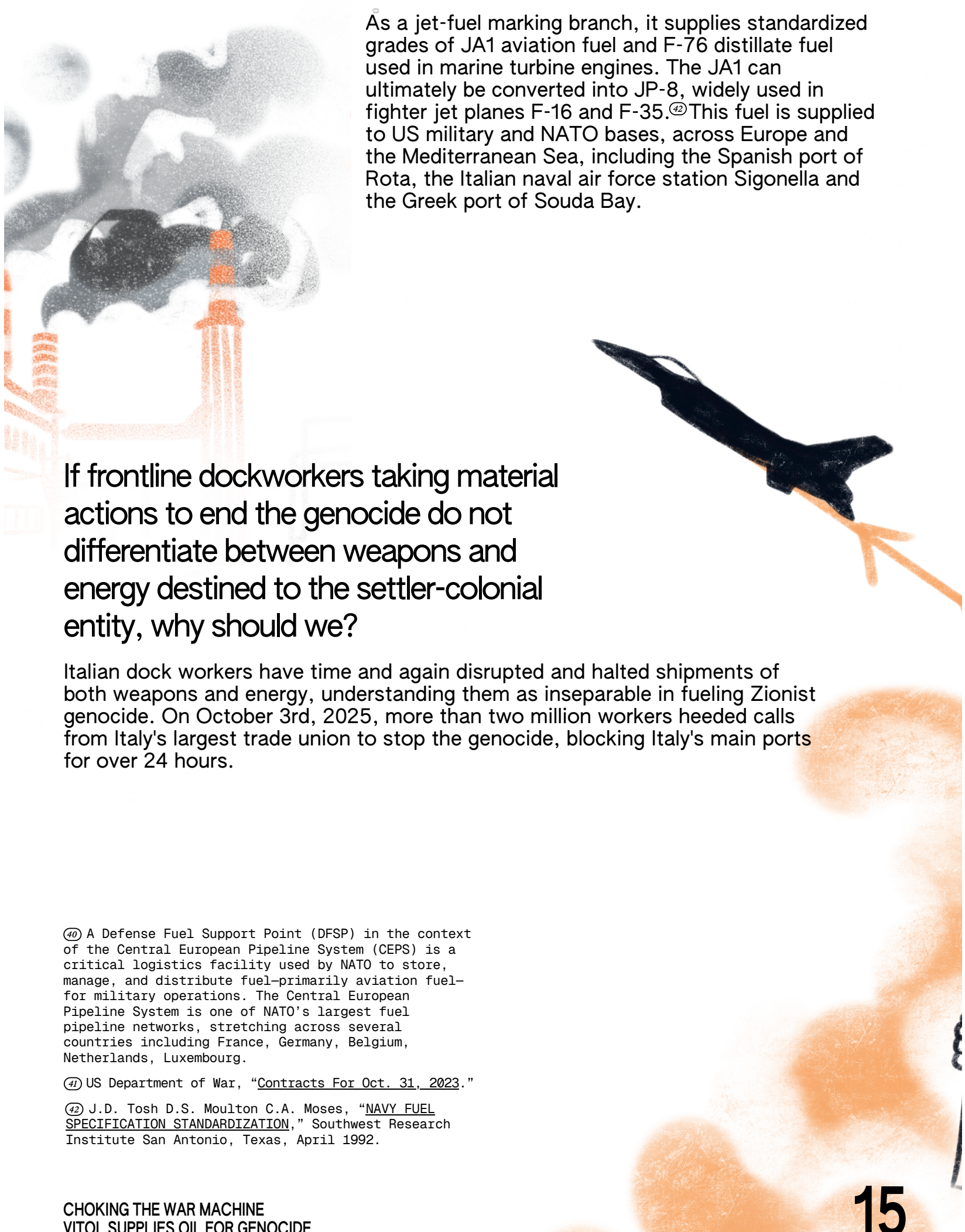
³⁹ US Department of War, “Contracts For May. 16, 2023.”

1 In May 2023, Vitol Aviation Co., El Segundo, California supplied JA1 aviation fuel servicing locations in the United Kingdom and the ⁴⁰ Defense Fuel Support Point serving the Central European Pipeline System (CEPS).

2 Between October 2023 and December 2024, Vitol Aviation Co., Houston, Texas supplied F76 marine diesel fuel and JA1 jet turbine fuel to locations “outside the continental U.S. in the Western Pacific, and Middle East regions.”⁴¹



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As a jet-fuel marking branch, it supplies standardized grades of JA1 aviation fuel and F-76 distillate fuel used in marine turbine engines. The JA1 can ultimately be converted into JP-8, widely used in fighter jet planes F-16 and F-35.⁴² This fuel is supplied to US military and NATO bases, across Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, including the Spanish port of Rota, the Italian naval air force station Sigonella and the Greek port of Souda Bay.

If frontline dockworkers taking material actions to end the genocide do not differentiate between weapons and energy destined to the settler-colonial entity, why should we?

Italian dock workers have time and again disrupted and halted shipments of both weapons and energy, understanding them as inseparable in fueling Zionist genocide. On October 3rd, 2025, more than two million workers heeded calls from Italy's largest trade union to stop the genocide, blocking Italy's main ports for over 24 hours.

⁴⁰ A Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) in the context of the Central European Pipeline System (CEPS) is a critical logistics facility used by NATO to store, manage, and distribute fuel—primarily aviation fuel—for military operations. The Central European Pipeline System is one of NATO's largest fuel pipeline networks, stretching across several countries including France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg.

⁴¹ US Department of War, "Contracts For Oct. 31, 2023."

⁴² J.D. Tosh D.S. Moulton C.A. Moses, "NAVY FUEL SPECIFICATION STANDARDIZATION," Southwest Research Institute San Antonio, Texas, April 1992.

BUILDING AN ENERGY EMBARGO FROM BELOW



From energy denial in Palestine to extractivist violence against frontline communities worldwide, war profiteers such as Vitol must not be allowed to maintain business as usual. A people's energy embargo will be built through coordinated pressure: by workers at strategic infrastructures, by Indigenous and local communities resisting extraction, and by solidarity movements willing to disrupt the circulation of fuel for genocide.

From offshore extraction in Brazil to refining in Sardinia and trading in Geneva, every node in Vitol's supply chain is a site of struggle.

The campaign rests on Colombian miners' demands to end the export of coal for genocide. It amplifies the refusal of Italian infrastructures and labor as harbours for genocide.

It builds on Brazilian oil workers demands that not a single drop of Brazilian oil be shipped – either directly or indirectly – to the genocidal Zionist entity.

United, we can choke Vitol's supply chain of genocide!

With the will of workers at critical energy infrastructures and the solidarity of local communities in key geographies the realization of an energy embargo from below can turn into a practical reality.

Our collective mobilization is organized around a specific, traceable supply chain rather than an abstract geography.

Students, workers, climate activists, and solidarity groups from Abya Yala to Palestine are best positioned to escalate their solidarity and strike against the fueling of ecocide, genocide and violence ravaging frontline communities.

Escalate Worker-led Pressure Strategies:

Oil workers, dock workers, unions, and syndicates: offshore oil extraction is a deliberate strategy by corporate elites to distance workers from the means of production! Vitol is utilizing the Italian island of Sardinia to refine, transfer, and ship oil to the Zionist entity against the will of workers and communities!

IN BRAZIL: Demand that Petrobras, and other private and foreign owned corporations, Prio, Shell and Total Energies, immediately cease the sale or transfer of Brazilian crude oil to any entity supplying the genocidal state.

IN ABYA YALA: Build transnational alliances across the continent, no business as usual as Venezuelan oil is used for the gain of imperial power and Cuba is besieged.

IN ITALY: Escalate your solidarity with Brazilian and Latin American workers demanding no drop of oil be used for genocide.

Strengthen Solidarities with Palestine

Frontline and indigenous movements, the struggle against corporate extraction that poisons, pollutes and militarizes our land and water for profit has been a decades long one!

IN BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA: Palestinian solidarity is inextricably linked with indigenous struggle in Abya Yala. No to the plundering of the land in service of genocide in Palestine. Climate justice and anti-extractivist movements, frontline communities from Abya Yala to Palestine continue to resist frontiers of fossil fuel empires in solidarity!

IN THE NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM: Disrupt the business-as-usual of corporations profiting from economies of genocide, militarism and extraction, energy embargo now!

Strike at the Financial Backbone of a Privately Held Corporation

Solidarity movements and students, deals with Vitol are deals with genocide and imperial violence. Say no more to Vitol's business as usual!

IN THE NETHERLANDS, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM: Strike the financial backbone that keeps Vitol hidden and profiting without accountability. Educate, mobilize and strike against Vitol's operations, from its trading offices, to its headquarters!

We cannot allow extractive corporations to circumvent our demands for an energy embargo!



Supply chain data in this publication is drawn from Data Desk's aggregated analysis of Kpler trade data, covering crude oil and refined fuel imports into Israel from 2020 to 2026 (accessed April 2026). **The dataset traces 88.4 million tonnes of imports back to 27 upstream source countries, loaded at 117 ports, and received at 7 Israeli terminals. Volumes are aggregated across years and rounded to the nearest 10 kilotonnes. Routes with only a single observed cargo are excluded. Barrel equivalents use a standard conversion of 7.3 barrels per tonne of crude oil.** Monthly refinery share figures are derived from Kpler platform queries. US military contract data is sourced from the Defense Logistics Agency's public award notices. Corporate structure and financial data is sourced from publicly available filings and reporting.

This campaign is built by a growing alliance that initially came together in early 2026 and made up of the following core members:

- ① Palestinian Institute for Climate Strategy (PICS)
- ② Disrupt Power
- ③ Global Energy Embargo for Palestine (GEEP)
- ④ Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy (PIPD)
- ⑤ Resistencia y Resiliencia
- ⑥ Coletivo Jaguar
- ⑦ Italian Anarchist Federation / Sicily collectives
- ⑧ Collectif le Silure
- ⑨ Extinction Rebellion Rotterdams

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