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Newt Gingrich Declares War on Iran

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Well, at least former House Speaker Newt Gingrich didn't advocate an air raid. Rather, he suggested guerrilla-and dare I suggest "terroristic"-attacks on Iran's energy industry.

Reports Al Jazeera:

The former speaker of the US <u>House of Representatives</u> has said that the US should "sabotage" Iran's oil and gas infrastructure as part of its efforts to bring down the government.

In an interview with Al Jazeera's Avi Lewis for the *Fault Lines* programme, Republican Newt Gingrich said targeting Iran's refinery would spark an economic crisis that would destabilise the government in Tehran.

He said the US should "use covert operations ... to create a gasoline-led crisis to try and replace the regime".

"I think we have a vested interest, the world has a vested interest, in a responsible Iranian government, just as we have a vested interest in a responsible North Korean government," he said.

Does Mr. Gingrich really believe that terrorist sabotage would likely result in a more pliable Iranian government? More likely, it would allow Tehran to build public support and convince the regime that it must have nuclear weapons to protect itself from attack by the one foreign nation which has routinely used its power to impose regime change on countries around the world–including in Iran itself back in 1953.

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