

# *Israel shuts down parts of its largest oil refinery after Iranian attack*

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File photo shows a view to Israel's largest oil refinery in Haifa

Haifa, June 16 (RHC)-- Israel's largest oil refinery has been forced to shut down parts of its operations following a major missile attack by Iran. The company in charge of the Bazan complex, a refinery located near the Haifa Port in the north of the Israeli-occupied territories, said on Sunday that overnight attacks by Iran had damaged pipelines and transmission lines between facilities inside the complex.

"... some of the downstream facilities in the complex have been shut down," said the company in a note to investors.

The Bazan complex is responsible for a significant part of the fuel demand in the Israeli-occupied territories. It has a refining capacity of nearly 0.2 million barrels per day.

Experts say Iran's attack on the refinery would severely disrupt Israel's fuel supply chains as the regime relies on imported oil for nearly 40% of its energy needs. Iran started to rain down missiles on Haifa Port late on Saturday as part of a broader operation to avenge Israel's unprovoked attacks on civilians and military targets in Iran.

Several people were killed and dozens more were injured in the attacks on the city, which is an economic lifeline for the Israeli regime.

The attack came just hours after Israeli projectiles hit two natural gas processing refineries in southern Iran, cutting off a small part of the nationwide gas supplies.

The attacks were the first from Israel to target Iran's energy infrastructure since the regime began its assaults early on Friday,

Iranian authorities said right after the attacks that the country would change its revenge strategy against Israel while insisting that Iran's retaliatory missile and drone attacks on the regime would expand to cover economic targets.

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