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Middle East. Know the Middle East and you get
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Japan-Kurdistan Friendship Association

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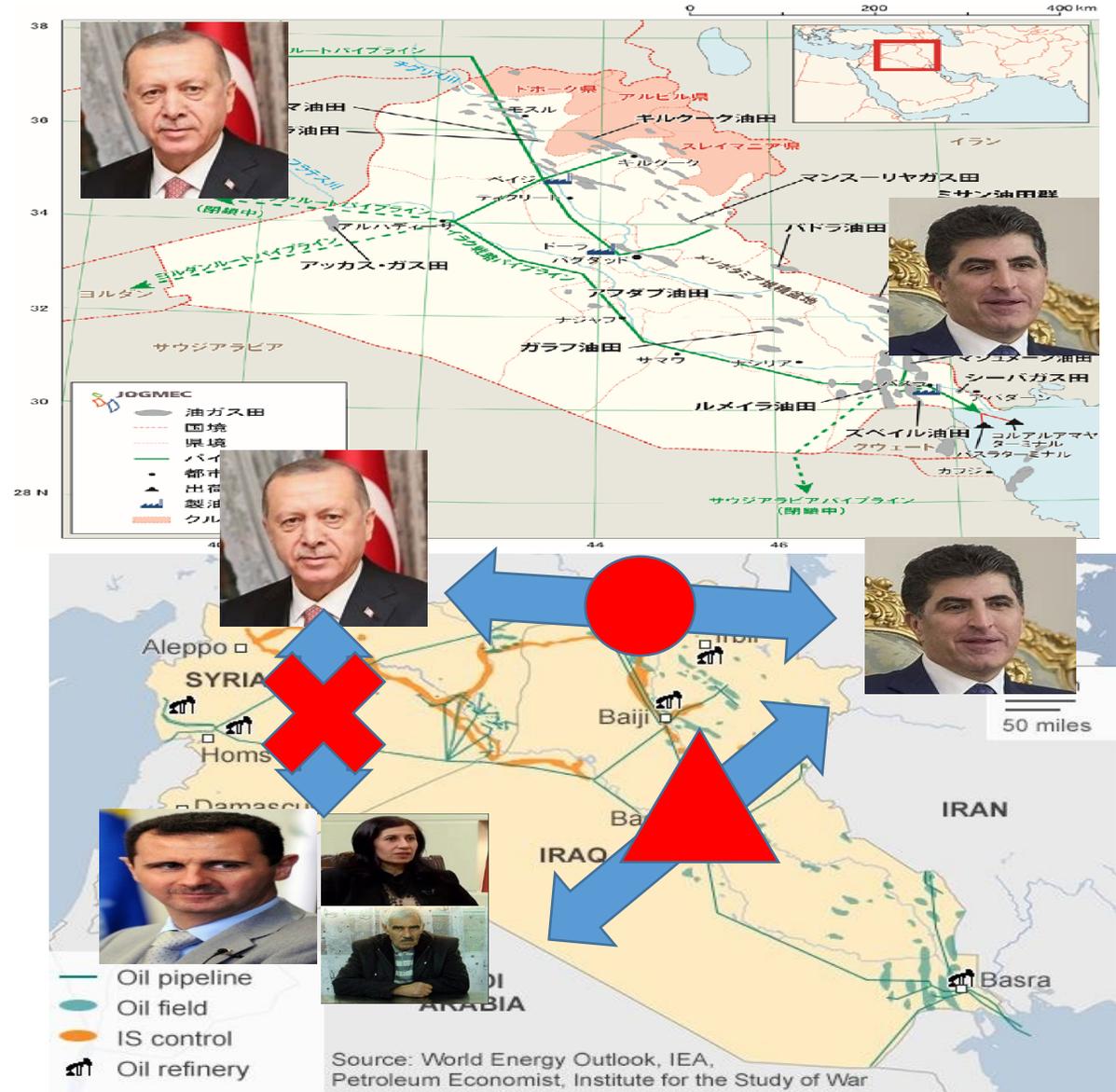
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Kurdistan is an isolated land with no sea access. It's rich in oil and gas, but it cannot export independently. Russia and the U.S have been meddling in the middle east for a very long time, resulting in many prolonged wars. The Kurds need to gain monetary independence. Kurdish coin is a cryptocurrency that the Kurds can use and unite monetarily, for now, and move one step closer towards independence.



Rojava Kurds and Iraqi Kurds

1. Rojava's Democratic Federation and HDP (A Kurdish political party in Turkey)
 1. The Kurdistan Regional government is on good terms with Erdogan. And has a pipeline that goes through Turkey.
 1. Erdogan has already scraped a peace deal with Kurds in Turkey and is actively opposing HDP.
 1. Erdogan for a very long time has been supporting different terrorist groups in Syria against Rojava.
- * The current finance and treasury minister is Erdogan's son in law who has been involved in oil dealings with IS.
5. Iraqi Kurdistan's good friendship with Turkey, which is supporting IS, is a heavy burden on both Turkish and Syrian Kurds.



Why Turkey is trying to divide Syrian Kurds

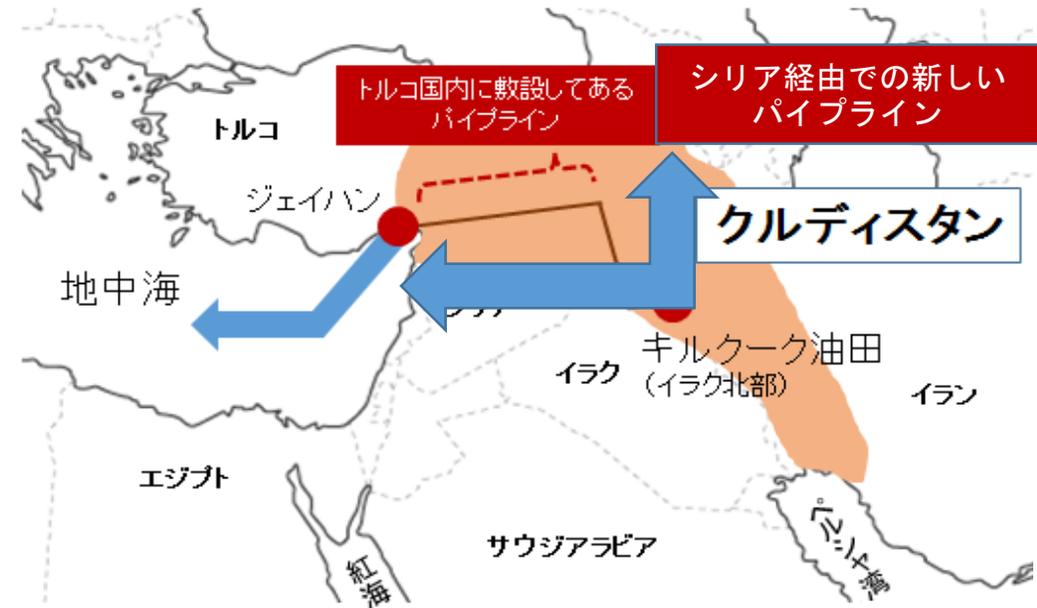
1. If Syrian Kurds allow the passage of oil through their land from Kurdistan, Erdogan loses control over Kurdistan oil and thus its economy becomes more vulnerable .
2. There are many oil fields in Northern Syria.

Why Syria is in conflict with Turkey

1. Turkey has supported anti-government organizations (formerly Al-Qaeda-based Nusra Front and IS). The Assad administration has teamed up with Russia to conduct air strikes to recapture regions (Idlib, Aleppo, Jaral Bullus) dominated by Turkey-supported anti-government organizations.
2. In Syria, Russian forces are on the west side of Euphrates while the Americans are on the east.

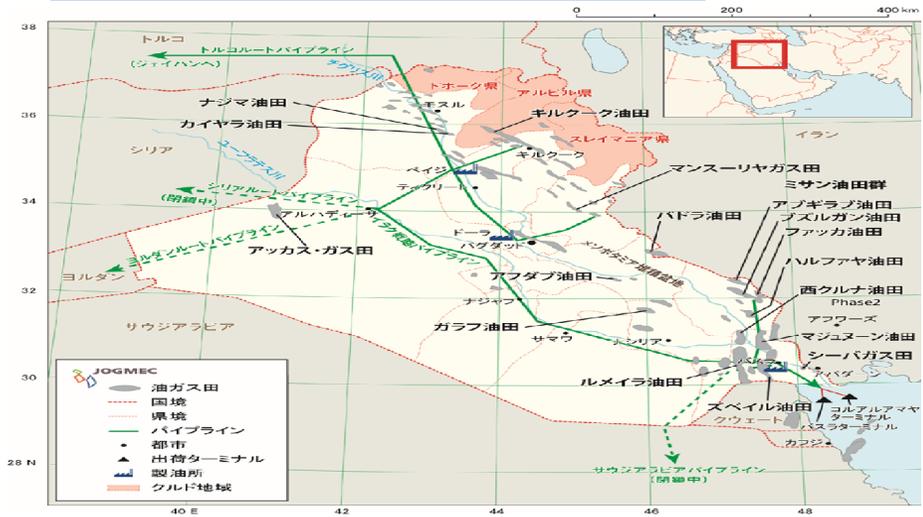
Why the U.S has sanctioned Turkey

1. The U.S supports anti-assad groups. Turkey supports IS and Nusra which is an arm of Al-Qaeda in Syria.
2. IS's budget depends on oil exports from territories it has in Iraq and Syria. Turkey would trade with IS for a lower price. This has caused a sharp decline in oil prices, which affects U.S shale oil.



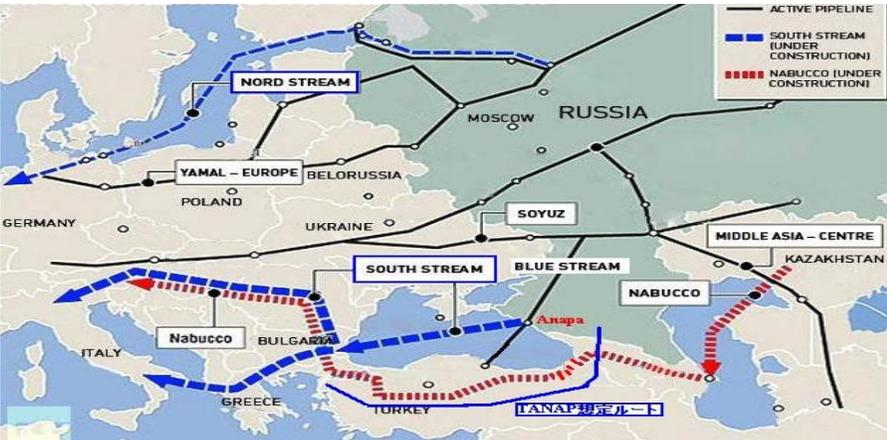
Russia as an ally and foe of Turkey

Iraq's oil fields' pipelines



1. Russia is a land power. It occupies west part of Euphrates to isolate the U.S who has sea power as well.
2. It's also trying to secure oil pipeline passage through Turkey.
3. On the other hand, Iraqi Kurdistan's oil going through Northern Syria is not only going to benefit the Kurds, but also Rosneft and Gazprom, two large Russian oil and gas companies. They have already contracted with the Iraqi and KRG government.

Russia's pipelines



- Russia is federation of many states. Among them are many muslims, and many radical Islamists. Any further rise in IS's size and power is going to have adverse effect on Russia's stability

Iraqi Kurdistan's relationship with Iranian government

1. Iraqi Kurdistan protects some Iranian Kurds from Iranian government on the border between them.
2. Iranian revolutionary guards suppress Iranian Kurds on ongoing bases.
3. The first Kurdish republic, Mahabad Republic was established in Iran and one of the leaders of this republic was Mustafa Barzani, father of former Kurdistan president Masoud Barzani.
4. The Kurdistan Democratic Party has another party affiliated with it in Iran

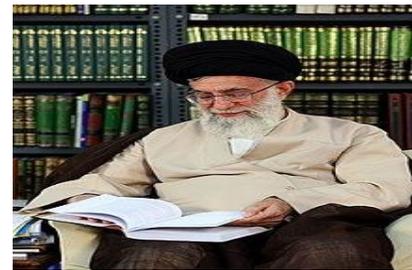
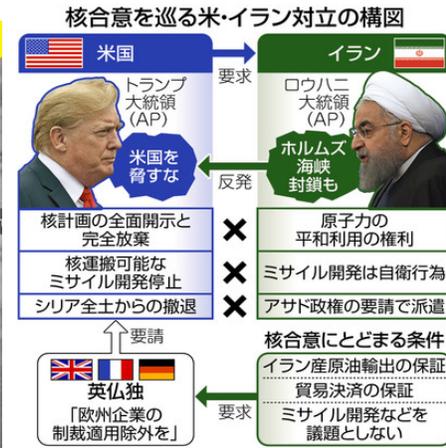
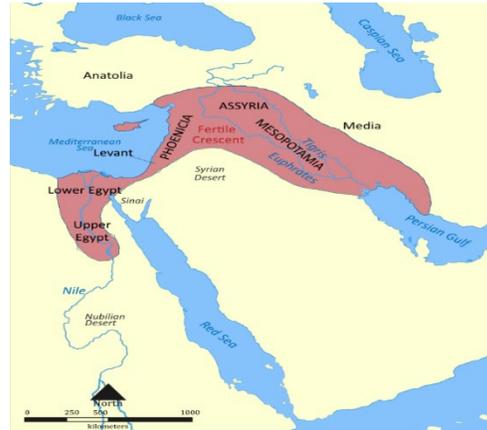
* In order to block Hormuz strait, Iran has imported submarines from Russia and North Korea



How the U.S and Iran compare

1. The U.S has sanctioned Iran to prevent or slow down Iran from implementing its grand strategy for domination in the Middle East.
2. Iran's grand strategy is not only limited to spreading its religious belief from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean, but to also secure a safe zone for its pipelines.
3. If this plan were to succeed, the U.S would not only lose its influence over the mideast, but also would not be able to come to the rescue of its allies, Saudi Arabia and Israel.
4. Iran has been involved in Iraq and Syria through its revolutionary guard corps and other proxies it supports.

The supreme leader of Iran, Ali Khamenei has increased spending on the revolutionary guard which has led to anti government sentiment growing among civilians



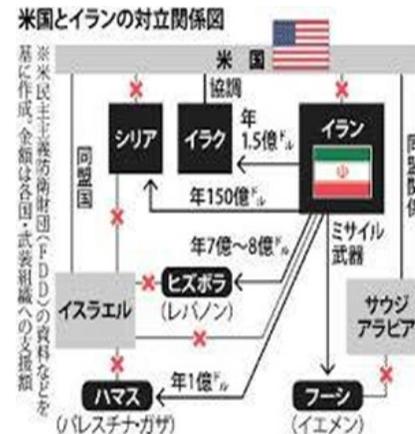
イラン・イスラム共和第2代イラン最高指導者アリー・ハーメネイー 直屬部隊が革命防衛隊



ゴドス軍 (特殊部隊)



革命防衛隊司令長官ホセイン・サラミ

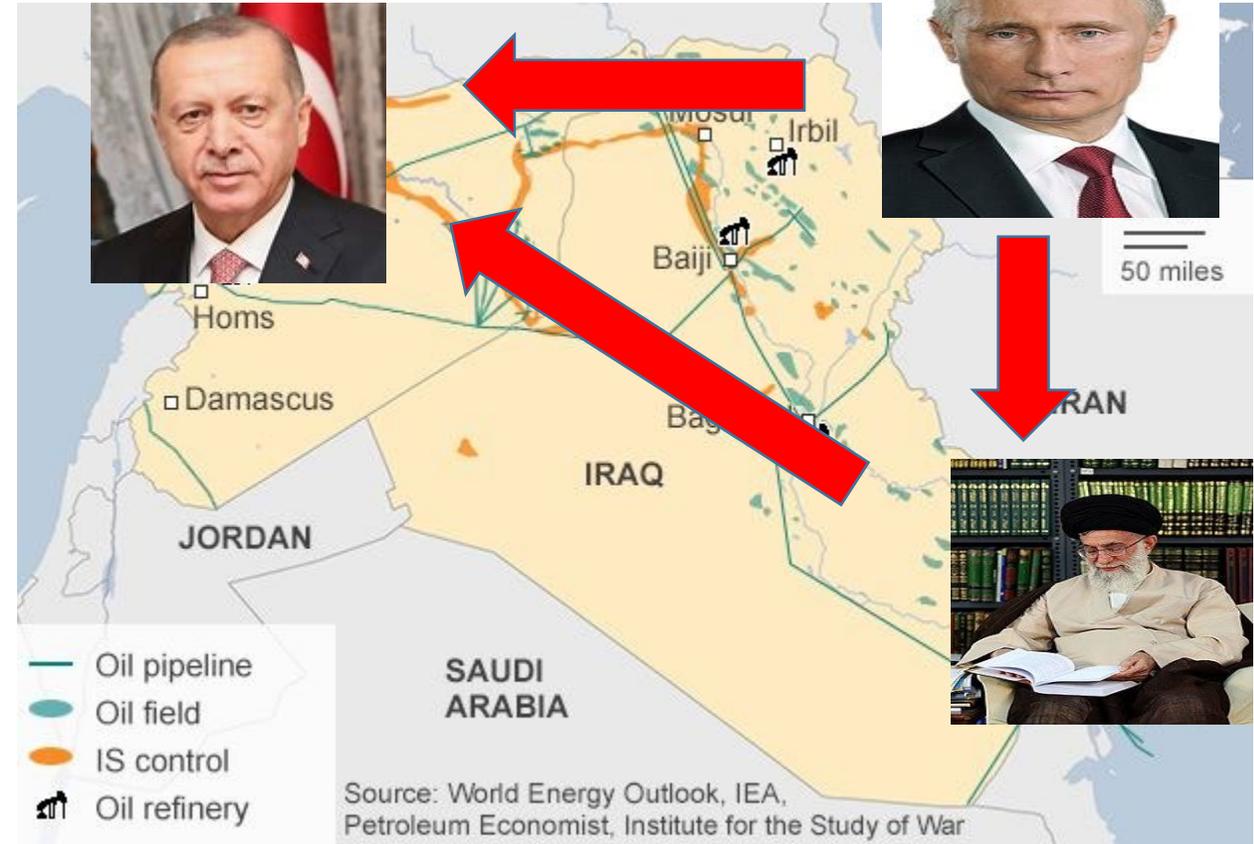


- 革命防衛隊：約12万5,000人
- 陸軍：約10万人
- 空軍：4,000~5,000人
- 海軍：約2万人 (うち海兵隊：5,000人)
- 艦艇：フリゲート3隻、コルベット2隻、小型艇1,500艇ほど
- 特殊作戦部隊 (クアトアル・ゴドス)：約1万5,000
- 民兵・義勇兵部隊「バスイージ」
- 正規将兵：約9万人
- 予備役将兵：約30万人
- 戦時には1,100万人程度まで拡大できる余地がある。(イランの正規軍の規模)
- 総兵力：約42万人
- 陸軍：約35万人
- 海軍：約1万8,000人 (含む海兵隊2,600人)
- 空軍：約5万2,000人

Iran and Turkey's rivalry goes beyond religion

Both Turkey and Iran are under the dictatorships of Erdogan and Khamenei respectively. And both are under sanctions from the U.S.

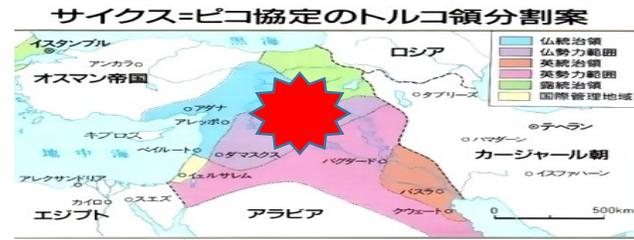
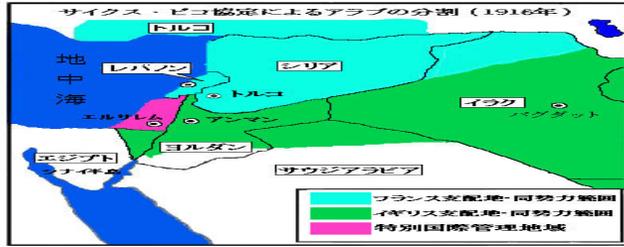
Economically, Iran wants to export its oil and natural gas through Turkey.



* If nuclear weapons are exported from North Korea or Russia, both Iran and Turkey will become nuclear powers.

* The Kurds are the common foes of both Turkey and Iran. The US is the same. Russia is interfering an alliance is built.. Does this signifies the start of a Second Cold War?

The UK, France and Russia have secured oil rights as former sectarian states under the former Sykes–Picot Agreement



1. The UK is renovating an oil facility in Iraq (Sunni Mosul). That is, this It leads to securing of local interests.
- * The UK is building a base for the British fleet in Oman, rebuilding British sea power Influence the Middle East. The alliance between the United States and the United Kingdom is important regarding the Iran issue.



2. In France, Total (oil company) has interests in the Iraqi Kurdish Autonomous Government.
3. Russia through Gazprom and Rosneft has been exploring oil and gas in Kurdistan region.

The U.S, China and Russia oil interests in the Middle East

1. The United States is shifting its dependence on crude oil from the Middle East to domestic shale gas and becoming an exporter. Export to Japan is possible if a pipeline from the east to the west coast is established through the Pacific Ocean.
2. Middle East oil break-even is \$ 35, shale gas is \$ 50, and oil trading is the key currency dollar.
3. In order to secure the break-even of Shale Gas, the United States of sea power must maintain its influence on the Middle East.
4. If China's Belt and Road initiative succeeds, it's going to grow stronger in terms of land power and introduce another key currency.
5. If China were to become stronger in terms of land power and sea power, then Asian hegemony would be a possibility.
6. Russia supports both Turkey and Syria militarily. at the same time, it exports submarines to Iran and North Korea also supports IRan with mines.l

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Trump's sanctions were intended to stop Iran's oil exports, its main source of income. However, our research shows that China and other countries are against them, highlighting the difficulties that the administration has against Iran. 10:45 -August 3, 2019 By Anjali Singhvi, Edward Wong and Denise LuAug 3, 2019 The New York Time

Turkish Kurdish refugee problems in Japan

1. Most of Kurdish people who are currently applying for visa as refugees in Japan, said to be 1200, are concentrated in Kawaguchi City and Sakai City.
2. Japan does not have an immigration law to accept labor capital like the West.
3. Kurdish residents in Japan are mainly involved in the construction industry, especially the dismantling industry.
4. The demolition industry has laws on the disposal of industrial waste. Few people understand it.
5. Taking advantage of the labor shortage, the composition of relatives calling relatives and applying for refugees is increasing. It is necessary to distinguish between political refugees and economic refugees.
6. The specific skill activity is a real work visa, unlike the technical training system for foreigners. Economic and political refugees In situations where it is difficult to judge a refugee, the use of a special skill activity visa is also a method.
7. Drug use by young Kurdish refugees is increasing.
8. There are an increasing number of cases where Turks have applied for refugees while disguising as Kurdish refugees.
9. Therefore, cooperation between ministries for the prevention of crimes by foreigners as well as Kurds is necessary.