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Israel-Egypt: Israel's shelling of the two Egyptian oil refineries at Suez yesterday probably will not satisfy Israeli desire to avenge the sinking of the Eilat.

The Israeli decision to shell the refineries, however, was almost certainly in part a response to the attack on the Israeli destroyer. The refineries turned out an estimated 114,000 barrels per day, two thirds of Egypt's daily output of petroleum products.

Extensive damage to these facilities would force Egypt to spend scarce foreign exchange to buy refined products. This would be a severe blow to its already weakened economy. No assessment of the actual damage, however, is yet available.

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There is no evidence to confirm Egypt's claim of shooting down an Israeli Mirage fighter. [REDACTED]

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