



TOP STORY • OIL

Oil Stays Above \$114 While Attacks and Talks Go On in the Gulf

Saudi Arabia says it stopped more drones as three countries meet Iran's leaders.

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Oil is the raw material for petrol and diesel, so its price ends up on the signs at filling stations. On Monday a barrel of Brent crude, the price many countries follow, closed at \$115.81. Early on Tuesday it was \$114.68.

Part of the reason is a fight in the Gulf region. The Houthis, an armed group in Yemen, keep attacking Saudi Arabia, which sells a great deal of oil. Saudi Arabia's allies said they destroyed three drones aimed at the capital, Riyadh, and southern areas on Monday.

There is also some diplomacy. On Monday, senior officials from Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan met Iran's leaders in Tehran, and Iranian state media said they agreed to keep talking. Buyers are watching the Gulf closely.



The Gulf lies between Iran and Saudi Arabia.

WHY IT MATTERS

Dearer crude can mean dearer fuel, and fuel is part of the cost of getting food and families around.

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WORLD • EUROPE

Europe's Living-Cost Anger Reaches Streets in Three Countries

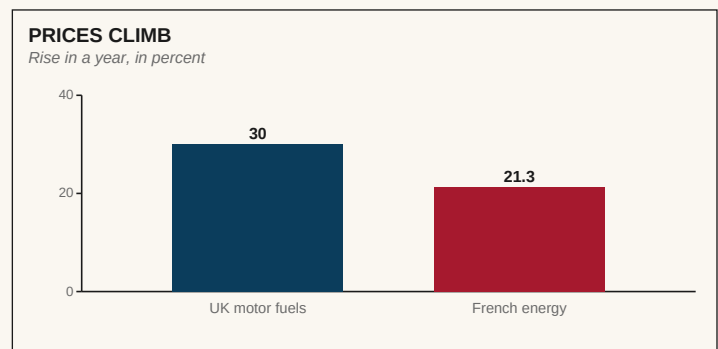
Higher fuel and energy bills are behind protests from France to Portugal.

Prices for fuel and energy have climbed across Europe, and last weekend people took to the streets. In France, the unrest led to 2,400 arrests, and President Emmanuel Macron said the protesters' demands were legitimate while condemning violence and looting.

The protests were not only in France. In Milan, in Italy, police clashed with protesters angry about public services and rising living costs. In Portugal, thousands marched against high housing costs.

The European Commission estimates the Iran conflict has cost Europe about 100 billion euros through disrupted trade and energy markets. It also says gas prices have jumped about 140% and diesel prices have doubled.

Fuel is part of the cost of moving almost everything by road, so a rise at the pump can show up in other prices too.



UK: year to September (ONS, via ITV). France: September (INSEE).

CONNECT THE DOTS

The oil price in this paper's top story feeds into fuel and energy costs.

UNITED STATES • ELECTIONS

More Than 30 Million Americans Have Already Voted

A week before the midterms, early voting is running strongly.

The United States holds midterm elections on 3 November, halfway through a president's term, to choose members of Congress. Many people do not wait for that day. They vote early, by post or in person.

With a week to go, more than 30 million Americans have already voted, according to election trackers. In Louisiana, early voting ends on Tuesday, and more than 363,000 people have cast ballots there.

Early totals show how many people are taking part. They do not show who is winning, so the real result will come after election day.

WHY IT MATTERS

Voting is how families have a say, and early voting gives people more than one chance to use it.

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Also in United States

- Fed: The US central bank decides on its key interest rate on Wednesday at 2 pm Eastern Time; traders put about an 11% chance on a rise.
- Louisiana: Early voting there ends on Tuesday 27 October.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Ukraine: President Zelenskyy said Ukraine, Russia and the United States agreed to hold three-way talks next month.
- Israel: Voters went to the polls on Tuesday, and exit polls suggest neither main side won outright; official results are still to come.

TALK ABOUT IT

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If petrol costs more, what else might cost more too, and why?

Why do you think authorities in India move people to shelters before a storm arrives, not after?

Early voting lets people vote before election day. Why might a country offer more than one day to vote?

INDIA • WEATHER

Families on India's East Coast Move to Shelters Before Arnab

A very severe cyclone is due to arrive in the small hours of Wednesday.

Imagine being told to leave your home before a storm. For more than 114,000 people in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, on India's east coast, that happened on Tuesday. They were moved from low-lying coastal districts to shelters.

The storm is Cyclone Arnab, a very severe cyclonic storm over the Bay of Bengal. India's weather office expects it to cross the coast between 2 am and 4 am on Wednesday, near Visakhapatnam. Gusts could reach 150 kilometres an hour.

Life on the coast has changed for a few days. Odisha closed schools in 16 of its 30 districts, and at least 50 trains and 21 flights were cancelled. In Andhra Pradesh, 1,351 pregnant women were taken to hospitals as a precaution. Andhra Pradesh also set up 1,087 medical teams and 1,274 ambulances.

WHY IT MATTERS

For a family, a storm warning means a plan: where to go, what to bring and when to leave.

SPORTS CORNER

DARTS: ROSS SMITH WINS THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Ross Smith beat **Martin Schindler** 11-8 in the final of the European Championship in Dortmund, Germany, on Sunday.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Whether Cyclone Arnab crosses the coast between 2 am and 4 am on Wednesday.
- What the Federal Reserve decides on Wednesday at 2 pm Eastern Time.

*"A good plan made early is worth more than a hurry made late." —
The Editor*

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.