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Ukraine's Families Wait as Talks to End the War Begin in Abu Dhabi

Leaders called the first day useful, but both sides still disagree about land.

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For Ukrainian families, the war Russia began in February 2022 is part of every day. Russian attacks damage the systems that bring power and heat into homes, raising the risk of a hard winter. On Tuesday, teams from Russia, Ukraine and the United States met in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, for two days of talks.

What would make families feel safe after a war? A US official said the talks would focus on security guarantees: promises from other countries to help if Russia attacked again. Ukraine's lead negotiator, Rustem Umerov, said: "Our people are waiting to end this war."

Land is the hardest part. Russia holds about 20 percent of Ukraine, and each side wants a different border. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy called the first day "constructive and quite substantive."



The map marks Ukraine, Russia and the United Arab Emirates, where the talks are held in Abu Dhabi.

WHY IT MATTERS

Millions in Ukraine live with the war every day, and a safe end depends on promises other countries will keep.

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WORLD • ENERGY

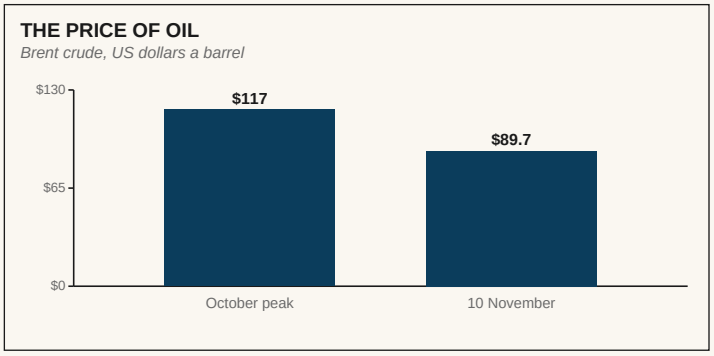
Oil Prices Drop Below $90 After Trump Says the Iran War Is "Effectively Over"

Iran says no talks are planned, and diesel supplies are still tight.

Oil prices reach every kitchen table, through the fuel in cars and buses and the cost of moving goods. On Tuesday, Brent crude, the world's main oil price, fell to $89.70 a barrel. It was the first time it had been below $90 since August. In late October it was above $117.

The fall came after President Donald Trump said on Monday that Iran, "militarily, is effectively over." He spoke after meeting the prime minister of Qatar, a key go-between in efforts to end the war. Trump said new strikes were "quite unlikely," but that US forces were ready if needed.

Iran sees it differently. Its foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, denied that any meeting was planned. One expert said oil is flowing almost as it did before the war, but diesel supplies are still limited, keeping its price high.



The late-October peak was above $117; Brent fell to $89.70 in early trading on 10 November.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Geography: the Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula, and attacks on oil tankers there continued this week.

UNITED STATES • CONGRESS

Republicans Pick Jim Jordan to Lead Them After Losing the House

He won a secret vote against Steve Scalise, 106 to 73.

In the US House of Representatives, each party chooses a leader. A week after Republicans lost their majority in the midterm elections, they met on Tuesday and chose Jim Jordan of Ohio in a secret vote. He beat Steve Scalise of Louisiana, 106 to 73.

Jordan, 62, is a close ally of President Donald Trump. He will become the minority leader, the top member of the party with fewer seats. Speaker Mike Johnson said after the election that he would step down from leadership.

Democrats won roughly 260 seats, NBC News reported. Their leader, Hakeem Jeffries, is expected to become Speaker on 3 January.

WHY IT MATTERS

The party leaders decide which ideas get a vote, so they shape the laws that reach families. A question for the table: how should a team choose its captain?

Also in United States

• Senate: Republicans also voted on their leaders on Tuesday; Democrats will choose theirs in early December.

• Whip: Tom Emmer will stay as the Republicans' whip, who counts votes.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Climate: at the COP31 meeting in Turkey, Brazil presented a plan for moving away from coal, oil and gas, and India and Nigeria welcomed it.

• Science: US researchers found a blood signal for a very early stage of ovarian cancer, but the test is not ready for doctors yet.

TALK ABOUT IT

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What kind of promise would help a family feel safe after a war ends?

When fuel prices go up or down, who in our family notices first?

Why might a country set a big goal even if it is hard to reach?

INDIA • TRADE

India Aims to Sell $1 Trillion of Goods and Services Abroad This Year

Halfway through, exports have reached about $480 billion, says Piyush Goyal.

Exports are the goods and services a country sells to other countries. On Tuesday, India's Commerce Minister, Piyush Goyal, said India is on track to export $1 trillion of goods and services this financial year. He called the goal "sacrosanct," meaning it must not be broken.

Halfway through the year, exports have reached about $480 billion, he said. Government figures for April to September show $476.20 billion, up 13.84% from the same months last year. Goyal said the second half of the year normally brings more than the first. Numbers for October come out on 15 November.

Trade deals help. Goyal said India's goods could enter the 27-nation European Union without import taxes by March or April. India is also in talks with seven or eight more countries. He said European carmakers see India as a place to build cars for India and the world. He spoke at an event for the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027, which expects about one million visitors.

WHY IT MATTERS

When factories sell more abroad, they may need more workers, and that can reach families' jobs and earnings.

SPORTS CORNER

CHESS: INDIA'S 100TH GRANDMASTER

Anuj Shrivatri, 22, became **India's 100th Grandmaster**, chess's highest title, by winning a tournament in Ozamiz City, Philippines. He lost his first game but scored seven points from nine rounds. He is the first Grandmaster from Madhya Pradesh.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• What the second day of talks in Abu Dhabi brings.

• India's October export figures, due on 15 November.

"Big goals are reached one step at a time."

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.