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Oil Reaches Its Highest Price Since April

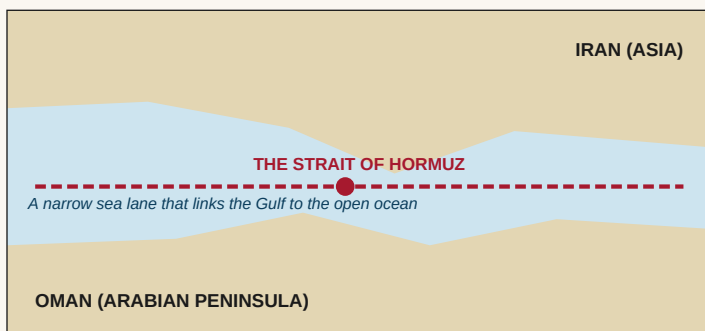
Saudi Arabia partly reopens its capital's airport as attacks go on.

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Oil is a fuel that ships carry all around the world, and its price is quoted per barrel. On Friday, Brent crude, a main world price, closed at \$116.72 a barrel. That was its highest closing price since 29 April. Over the whole week it rose 6.2%, the third week in a row that it went up.

The price rose because traders worried about attacks on Saudi Arabia by the Houthis, a group in Yemen. They also worried about a reported oil spill near the United Arab Emirates and the chance of new US strikes on Iran.

Those attacks have also hit Riyadh, the Saudi capital. Its main airport had been shut for about two weeks. On Sunday, two of its terminals opened again: one for flights inside the country and one for flights abroad. The same day, Saudi forces said they stopped a missile and a drone aimed at the city.



Oil tankers from the Gulf pass through this strait.

WHY IT MATTERS

Many countries buy oil from the Gulf. When supply there is at risk, fuel can cost more far away.

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Serbia Votes as Students Take On Its Leader

A protest movement tries to win an election.

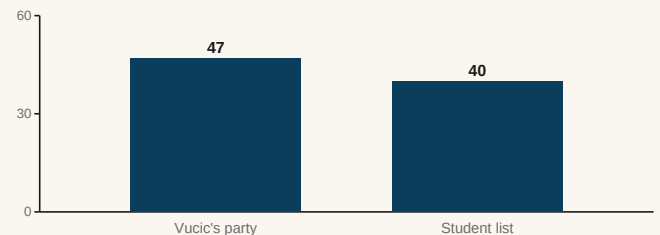
Serbia is a country in south-east Europe. In 2024, a roof at a train station in Novi Sad fell down, and 16 people died. Students began protests against corruption, which means people in power acting dishonestly.

Those protests grew for almost two years. On Sunday, Serbia voted for its parliament of 250 lawmakers. Students backed 250 candidates, led by a heart doctor.

They faced the party of Aleksandar Vucic, who has led Serbia for many years. One poll put his party ahead, but others put the students ahead.

ONE POLL BEFORE THE VOTE

Percent of the vote, Ipsos poll



Other polls put the students ahead. Source: Al Jazeera.

WHY IT MATTERS

Voters choose who runs their country. This vote tests whether a protest movement can win.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- North Korea: Leader Kim Jong Un crossed a new 3 km bridge into China on Saturday.
- United States: The birth rate, how many babies are born, fell to its lowest level ever recorded in 2025.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Serbia's official result, not expected before Monday.
- Cyclone Arnab, a big storm expected to reach India's east coast on 28 October.

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