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Cyclone Arnab Leaves Damage on Two Indian Coasts

The storm crossed Andhra Pradesh on 28 October, and floods then hit southern Odisha, the state to its north.

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A cyclone is a huge spinning storm that forms over warm sea water. Cyclone Arnab came ashore on Wednesday 28 October near Yanam, a town on the coast of Andhra Pradesh in south-eastern India. India's weather office called it a very severe cyclonic storm. Its core winds blew at 125 to 135 kilometres an hour.

Konaseema and West Godavari were hit hardest. In Konaseema alone, around 8,000 electricity poles fell, and power was cut in nearly 400 villages.

Arnab weakened on Wednesday afternoon, but floods followed in southern Odisha, the state to the north. There, over 100,000 people were evacuated. Ganjam was among the flood-hit districts.

Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu, puts the early loss at Rs 4,600 crore, which could rise. He says at least seven people died.



Arnab crossed the Andhra Pradesh coast, then floods hit southern Odisha.

WHY IT MATTERS

Early warnings and moving tens of thousands of people to safety helped limit the harm from a very severe cyclone.

WORLD • STRAIT OF HORMUZ

Oil Ships Find Ways Around a Narrow Strait
Brent oil briefly topped \$117 a barrel on Friday, even as Gulf oil reached buyers.

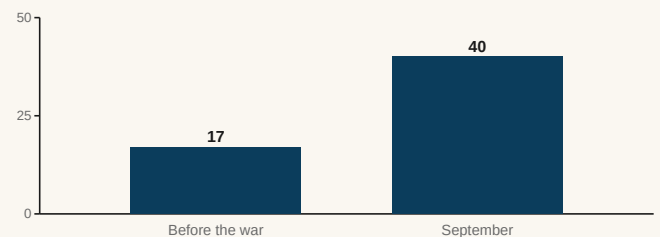
The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow sea passage between Iran on one side and Oman and the United Arab Emirates on the other. It normally carries about one-fifth of the world's oil. Shipping there is risky, so oil takes other routes.

One route is a pipeline, such as Saudi Arabia's to Yanbu, a Red Sea port. In September 40% of Gulf exports bypassed the strait, up from 17% before the war.

Prices still rose. Brent, the benchmark price many countries follow, briefly topped \$117 a barrel on Friday. Analysts blame fear of renewed fighting.

OIL AROUND THE STRAIT

Share of Gulf exports that bypassed Hormuz



Percent of Gulf oil exports that went around the strait rather than through it.

WHY IT MATTERS

Oil sets fuel and shipping prices, so a squeezed strait can raise costs far away.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

- Brazil: Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won the 25 October runoff against Flavio Bolsonaro with about 51.75% of the vote.
- United States: The Federal Reserve kept its main interest rate at 3.75-4% on 28 October, in a 10-2 vote.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

- Whether Andhra Pradesh's Rs 4,600 crore loss estimate rises.
- Whether Brent oil stays above \$110 a barrel.

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