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# Iran War: Lufthansa Reduces Flights Amid Jet Fuel Crisis

## Description

The ongoing war in Iran is significantly impacting the global aviation industry, leading to jet fuel shortages and soaring prices. This is affecting flight routes worldwide.

On April 21, Germany's largest airline, Lufthansa, announced it would cancel 20,000 flights between May and October to conserve fuel. The airline estimates these cancellations will save approximately 40,000 metric tons of jet fuel. Prices for this fuel have doubled since the conflict began.

KLM, the Dutch airline, has already cancelled 160 flights scheduled for the next month. Other airlines across Europe and the Asia-Pacific region are also considering price increases and potential mass cancellations as summer approaches. Fatih Birol, from the International Energy Agency, stated that Europe faces only six weeks of jet fuel supply. Meanwhile, the EU's Energy Commissioner Dan Jørgensen warned that the situation is shifting from high prices to a supply crisis.

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has severely disrupted oil and gas supplies, with Europe heavily reliant on kerosene for jet fuel from the Middle East. Some EU member states are discussing sharing jet fuel stocks to ensure air travel can continue.

Despite differing views on supply longevity, experts agree that airlines are vulnerable to these kinds of shocks. The EU plans to present measures, including a possible increase in jet fuel purchases from the US to mitigate the crisis, highlighting the industry's fragility amid geopolitical tensions. Airlines worldwide are bracing for further cancellations, price hikes, and a challenging travel environment ahead.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **shortages** //ˈʃɔː.tɪdʒɪz// (noun): when there is not enough of something
2. **conserve** //kənˈsɜːv// (verb): use less so it lasts longer
3. **soaring** //ˈsɔːɪŋ// (adjective): rising very quickly to a high level
4. **kerosene** //ˈkerəsiːn// (noun): a type of fuel used in jet engines
5. **mitigate** //ˈmɪtɪˌgeɪt// (verb): make a problem less severe or bad
6. **vulnerable** //ˈvʌlnərəbəl// (adjective): easily harmed or affected by problems

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. How many flights did Lufthansa announce it would cancel between May and October?  
Option: 10,000  
Option: 15,000  
Option: 20,000  
Option: 25,000
2. What is the primary reason for the cancellations announced by airlines?  
Option: Increased passenger demand  
Option: Jet fuel shortages  
Option: Low ticket sales  
Option: Maintenance issues
3. Who is the representative from the International Energy Agency mentioned in the text?  
Option: Dan Jørgensen  
Option: Fatih Birol  
Option: Angela Merkel  
Option: Elon Musk
4. Which airline has already cancelled 160 flights scheduled for the next month?  
Option: Lufthansa  
Option: KLM  
Option: Air France  
Option: British Airways
5. What has happened to prices for jet fuel since the conflict began?  
Option: They have decreased  
Option: They have remained stable  
Option: They have doubled  
Option: They have tripled
6. What is the situation Europe faces regarding jet fuel supply?  
Option: Surplus supply  
Option: Abundant supply  
Option: Only six weeks of supply  
Option: Unlimited supply



### True-False

7. Lufthansa is planning to increase the number of flights it operates this summer.
8. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has had no impact on oil and gas supplies.
9. Airlines across Europe are considering price increases due to fuel shortages.
10. Experts believe that airlines are highly resilient to geopolitical shocks.
11. The EU is discussing sharing jet fuel stocks among member states.
12. The ongoing war in Iran has no effect on the global aviation industry.

### Gap-Fill

13. The ongoing war in Iran is impacting the global aviation industry, leading to jet fuel shortages and soaring prices for \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. KLM has cancelled \_\_\_\_\_ flights scheduled for the next month.
15. Experts agree that airlines are vulnerable to these kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. The EU plans to present measures to mitigate the jet fuel \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. According to Fatih Birol, Europe faces only \_\_\_\_\_ weeks of jet fuel supply.
18. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has severely disrupted oil and gas \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 20,000 2. Jet fuel shortages 3. Fatih Birol 4. KLM 5. They have doubled 6. Only six weeks of supply

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. jet fuel 14. 160 15. shocks 16. crisis 17. six 18. supplies

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