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## Oil Prices Climb as Trump Sets Iran Deadline

### Description

Oil prices rose after U.S. President Donald Trump repeated his threats to attack Iran if it did not reopen the Strait of Hormuz. He warned that Iran would face severe consequences if its leaders did not act by a deadline. These threats caused prices for oil to increase significantly.

As of now, West Texas Intermediate crude oil traded at \$112.41 per barrel, while Brent crude rose to \$109.77 per barrel. This rise in prices happened because the closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted oil supplies since a conflict began on February 28.

Trump said Iran must respond by Tuesday evening. He noted that Iran's leaders seem to be negotiating. However, the closure of this vital waterway has raised prices for many fuels, including jet fuel and gasoline.

Reports state that the U.S. and Iran are discussing a plan to end the conflict. Iran has presented its own ten-point plan instead of accepting a U.S. ceasefire offer. But analysts believe a ceasefire agreement is unlikely soon.

Recently, some shipping has started again through the Strait of Hormuz, but it is still very low compared to normal levels. A full reopening could take several months.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **threats** //θreɪts// (noun): words that say you will harm someone
2. **deadline** //ˈdɛdlaɪn// (noun): the latest time or day to finish something
3. **consequences** //ˈkɒnsəˌkwɛnsɪz// (noun): bad results that happen after an action
4. **disrupted** //dɪsˈrʌptɪd// (verb): stopped or made something work badly
5. **ceasefire** //ˈsiːsˌfaɪə// (noun): an agreement to stop fighting for a time
6. **analysts** //ˈænəˌlɪsts// (noun): people who study information and give opinions

### Comprehension Questions

#### Multiple Choice

1. What did Trump threaten to do if Iran did not reopen the Strait of Hormuz?



- Option: Attack Iran
- Option: Impose sanctions
- Option: Negotiate a deal
- Option: Withdraw U.S. troops

2. As of the report, what was the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil per barrel?

- Option: \$109.77
- Option: \$112.41
- Option: \$100.00
- Option: \$95.50

3. When did the conflict that disrupted oil supplies begin?

- Option: February 28
- Option: March 15
- Option: January 10
- Option: December 1

4. What type of fuel prices have been raised due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz?

- Option: Natural gas
- Option: Jet fuel and gasoline
- Option: Coal
- Option: Solar energy

5. What is Iran's response to the U.S. ceasefire offer?

- Option: Acceptance of the offer
- Option: A ten-point plan
- Option: A counter-offer
- Option: Ignoring the proposal

6. How long could a full reopening of the Strait of Hormuz take?

- Option: A few days
- Option: Several weeks
- Option: Several months
- Option: One year

### True-False

7. Trump issued threats to Iran after a conflict began on March 1.



8. The price of Brent crude oil rose to \$109.77 per barrel.
9. Iran's leaders have accepted the U.S. ceasefire offer.
10. Shipping through the Strait of Hormuz has returned to normal levels.
11. Trump set a deadline for Iran to act by Tuesday evening.
12. The conflict has led to a decrease in global oil prices.

### Gap-Fill

13. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz has disrupted oil supplies since \_\_\_\_\_ 28.
14. Iran's leaders seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the negotiating process.
15. Trump warned that Iran would face severe \_\_\_\_\_ if it did not act.
16. The price of Brent crude reached \_\_\_\_\_ per barrel.
17. Some shipping has started again, but it is still very \_\_\_\_\_ compared to normal levels.
18. A full \_\_\_\_\_ could take several months after the closure.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Attack Iran 2. \$112.41 3. February 28 4. Jet fuel and gasoline 5. A ten-point plan 6. Several months

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. February 14. negotiating 15. consequences 16. \$109.77 17. low 18. reopening

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the primary focus of cybersecurity?  
Option: Preventing physical theft



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- Option: Protecting computer systems and networks from damage  
Option: Enhancing user experience  
Option: Increasing internet speed
2. Which term refers to weaknesses in a system that can be exploited by threats?  
Option: Defenses  
Option: Vulnerabilities  
Option: Firewalls  
Option: Protocols
3. What is often required to stay ahead of new cybersecurity threats?  
Option: Budget cuts  
Option: Technical advancements  
Option: Less training  
Option: Fewer regulations
4. Who are professionals that specialize in identifying and responding to cybersecurity issues?  
Option: Novices  
Option: Analysts  
Option: Experts  
Option: Amateurs
5. What is the term for the actions taken to address a cybersecurity incident?  
Option: Response  
Option: Detection  
Option: Prevention  
Option: Analysis
6. What can enhance the effectiveness of cybersecurity measures?  
Option: Isolation  
Option: Partnership  
Option: Competition  
Option: Confidentiality
7. What do harmful activities targeting computer systems and networks refer to?  
Option: Opportunities  
Option: Creates  
Option: Threats  
Option: Rewards
8. What do organizations usually set to ensure cybersecurity projects are completed on time?  
Option: Timeline  
Option: Deadline



- Option: Schedule
- Option: Benchmark

9. What can result from a significant cybersecurity breach?

- Option: Order
- Option: Chaos
- Option: Stability
- Option: Growth

10. What situation does a major cybersecurity incident often trigger?

- Option: Normal operations
- Option: Emergency
- Option: Maintenance
- Option: Planning

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The potential misuse of technology is a serious concern in the field of \_\_\_\_\_.

12. There is often a lot of hype surrounding new advancements in technology, particularly in \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Analysts play a crucial role in identifying potential \_\_\_\_\_ before they can be exploited.

14. The latest gadgets are often priced based on their quality and technological \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Keeping up with rapid technical \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for cybersecurity professionals.

16. Many brands offer discounts on gadgets to attract customers during sales \_\_\_\_\_.

17. Failure to address cybersecurity threats can lead to significant \_\_\_\_\_ for businesses.

18. Customers were furious when their data was compromised, leading to a major public \_\_\_\_\_.

19. Innovative gadgets are continuously being released, enhancing our daily \_\_\_\_\_.

20. In times of a ceasefire, focus on cybersecurity can often be \_\_\_\_\_ as resources are



redirected.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Technology companies often celebrate the release of new devices with grand events.
22. Analysts play a vital role in interpreting data trends and providing insights.
23. Cyber attacks during holiday sales can create chaos for online retailers.
24. The system was freezing due to an overload of requests during the promotion.
25. A strong partnership between organizations can improve their cybersecurity stance.
26. Many brands are offering discounts to entice consumers during the holiday season.
27. The hype surrounding the new smartphone model drove its initial sales.
28. Having the right expertise in cybersecurity is crucial to protecting sensitive information.
29. Identifying vulnerabilities before they are exploited is a key aspect of cybersecurity.
30. Ignoring cybersecurity measures can lead to devastating consequences for companies.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Protecting computer systems and networks from damage 2. Vulnerabilities 3. Technical advancements 4. Experts 5. Response 6. Partnership 7. Threats 8. Deadline 9. Chaos 10. Emergency

**Gap-Fill:** 11. cybersecurity 12. cybersecurity 13. vulnerabilities 14. advancements 15. advancements 16. events 17. consequences 18. backlash 19. lives 20. disrupted

**Matching sentence:** 1. release 2. analysts 3. chaos 4. freezing 5. partnership 6. discounts 7. hype 8. expertise 9. vulnerabilities 10. consequences

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