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## Stock Market Live: Today's Key Updates

### Description

Traders got ready for the first sale of MDA Space Ltd at the New York Stock Exchange on March 12, 2026. This is important because the company is entering the stock market.

On Thursday night, stock futures rose slightly after comments from the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. He said Israel is helping the U.S. with intelligence to open the Strait of Hormuz, a key waterway for oil shipping. This made investors feel less worried about the ongoing U.S.-Iran war. Dow Jones futures went up by 100 points, or 0.2%, while S&P 500 and Nasdaq-100 futures also gained 0.2%.

On Thursday, many stocks fell but recovered by the end of the day. Netanyahu mentioned that Iran could not enrich uranium or make ballistic missiles. He suggested that the conflict might not last as long as some people fear. However, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil prices dropped after his comments, although WTI is still more than 48% higher this month.

Experts believe that the future market actions depend on the opening of the Strait. Overall, major stock averages are still on track to see their fourth losing week. The Dow and Nasdaq are close to correction territory as they fall from their previous highs.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **traders** //ˈtreɪdəz// (noun): people who buy and sell stocks
2. **futures** //ˈfju:tʃəz// (noun): agreements to buy or sell later
3. **intelligence** //ɪnˈtɛlɪdʒəns// (noun): secret information about military or security
4. **waterway** //ˈwɔ:tə,weɪ// (noun): a natural or built route for ships
5. **enrich** //ɪnˈrɪtʃ// (verb): to increase the amount of something
6. **correction** //kəˈrɛkʃən// (noun): a drop in price after a recent high

### Comprehension Questions

#### Multiple Choice

1. When did MDA Space Ltd make its first sale at the New York Stock Exchange?  
Option: March 12, 2026
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- Option: April 1, 2026
- Option: February 15, 2026
- Option: January 30, 2026

2. What was the percentage increase in Dow Jones futures mentioned in the article?

- Option: 0.5%
- Option: 0.3%
- Option: 0.2%
- Option: 0.1%

3. Who is the Prime Minister of Israel mentioned in the article?

- Option: Naftali Bennett
- Option: Benjamin Netanyahu
- Option: Ariel Sharon
- Option: Ehud Olmert

4. What did Netanyahu mention about Iran's capabilities?

- Option: They can enrich uranium and make missiles
- Option: They cannot enrich uranium or make ballistic missiles
- Option: They are stopping all missile production
- Option: They have stopped enriching uranium

5. What happened to West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil prices after Netanyahu's comments?

- Option: They rose significantly
- Option: They dropped
- Option: They remained the same
- Option: They doubled

6. What key waterway was mentioned as being opened with U.S. help?

- Option: Suez Canal
- Option: Malacca Strait
- Option: Strait of Hormuz
- Option: Bosphorus Strait

### True-False

7. MDA Space Ltd had its stock market debut on March 12, 2026.



8. Dow Jones futures rose by 200 points.
9. Netanyahu's comments made investors more worried about the U.S.-Iran war.
10. Major stock averages are on track for their fourth losing week.
11. WTI oil prices are 50% lower this month.
12. The Nasdaq and Dow are close to correction territory.
13. Traders got ready for the first sale of MDA Space Ltd at the New York Stock Exchange on March 12, 2026. This is important because the company is entering the stock market. \_\_\_\_\_

### Gap-Fill

13. Traders got ready for the first sale of MDA Space Ltd at the New York Stock Exchange on March 12, 2026. This is important because the company is entering the stock market. \_\_\_\_\_
14. On Thursday night, stock futures rose slightly after comments from the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, who said Israel is helping the U.S. with intelligence to open the \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Netanyahu mentioned that Iran could not enrich uranium or make \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Experts believe that the future market actions depend on the opening of the \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Overall, major stock averages are still on track to see their fourth losing \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Dow and Nasdaq are close to \_\_\_\_\_ territory as they fall from their previous highs.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. March 12, 2026 2. 0.2% 3. Benjamin Netanyahu 4. They cannot enrich uranium or make ballistic missiles 5. They dropped 6. Strait of Hormuz

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True 13. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 1 14. Strait of Hormuz 15. ballistic missiles 16. Strait 17. week 18. correction



## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What do financial markets refer to contracts that allow investors to buy or sell at a predetermined price at a future date?  
Option: Options  
Option: Stocks  
Option: Futures  
Option: Bonds
2. What term refers to taxes imposed on imported goods?  
Option: Subsidies  
Option: Duties  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Exports
3. Which sector focuses on manipulating biological organisms or systems for technological advancement?  
Option: Pharmaceutical  
Option: Biotech  
Option: Healthcare  
Option: Manufacturing
4. What term describes a decline in the stock market after a period of rising prices?  
Option: Recession  
Option: Correction  
Option: Boom  
Option: Depression
5. Who are the individuals or entities that allocate capital with the expectation of a financial return?  
Option: Borrowers  
Option: Buyers  
Option: Investors  
Option: Sellers
6. What do we call goods and services sent out of a country for sale?  
Option: Imports  
Option: Exports  
Option: Stocks  
Option: Tariffs



7. What is the term used for the process of transporting goods by sea?

Option: Transporting

Option: Delivering

Option: Shipping

Option: Freighting

8. What is the process of creating goods and services called?

Option: Manufacturing

Option: Production

Option: Consumption

Option: Distribution

9. What term describes the total amount of a product or service available for purchase?

Option: Demand

Option: Supply

Option: Market

Option: Investment

10. In the context of drug development, what are controlled tests of the effectiveness and safety of medical treatments called?

Option: Studies

Option: Tests

Option: Trials

Option: Surveys

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

11. The missile's \_\_\_\_\_ trajectory indicated it would reach its target swiftly.

12. The investigation into the incident is still \_\_\_\_\_ and no conclusions have been drawn.

13. The government introduced new \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure safer practices in the industry.

14. The proposal faced heavy \_\_\_\_\_ from various stakeholders who disagreed with its implementation.

15. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the product from the market due to safety concerns.

16. During the pandemic, many countries began to \_\_\_\_\_ medical supplies to prepare for



emergencies.

17. Recent advances in \_\_\_\_\_ have shown promise in treating genetic disorders.

18. The new system includes a \_\_\_\_\_ process to ensure all data is accurate before submission.

19. During his \_\_\_\_\_, he implemented several key policies that changed the nation's direction.

20. The significant loss in revenue \_\_\_\_\_ the company's previous growth strategies and forced a reevaluation.

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

21. The ongoing negotiations have kept both parties engaged in dialogue.
22. Tariffs can increase the cost of imported goods, impacting consumers.
23. The biotech sector continues to explore innovative solutions for healthcare challenges.
24. Exports play a critical role in boosting a nation's economy.
25. Increased production rates are vital for meeting growing global demand.
26. Shipping goods efficiently is essential for international trade.
27. Investors use futures contracts to hedge against market volatility.
28. The supply chain disruptions affected many businesses worldwide.
29. Clinical trials are crucial for determining the safety and efficacy of new drugs.
30. Many investors are looking for sustainable opportunities in the market.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Futures 2. Tariffs 3. Biotech 4. Correction 5. Investors 6. Exports 7. Shipping 8. Production 9. Supply



10. Trials

**Gap-Fill:** 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20.

**Matching sentence:** 1. ongoing 2. tariffs 3. biotech 4. exports 5. production 6. shipping 7. futures 8. supply  
9. trials 10. investors

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