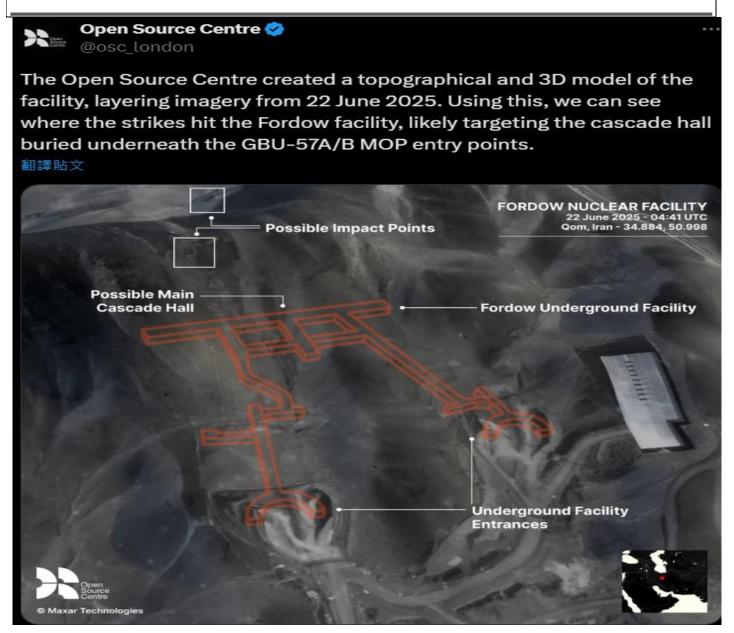
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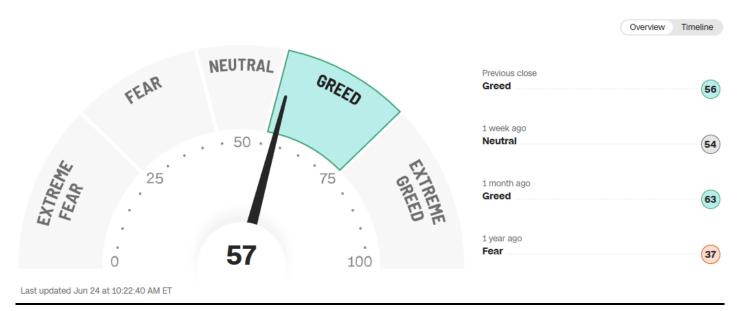
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North East West South is NEWS

Oil prices fell sharply Tuesday, returning to levels last seen before the Iran-Israel conflict, as investors cheered news of a ceasefire, albeit fragile, between the two countries. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 4.4% lower on the day Tuesday mid-morning ET at \$68.24 a barrel, while West Texas Intermediate crude, the US oil benchmark, was also trading 4.7% down at \$65.41 a barrel.

U.S. President Donald Trump today downplayed Iran's retaliatory attack on U.S. bases in Qatar, calling Iran's response "weak" and calling for regional peace in an attempt to put an end to the U.S. bombing of Iran's nuclear infrastructure.

The United States will raise tariffs on a variety of household appliances made of steel starting today, according to the latest announcement from the U.S. government, a move that could increase the cost of consumer goods. After U.S. President Trump doubled tariffs on imported steel and aluminum products to 50% this month, the Commerce Department added eight more "steel derivatives" that will also be affected by tariffs.

Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank President Hammack said interest rates are only at a moderately restrictive level and officials may keep borrowing costs stable for some time.

The Bank for International Settlements (BIS) said stablecoins fail the three main tests of any currency because they lack central bank support, lack adequate protections against illegal use, and do not generate the funding flexibility needed to lend.



World Observation

Day 1218 Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Firepower leads to ceasefire

Operation Midnight Hammer stopped a nuclear war. It shows that firepower is the only factor that can bring about ceasefire and no use to use diplomatic department to appeal for cooling down of both parties. When the deadline of 60 days negotiation already passed, on the 68th day firepower brings to ceasefire, firepower brings justice to those that do not obey the promise and treaty of UN.

When a country is in breach of international treaty, who can stop them? Its firepower only. Nuclear power also can be used for civil purpose like electricity, but the purity is only 6%, when as for the development from 6% to 60%, it takes a long time may be decades or more, but from 60% to 90% just a short time. The purity of Iran is now up to 90%, which means atomic bombs can come out within weeks and not months or years.

Iran has the ability to block the Strait of Hormuz, but they dare not to do so. China and Russia are not in support of Iran so they cannot do anything. This exceptional case of the war made oil price do not rise but fall, even lower than pre-war level. Gold price did not rise but fall back at same time.

The height of tariff war has gone, and now the market is gradually going back to economic factors. Basic strategy is that when S&P is under 6000 points can buy at any price level, but when between record high of 6147 and 6000 should only buy those at low.

GOOG had some bad news of monopoly law case, TSLA had some complains on inauguration of robot taxi. Cathy Wood said if she can only buy one stock, its TSLA, for it includes e-car, Optimus, robot taxi and auto driving. GOOG is developing quantum computer and Gemini is just after Chat GPT.