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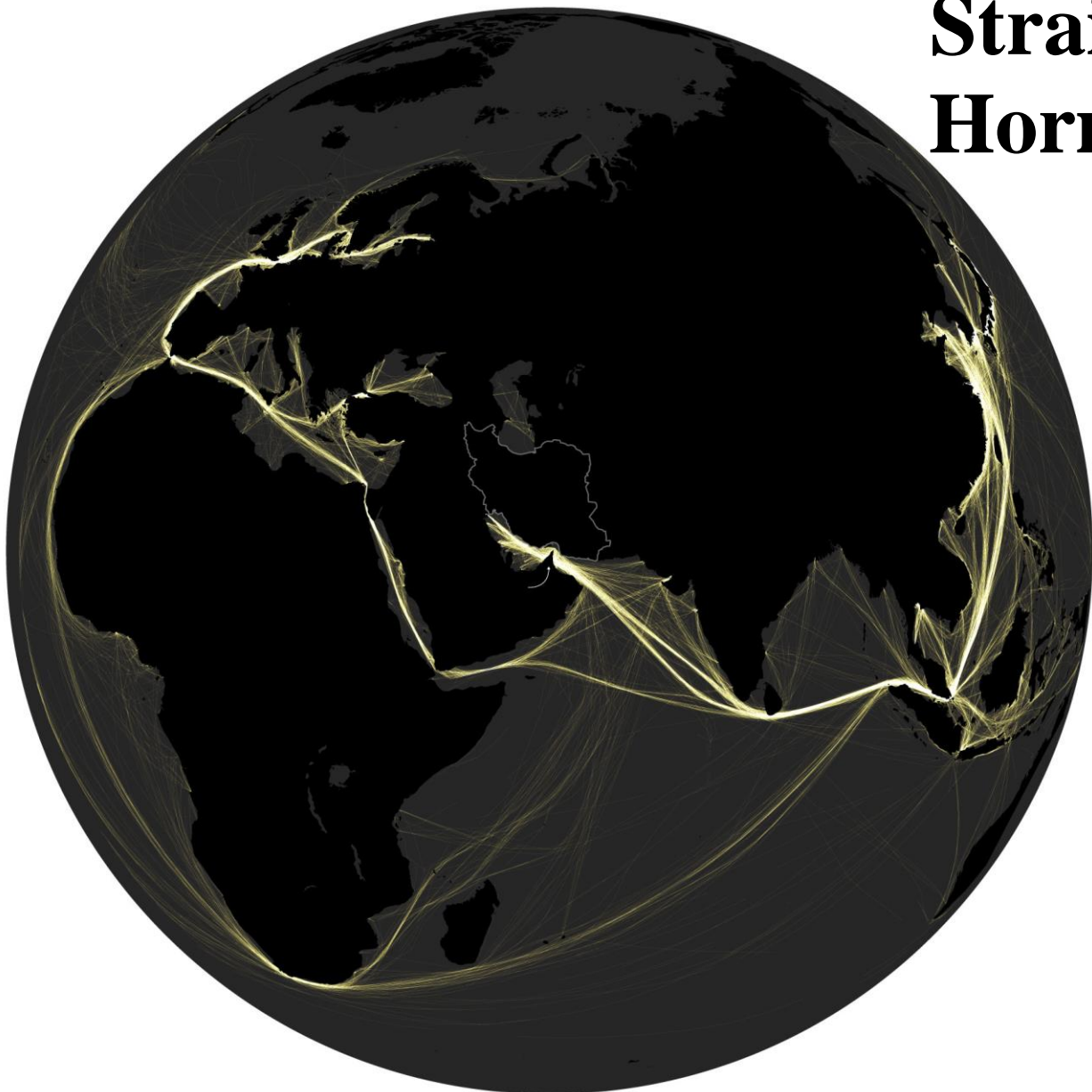
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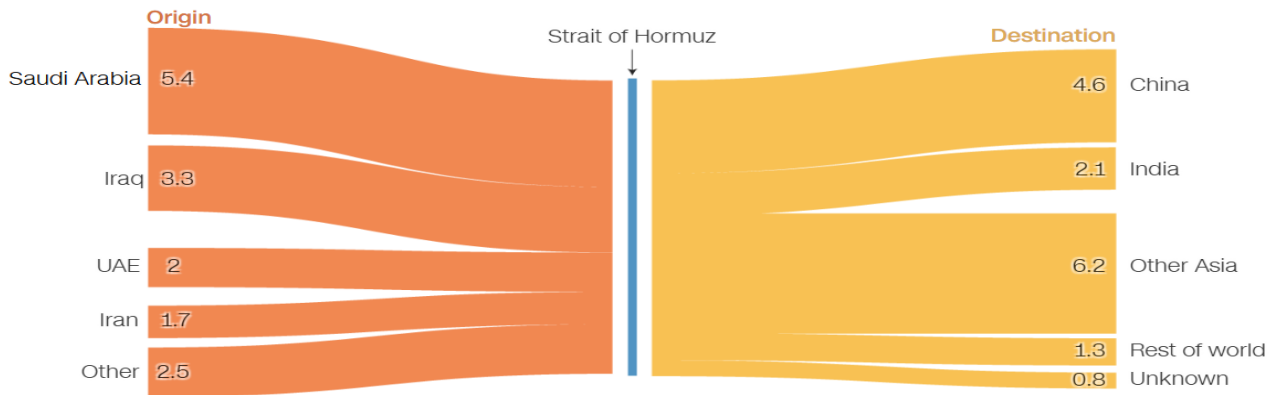
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Strait of Hormuz

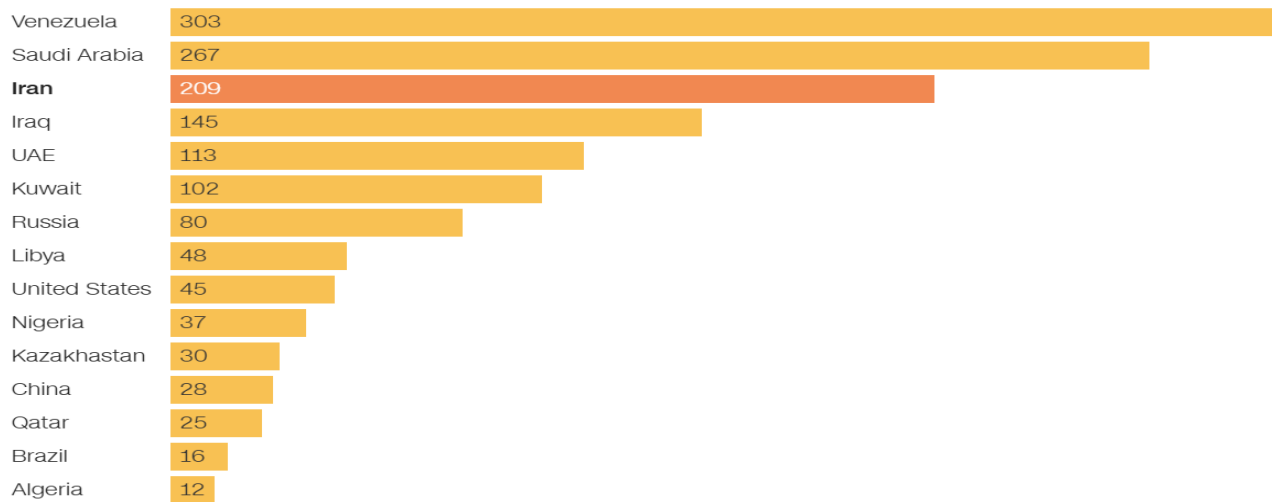




Exports of crude oil, including condensates, through the Strait of Hormuz in 2025 by origin and destination (million barrels per day)

More than 80% of crude oil shipped through the Strait of Hormuz was bound for Asia in 2025.

Leading countries by crude oil reserves, 2024, billions of barrels



Iran's oil reserves are the third-largest in the world, holds around 13% of global oil reserves.

The top 10 oil¹ producers and share of total world oil production² in 2023³

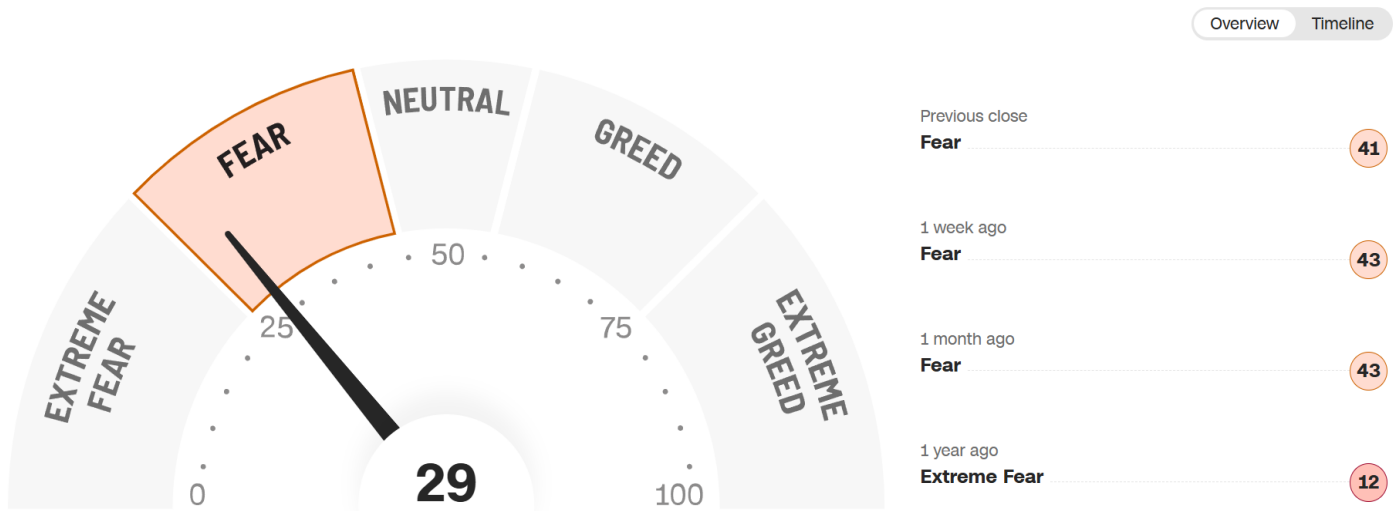
| Country | Million barrels per day | Share of world total |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| United States | 21.91 | 22% |
| Saudi Arabia | 11.13 | 11% |
| Russia | 10.75 | 11% |
| Canada | 5.76 | 6% |
| China | 5.26 | 5% |
| Iraq | 4.42 | 4% |
| Brazil | 4.28 | 4% |
| United Arab Emirates | 4.16 | 4% |
| Iran | 3.99 | 4% |
| Kuwait | 2.91 | 3% |
| Total top 10 | 74.59 | 73% |
| World total | 101.81 | |

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State-owned Qatar Energy said it has suspended LNG and related product production after Iranian attacks on its two main natural gas processing facilities. Saudi Arabia's Rastanura refinery was also forced to suspend some operations due to the attack.

The US military said today that it hit more than 1,250 targets in the first 48 hours of the war against Iran, including more than 1,000 on the first day of the conflict.

Bloomberg, citing sources, reported that the UAE and Qatar are privately lobbying their allies to help persuade US President Trump to find a "de-escalation" to shorten the duration of US military action against Iran. It is understood that countries are seeking to build a broad coalition to promote a swift end to the conflict through diplomatic means, preventing regional escalation and prolonged large fluctuations in energy prices.

The Lebanese government yesterday took unprecedented measures, banning all military and security activities of Hezbollah, triggering a strong backlash from the Iranian-backed group.

BMW Group announced the deployment of the humanoid robot AEON at its Leipzig plant in Germany, marking a new era of human-robot collaboration in the European automotive industry. The plan is not to replace workers with robots, but rather to have them work side-by-side in high-risk and physically demanding processes, with the aim of improving worker conditions and increasing productivity.



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Russia/Ukraine Conflict

The Final Curtain reveals

The Monday market opens in a surprisingly stable manner after the decapitation of Khamenei for the final curtain not yet coming. This time is quite different from the Midnight Hammer Operation of last June which aimed at destroying nuclear facilities only. It aims at change of regime and in January Trump called back the F35 after taking off, because that scale was not large enough to change regime. After a preparation of one more month, Trump thought time had matured.

An ultimatum was issued to Iran with 4 major points to do, since the negotiation requested by Iran has no progress, Trump changed the terms to one term only. That is if Iran is really willing to give up the development of nuclear power, he would withdraw the ultimatum and the remaining 3 points can be negotiated later. The representative in Geneva stopped the talk for 3 hours so as to discuss with Tehran, Iran refused because they believe they can get hold of Strait of Hormuz to control the price of petroleum and the US believes they can break the block and change the regime.

Ultimatum is the warning of war in World War I style, but after World War II, it needs the Congress to declare War first. Since the capture of Maduro and Bin Laden was in midnight and Gulf War of 1991 and Iraqi War of 2003 also started in midnight, it gave Iran that midnight is of high risk and morning will be low risk for gathering of important conference. This is a mis-calculation, but both sides also have their mis-calculation. Khamenei gathered 48 members for the gathering including his son who is likely to be his successor. But the intelligence network of Israel is so fast and accurate and B2 bombers flew so fast across the ocean to drop the bomb at the last breakfast which started at 8:15am.

Even Khamenei was killed at once, but the regime of Iran has not yet been dismantled, for each successor they already prepared 4 more people to take up the task one by one if the newcomer is killed as in the Palestine attack previously. The new regime formed

is still in strict thought of fighting with the US, but for Venezuela, the vice president already compromised with the US and they can form a new government easily.

The most ideal thought of the US is after the killing of Khamenei, they can have another new government taking up the regime and have a compromise with the US. This is also what the market expects. So, on Monday, the response of the market was so stable, waiting for the new government to disclose their strategy. Now Iran said they would not let one drop of oil pass the Hormuz Strait. Then WTI went up over the high of last June which was \$77. That was what the market expected when fighting started. Now we have to wait for the response from the US. What will they do?

Trump already said he would have a large wave of attack later, and may use ground force. Now a number of tankers are waiting outside the Strait, so they have changed their destinations to other ports, and insurance companies have doubled the fee and some refused the insurance. The US can use strong military power to disable the disturbing action of Iran, but if there is no ground force, it is quite limited, and when launching ground force, it will be attacked by guerrilla, they are becoming targets of shooting. In the 1984 and 1988 war of Iran and Iraq, the 5th fleet of US turned up as security guard and escort tankers across the Strait. At that time the US had not joined the war, but just acted as policemen. This time, even major warships in Iran are sunk, but they are strong in drones and if using civil force of disturbance, few tankers dare to take such a risk to pass even with escort of US fleet.

The most effective way is still to use traditional force to disable the Iranian force, especially the shooting rack of missiles. All Iranian shooting racks are in mobile racks, after shooting out, the US can detect their location at once and destroy them immediately. So, they have to move to another place at once after shooting. What the US can do is with the help of PLTR to find out the location before they move. Is their software so smart indeed? During routine maintenance, the chip will be updated periodically to meet with the latest situation, and now believe half of the racks are destroyed by the US, but still half of them are working efficiently. What can they do? Israel has officially used laser to destroy the beehive of drones and confirmed success.

Don't think laser is what you see in the *Symphony of Lights*, as the largest laser light show daily in Victoria harbour where you can see beams of lights shooting up to sky.

They are invisible lights or else enemies can detect their location and destroy them. The cost is as low as \$1 per shoot, while traditional anti-missile systems need US\$10,000 and PATRIOT system is US\$5 million per shot.

That's why the writer said it is a gambling between US and Iran, Iran bets petroleum will be above record high of \$147 and US believes they can press it down under \$100. Market already expected it would be higher than last June which was \$77.62.

US will have 4 weeks to fight, we have to wait 4 weeks to see whether Trump can reach his target of victory, but the market would not wait so long. On Tuesday day time Korea stock market already down 7% and Tokyo already down 3%. So please wait for golden pit to buy, no need to be hurry.

