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## TOP 10 DAILY NEWS DIGEST

1. OIL SPIKE SPARKS GROWTH FEARS AS INVESTORS PUNISH ENERGY USERS
2. OIL EXPECTED TO STAY ABOVE \$100 AMID RUSSIA-UKRAINE CRISIS & DEMAND PUSH
3. CHINA SHUTS BUSINESS CENTER OF SHENZHEN TO FIGHT VIRUS SURGE
4. RUSSIA'S HUGE OIL TANKER FLEET STRUGGLES TO FIND BUYER DESTINATIONS
5. COMMODITIES FIRMS CONTINUE TRADING IN RUSSIAN OIL & GAS
6. GERMAN FINANCE MINISTER OPEN TO NEW OIL, GAS DRILLING IN NORTH SEA
7. LIBYAN OIL UNDER THREAT AS MILITIAS AMASS IN TRIPOLI
8. CHINA TO EXPAND COAL USE AS IT PRIORITIZES ENERGY SECURITY
9. UKRAINE TO START 2022 SPRING SOWING IN COMING DAYS
10. FRANCE PLANS \$2.2BN FUEL REBATE IN BID TO HELP MOTORISTS

### RECOMMENDED VIDEOS & REPORTS

- WHY THE WORLD NEED OPEC AND OPEC+ MORE THAN EVER
- EGYPT TO RECEIVE 189,000 TONNES OF BLACK SEA WHEAT - MINISTRY
- IRAN CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSILES THAT STRUCK NEAR A US CONSULATE IN IRAQ
- US DISCUSSES INTEGRATED DEFENCE SYSTEMS WITH GCC STATES
- CHINA'S NO. 2 LEADER LI KEQIANG ANNOUNCES PLANS TO STEP DOWN
- IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS ON 'PAUSE' IN VIENNA AFTER RUSSIAN DEMAND

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# TAKEAWAYS

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Brent is trading this morning at \$109.94, down \$2.73 and WTI is down \$2.89, trading at \$106.44. You know it's getting harder to type quickly enough when reporting on where crude oil futures are trading because I look back up at my screen and it's moved 30 cents. So, just the \$4.84 per barrel range so far this morning then, pretty calm if we look back at the last two weeks. Volatility is so wild that this oil market could easily offer us another \$40 per barrel swing this week. Markets are so fragile when it comes to how to



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react to headlines that a dollar, two-dollar gap is nothing to be surprised about. Fundamentally however, regardless of anticipating government reactions globally to the invasion of Ukraine, one thing is clear - the world needs more oil.

Let's talk gasoil briefly - according to Kpler, in 2021, the EU bought 42% of its ULSD requirements from Russia. So far in 2022, Russia has provided 49% of Ultra Low Sulphur diesel to Europe. Over the last five years, from January 2017 to December 2021, the gasoil East-West (Singapore 10ppm vs ICE gasoil) has averaged -\$5.81/mt. In January of this year, it averaged -\$7.44/mt, and in February, it fell slightly further to -\$10.62/mt. So far in March, it has averaged -\$67.61/mt. This, of course is a reaction to how the barrels are replaced

and traders, wary of financing issues on exports from Russia, are looking to source cargoes from further afield. Clearly this means higher freight costs, thus higher costs for the end user. It's not just freight too but purely a case of a lack of supply to replace what was seemingly so complacent just mere months ago. In my view the narrative is becoming ever more aggressive around the invasion in Ukraine. Prices are taking a breather but it's only one way from here. Just throw in quite a bit of volatility around it all.

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## Daily Energy Markets VIEWS YOU CAN USE



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**If the market was settled, the oil price would start to drop to around \$75 or \$80.**

But the market is very uncertain at the moment, and that is what explains where OPEC is coming from and why they still believe that there is no need to increase production. The comments by the UAE ambassador to Washington last week was a big surprise to everybody, even to the UAE government. But the price dropped \$12 and didn't go back to where it was despite the UAE then clarifying that it would stick to the OPEC+ agreement. Again, this shows you how volatile the market is and unfortunately, this will continue until everything goes back to normal.

**What will the impact be from OPEC+ plans to increase quotas for five countries?**

I'm not very optimistic about the increase that will take place in a month or two. I'm not so sure the market is ready for it. Everyone is saying there are no fundamentals to support adding oil to the market. We've also had China's lockdown which was a surprise to everybody. Let's just face the facts of what the numbers are telling us instead of using political pressure to try and increase production. OPEC made it very clear to everybody since the beginning that we will stick to our agreement, and there is no change of position. I hope that they will stick to their guns because we don't want to see prices going down again. This is a very volatile market, and anything can happen.

**What position can the GCC take with regards to the war in Europe?**

The most difficult position to be in is to be asked to take positions and this is what the West is requesting us to do. It is almost impossible for any country in the region to do that because we want to continue with the West and at the same time, we need the support that we had in OPEC+ from Russia. We have been put in a corner of an, either you're with us or against us, position which is very dangerous. Nobody will take a side at this moment. It's a difficult time and it's something that we have to watch very carefully in the coming few months. I hope the Europeans and the US and others will understand our position. We are ready to play the role of a political intermediary as a GCC entity, but not to take sides.

**How important is that a deal is reached between Iran and the US?**

We need stability in the region and for Iran to enjoy normal life again. Nobody's looking for any kind of sanctions in the region. Iran is our neighbour and you cannot change geography. It seemed we were almost there with a deal and Iran was not too far from signing, and then suddenly things changed 180 degrees. ■

*\*Paraphrased comments*

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***"There's no rush  
to be short this oil  
market!"***

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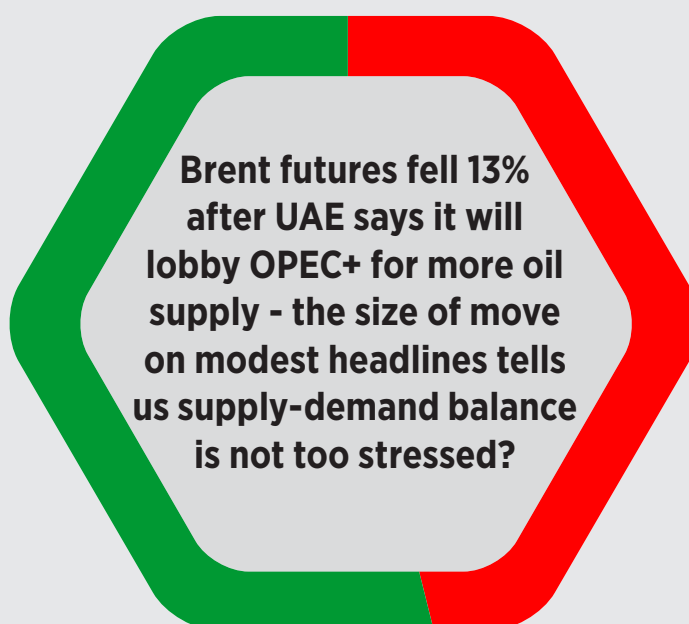
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