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## TOP 10 DAILY NEWS DIGEST

1. OIL MIXED AS HURRICANE IDA POUNDS US CRUDE PATCH
2. OPEC+ UNLIKELY TO BE SWAYED FROM LONG-TERM STRATEGY
3. LIBYA OIL MINISTER SAYS HE SUSPENDS NOC CHIEF
4. ADNOC SEES ITS MURBAN EXPORTS UP 25PC BY AUGUST 2022
5. INDIA EXTENDS BAN ON INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS
6. IRANIAN, GULF ARAB OFFICIALS MEET IN BAGHDAD
7. FUJAIRAH OIL TERMINAL TO UPGRADE AS CRUDE TRADE IS EXPECTED TO SURGE
8. THE PERMIAN IS SET TO THRIVE THROUGH 2025
9. A WEARY AUSTRALIA PLANS REOPENING AS COVID-19 DEATH TOLL HITS 1,000
10. ASIAN SHARES RISE ON DOVISH FED CHAIR, OIL UP AS HURRICANE BATTERS LOUISIANA

### RECOMMENDED VIDEOS & REPORTS

- ALMOST 95% OF US GULF OIL, GAS OFFLINE AS HURRICANE IDA MAKES LANDFALL
- ABU DHABI: PEOPLE WHO TOOK SINOPHARM SIX MONTHS AGO MUST GET BOOSTER
- EMIRATES NBD REPORT: POWELL STICKS TO THE SCRIPT
- "AFGHANISTAN DEBACLE LEAVES US IMAGE AS GLOBAL SUPER POWER IN TATTERS!"



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**"FED is going to do what  
the FED is going to do -  
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**"OPEC+ will maintain  
plan to raise supply in  
orderly fashion"**

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## DAILY OIL COMMENTARY

Morning all and say hello to Monday. Fear not everyone, the kids will all shortly be back in school and the relentless "Can I have a snack" sentence will soon be a distant memory. Bless them. It's the thing about kids. Sometimes they are really annoying but if anyone dare say anything bad about them then I would lose the plot. Just like this oil market - it really annoys me a lot of the time but if anyone was to take it away from me, I would be left with a massive void in my life. Anywayyy. Brent is trading this morning down 0.22/bbl, at \$72.48/bbl. WTI is trading at \$68.10/bbl, down 0.64/bbl. OK, hold your hats, your coats and whatever else is in close proximity. Ready? I'm bullish. There I said it. And I feel dirty. But it's true, I am bullish about



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this oil market. I mean I say I'm bullish. I'm hardly rampaging the streets of Pamplona looking for my next victim, I'm more a lazy kind of bull. Like one of those bulls you see in the Scottish Highlands who has

ginger fur over his eyes. You know the one? "Oh look, there's Angus, the laziest bull ever," said Daisy. You can call me Gus from now on. I don't think oil has much of a downside from here. I think we will stay range bound, don't get me wrong, but do I see \$50/bbl oil on the horizon anytime soon? No. No, I don't. I can form an argument for justifying \$100/bbl oil much easier than I can for \$50/bbl. The one thing Covid-19 has done, apart from transforming all our lives in one way or another, is accelerate the carbon emission discussion. Now this isn't linked, far from it, but it has certainly made everyone sit up a bit more and take notice. What this has done by default is make investments in fossil fuels unattractive. Uncalled for, actually. Like putting a tortoise on its back, you just wouldn't

do it, would you? This lack of investment is meaning that future oil production is going to be constrained, or an increase thereof, certainly. Demand, even though spluttering, is slowly coming back and oil inventories around the world are drawing. Couple this with negligible increases from OPEC+ and I'm sure you can see why my view is that prices won't dip much below the recent low of around \$65 per barrel. The ceiling? Hmm, the market will be keeping its eyes on US production to offer glimmers on where the top is, but is \$80/bbl or even \$90/bbl out of the question? Perhaps not. Phew. I feel better after admitting that. And I managed the whole commentary without mentioning Arsenal. But then again, what's to talk about there? Exactly. Good day, and week to all.

## DAILY ENERGY MARKETS FORUM VIEWS YOU CAN USE

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### Surprises from the US Federal Reserve last week?

We were expecting something a bit more decisive from the Fed in terms of when they would start to taper. The timing of it is just not clear nor is what they plan to do on interest rates before next year. The NASDAQ and S&P 500 hit records after Jay Powell's speech. Nobody wants to pull the punchbowl right now. The shock therefore may be when the Fed decides to act - that will rattle today's very high PE ratios. The Fed is looking at three key issues right now: full employment, inflation (which for one basket of the consumer price index in July was at its highest since 1991 at above 4%), and thirdly, the Delta variant. One factor to watch is how the low penetration vaccination rates in some US states could come back to bite the economy in the winter months. I'm sure this is factoring into the Federal Reserve Board's thinking.

### Any expectations OPEC will change its output plan at its meeting on Sep 1?

I wouldn't expect any shocks or change in policy for now, particularly following the spat that we saw with the UAE, which strained relations within the group. Now that has been resolved, I think OPEC will continue with their plan. Saudi Arabia and Russia can also decide to respond at any point to market pressures if required, such as tapering the return of that oil supply.

### How could the impact on the US evolve from the situation in Afghanistan?

In terms of domestic politics, a weakened Biden could bring into question the infrastructure plan for example. the broader implication geopolitically is that the US now needs to look tough against China, particularly in the South China Sea. Afghanistan has created a huge vacuum for China and Russia to fill in terms of the country's strategic position and assets. With the US withdrawal, I think China and Russia have a green light now to maintain relations with the Taliban, and we're already seeing major shifts in relations between Russia, China and Iran, as well as amongst others in the region, such as Saudi Arabia and Qatar. ■

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