## News, Views \& Statistics

## Oil rises on Middle East Gulf tensions; Libya field resumes output

Oil prices rose more than $2 \%$ on Monday on concerns that Iran's seizure of a British tanker last week may lead to supply disruptions in the energy-rich Gulf. Brent crude futures climbed $\$ 1.41$, or $2.26 \%$, to $\$ 63.88$ a barrel by 0840 GMT. WTI)crude futures were up $\$ 1.13$, or $2.03 \%$, at $\$ 56.76$ a barrel. Last week, WTI fell over $7 \%$ and Brent lost more than $6 \%$.Tensions surrounding Iran "have likely added to the already strong geopolitical risk premium", JBC Energy said in a note. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said on Friday they had captured a British-flagged oil tanker in the Gulf in response to Britain's seizure of an Iranian tanker earlier this month. The move has increased the fear of potential supply disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf, through which flows about one-fifth of the world's oil supplies. Britain was weighing its next moves on Monday, with few good options apparent as a recording emerged showing the Iranian military defied a British warship when it boarded and seized the ship. Capping gains was news that Libya's Sharara oilfield, the country's biggest, had resumed production at half capacity on Monday after being shut since Friday, which caused an output loss of about 290,000 bpd. Meanwhile, data late last week showed shipments of crude oil from Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, fell to a 1-1/2-year low in May.

## Monsoon revival narrows Kharif sowing gap to 7\%

The south-west monsoon showers covered the entire country on Friday after a four-day delay from the normal schedule, the IMD said. As compared to a $33 \%$ rain deficit in June, the monsoon rainfall as on Friday reported only $3 \%$ of shortfall during July 1-19 period. The area under all kharif crops has been by down only $7 \%$ year-on-year as of July 19, having improved from a $27 \%$ fall until a fortnight ago, showed the latest agriculture ministry data. Barring cotton and groundnut, the sowing of all other crops are still lower from a year before. The sowing of rice and pulses are worst affected with oilseeds and coarse cereals showing some recovery. Rice planting till this week stood at less than 140 lakh hectares, more than $9 \%$ less than 154 lakh hectares sown in the same week last year. Pulses cultivation was nearly $16 \%$ lower so far compared with the corresponding week last year with all three major pulses - arhar, urad and moong reporting drop in planting. There was considerable improvement in the sowing of coarse cereals this week with maize reaching almost the same levels as that in last year. However, jowar and bajra have some catching up to do to meet the same levels as last year. A drastic shortfall in soybean cultivation in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh dragged the oilseeds area down $8.43 \%$. As against 119 lakh hectares covered in the corresponding week last year, the oilseeds have been sown in 111 lakh hectares so far this year.

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | S2 | S1 | PIVOT | R1 | R2 | TREND |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SILVER | 41220 | 40828 | 41024 | 41198 | 41394 | 41568 | Up |
| GOLD | 35090 | 34959 | 35025 | 35115 | 35181 | 35271 | Up |
| CRUDE OIL | 3885 | 3809 | 3847 | 3895 | 3933 | 3981 | Down |
| COPPER | 455.00 | 451.70 | 453.40 | 456.10 | 457.80 | 460.50 | Down |
| NATURAL GAS | 159.30 | 155.20 | 157.20 | 158.50 | 160.50 | 161.80 | Down |
| JEERA | 17735 | 17455 | 17595 | 17800 | 17940 | 18145 | Up |
| TURMERIC | 7118 | 7024 | 7072 | 7120 | 7168 | 7216 | Up |
| SOYBEAN | 3583 | 3548 | 3566 | 3582 | 3600 | 3616 | Down |
| RM SEED | 3921 | 3894 | 3907 | 3918 | 3931 | 3942 | Sideways |
| GUAR SEED | 4215 | 4147 | 4181 | 4237 | 4271 | 4327 | Down |

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## International Markets

| COMMODITY | CLOSE | $\%$ <br> CHANGE |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| LONDON SPOT GOLD | $\$ 1426.00$ | -0.06 |
| LONDON SPOT SILVER | $\$ 16.38$ | +0.37 |
| NYMEX CRUDE OIL | $\$ 56.23$ | -0.05 |
| NYMEX NATURAL GAS | $\$ 2.329$ | +1.35 |

## Economic Data

| Data | Previous | Forecast | Time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No major release | - | - | - |

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## NICKEL

NICKEL JULY: TRADING RANGE 998.50-965.50.


The trend is indecisive in this metal counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

## CHANA

CHANA AUG: TRADING RANGE 4120-4245.


The trend is indecisive in this agro counter. Wait for our intraday trading strategy.

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