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News, Views & Statistics

Oil edges up on looming Iran sanctions, but rising global supply caps market

Oil markets were stable on Wednesday, buoyed by falling supplies from Iran ahead of U.S. sanctions but held in check by rising production outside the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. International Brent crude oil futures LCOc1 were at \$76 per barrel at 0257 GMT, up 5 cents from their last close. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures CLc1 were up 6 cents at \$68.59 a barrel. Traders said crude prices have been supported by the prospect of U.S. sanctions against Iran, which will start to target its oil industry from November. Bowing to pressure from Washington, many crude buyers have already reduced orders from OPEC's third-biggest producer. Although Tehran is offering steep discounts, Iran's August crude oil and condensate loadings are estimated at 2.06 million barrels per day (bpd), versus a peak of 3.09 million bpd in April, trade flows data on Thomson Reuters Eikon showed. concern is crisisstruck OPEC-member Venezuela, where oil exports have dropped by half since 2016 to below 1 million bpd. To stem tumbling output, Venezuelan state-run oil firm PDVSA said on Tuesday it had signed a \$430 million investment agreement to increase production by 640,000 bpd at 14 oil fields, valuing the investment at \$430 million. However, given the country's political and economic instability, many analysts doubted whether this investment would go through. NON-OPEC SUPPLY Despite the risk of disruption especially from OPEC-countries like Venezuela, Iran, Libya and Nigeria, Bank of America (NYSE:BAC) Merrill Lynch said global supply could climb towards year-end. In the United States, crude oil inventories rose by 38,000 barrels to 405.7 million barrels in the week to Aug. 24, industry group the American Petroleum Institute said on Tuesday. U.S. fuel inventory and crude production data will be published on Wednesday by the Energy Information Administration (EIA).

Indonesia keeps Palm Oil export tax at zero for September

Indonesia will keep the export tax for Crude Palm Oil (CPO) at zero and cocoa beans at 5% in September, the trade ministry said. Export tax for cocoa has been set at 5% since July, while exports of CPO have not been taxed in over a year. The government estimated its reference price of Palm Oil to stay below a threshold of US\$750 per tonne and below \$2,750 for cocoa beans. Crude palm oil futures rose on MCX as speculators widened their positions, taking positive cues from spot market on robust demand. Besides, tight stock positions on restricted supplies from growing regions, also lifted crude palm oil prices in futures trade.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	ΡΙνοτ	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	37157	36868	37012	37138	37282	37408	Down
GOLD	30020	29797	29908	29995	30106	30193	Down
CRUDE OIL	4817	4776	4797	4817	4838	4858	Down
COPPER	418.65	415.70	417.15	418.95	420.40	422.20	Down
NATURAL GAS	201.90	200.10	201.00	202.70	203.60	205.30	Up
JEERA	19145	18885	19015	19170	19300	19455	Up
TURMERIC	6802	6644	6724	6782	6862	6920	Sideways
SOYBEAN	3180	3145	3163	3186	3204	3227	Up
RM SEED	4003	3966	3984	4005	4023	4044	Up
GUAR SEED	4171	4080	4126	4180	4226	4280	Up

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International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1209.82	+0.34
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.87	+0.47
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$68.79	+0.35
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$2.883	-1.03

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Prelim GDP q/q	4.1%	4.0%	6:00pm
Crude Oil Inv.	-5.8M	-	8:00pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

GOLD

GOLD OCT: TRADING RANGE 29950-30300.



CHANA

CHANA SEP: TRADING RANGE 3930-4020.



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