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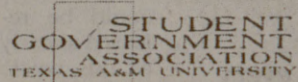
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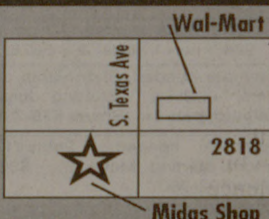


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Crude prices up, may go higher as summer nears

LONDON (AP) — U.S. crude prices have jumped by 36 percent since the beginning of February, and motorists are likely to see higher prices at the pump as the peak summer driving season approaches, energy analysts said Wednesday.

The worsening conflict between Israel and the Palestinians continues to roil world markets, although several analysts said a possible Iraqi oil embargo against the United States, Israel's main ally, would almost surely fail.

Crude futures prices dipped after spiking to six-month highs on Tuesday, when Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri declared in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, that Arab countries have the right to coordinate their policies to put pressure on Israel and its defenders.

Fresh data from the American Petroleum Institute showing an unexpected buildup in U.S. inventories of oil and gasoline deflated some of the concern about a potential Iraqi disruption in crude exports.

May contracts of light, sweet U.S. crude were 15 cents lower to close at \$27.56 in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, contracts of North Sea Brent crude were down 39 cents to close at \$27.27 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Ali Tahghighi, an analyst at Barclays Capital, said prices should stabilize, barring a major escalation in tensions in

the Middle East — home to two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves.

"I think prices are a bit overdone right now," he said. "I don't think the possibility of a disruption justifies a continued increase like the one we've seen in the past few weeks."

As of the close of business Tuesday, U.S. crude futures had surged by 36 percent since Feb. 1.

The increase is even steeper if measured from when crude futures bottomed after the September terrorist attacks. U.S. front-month futures for light, sweet crude have ballooned from an intraday low of \$16.70 a barrel on Nov. 19 to a high Tuesday of \$28.10.

"We think the price is really too high for the fundamentals, the economic side of the argument," said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies.

Taken by themselves, the physical supply and demand for oil would suggest an average price for Brent crude of \$23.50, he said. Drollas argued that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict together with uncertainty about Iraqi supplies has added "a Middle East premium" of \$3 to each barrel.

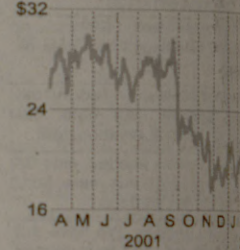
Costlier crude is filtering through to the pump. Drollas estimates that the U.S. retail price for unleaded gasoline was 20 percent higher on March 21 than for its average in February.

"The price is not as good as it was two months ago, but it's

Spouting prices

U.S. crude prices have jumped since the beginning of February and consumers are likely to see higher prices at the pump this summer.

West Texas intermediate oil
Daily spot prices, per barrel



* Figures are through April 2, 2002

SOURCE: Energy Information Administration

still not going to be hurt," said Peter Gignoux, head of petroleum desk at Salomon Smith Barney. He noted production of gasoline increased and that retail prices are still lower than last year.

Gignoux also scoffed at the idea that Iraq would be able to organize an effective oil embargo. Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said Malaysia that such a boycott could work if it had backing from many oil producers.

"An Iraqi-led oil embargo doesn't impress me at all," said. "The 'short-termism' we're seeing in this market — this rally — is based on a few comments by some of the world's most unreliable leaders."

Muslim nations unsuccessful in defining 'terrorism' at meeting

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — United in backing the Palestinians but divided over suicide bombings, Muslim nations ended a high-profile meeting Wednesday that failed to achieve its main task — defining terrorism.

Instead, foreign ministers and officials from the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference adopted a five-page declaration leaving the job to a U.N. conference that may never be convened because of U.S. opposition, delegates said.

Responding to Israel's escalating military campaign, the document absolved the Palestinians of terrorism allegations, despite Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's proposal that all attacks targeting civilians — including suicide bombings — be considered terrorism.

Palestinian and other Middle East delegates said the bombings were a reaction to state terrorism by Israel which has sent tanks and troops swarming through the West Bank and besieged leader Yasser Arafat.

"We reject any attempt to link terrorism to the struggle of the Palestinian people in the exercise of their inalienable right to establish their independent state," the declaration said.

The failure of the meeting to produce a definition of terrorism reflected divisions among Islamic nations at a time when the world's 1.2 billion Muslims are looking to their leaders to counter what they see as a defamation campaign since the Sept. 11 attacks. The United States said the attacks on New York and the Pentagon were the work of Islamic extremist Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, announcing the adoption of the declara-

tion, insisted that the members of the organization — the world's foremost Islamic body — not disagree over the issue.

"We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," he said.

The declaration reflected the organization's resolve "to combat terrorism to respond to developments affecting Muslims and Islamic countries in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks," Syed Hamid said, insisting terrorism could not be linked to any one culture, civilization or religion.

During the conference, delegates were divided over whether an Islamic definition of terrorism would be useful, with some saying three days of debate were not enough. Others said any definition that is not globally agreed would make little difference.

"There's a great deal more to be done to arrive at a definition that's agreed upon and binding on all nations," said Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Ismail.

The document made scathing attack on Israel, calling it of the daily "brutalization and humiliation" of Palestinians.

"We reject any attempt to associate Islamic states with terrorism," it said.

The nations pledged commitment to "the principles and teachings of Islam, which emphasize peace, tolerance and respect."

It supported an unprecedented Mideast peace plan adopted by Arab leaders in Lebanon last week that offered Israel normal relations with Arab nations if it pulls out from lands seized in the 1967 Mideast war.

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