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Oil Markets Price Supply Surge Following US-Iran Ceasefire

Oil prices are tumbling as tankers stream out of the Strait of Hormuz following a US-Iran ceasefire, though analysts warn the supply surge isn't guaranteed. Insurance issues and potential disruptions may impact the sustainability of this supply glut.

Sources ZeroHedge

DOJ Grand Jury Probes Neville Roy Singham's NGO Empire

US Attorney Jay Clayton is investigating alleged financial crimes by tech financier Neville Roy Singham, who funneled millions into left-wing nonprofits. The probe examines potential links to Chinese government media machines and foreign

influence on US politics.

Sources ZeroHedge

US Army Looks to Drone Boats for Pacific Logistics

The US Army is exploring the acquisition of 30-100 uncrewed surface vessels to supplement its limited fleet in the Pacific. This move aims to relieve logistics strain on crewed watercraft facing readiness problems in the region.

Sources Business Insider

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Think Tank Games Out Disaster Scenarios in Space Warfare

The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies explored complexities in responding to attacks on space and terrestrial infrastructure. Experts emphasize the need for clear attribution to prevent adversaries from exploiting ambiguity in non-kinetic attacks.

Sources Ars Technica

Sony's Next-Gen PlayStation to Prioritize Profitability Over Price

Sony plans to prioritize profitability over price reductions for its next-generation platform, reflecting component cost increases in prices. The company aims to ensure customers understand the value provided rather than selling hardware at significant losses.

Sources The Verge

Leaked iPhone 18 Pro Photos Appear on Dark Web

Leaked photos and parts lists of the iPhone 18 Pro appeared on the dark web following a ransomware attack at manufacturer Tata Electronics. Apple is concerned about the breach which may compromise intellectual property ahead of the new model's announcement.

DeepSeek Open Sources DSpark Framework to Speed Up LLM Inference

DeepSeek released DSpark, a new system using speculative decoding to improve large language model speed by up to 85%. The framework is available under the MIT license and can be applied to various open-source models.

Scam.ai Launches Halo Deepfake Detection Model with Qualcomm

Scam.ai launched Halo, an on-device deepfake detection model for live video calls powered by Qualcomm hardware. The technology detects synthetic video in real-time without relying on cloud infrastructure to prevent identity fraud.

Ford Rehires Engineers After AI Fails Quality Checks

Ford reversed its decision to rely solely on AI for quality control, rehiring over 300 former specialists after discovering systems couldn't match human expertise. The company now uses experienced inspectors to train and guide employees on using AI tools.

Extreme Storm in Târgoviște Causes Roof Collapse and Injuries

A strong wind storm caused a roof to collapse at a residential building in Dâmbovița County, trapping a person under debris during a Code Red weather warning. Emergency services rescued a woman who was transported to hospital with lower limb injuries.

Yandex Inadvertently Reveals Russian Secret Military Sites

Russia's primary mapping service Yandex inadvertently published locations of secret military bases in Ukraine, revealing exact coordinates. The incident highlights the risks of censorship tactics backfiring and the importance of satellite imagery in modern warfare.

Sources Antena 3

Romania Adopts German Model for Digital Identity Wallet

Romania's government adopted a German model for implementing a digital wallet to store identity documents and health records. The project aims to provide secure interoperable digital identification across the EU despite concerns over transparency.

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Romania Air Traffic Control Suspended Amid National Security Concerns

ROMATSA was suspended by the Court of Appeal for 30 days due to allegations of discrimination, raising concerns about national security vulnerabilities. The Civil Aviation Safety Agency called for immediate action to ensure continuity of air traffic control services.

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Romania will request stronger NATO air defense and military presence at the upcoming summit following drone incursions into its airspace. The CSAT also decided to deploy thousands of military personnel to international missions by 2027.

Sources Biziday

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Romania Faces Industrial Decline as Damen Mangalia Shipyard Fails Auction

Romania experienced the largest decline in industrial sector weight in the EU, highlighted by the Damen Mangalia shipyard failing to secure a buyer at auction. The collapse puts over 1,000 jobs at risk and underscores concerns about deindustrialization.

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Estonian Unicorn Bolt Records First Net Profit

Mobility company Bolt recorded its first ever net profit of €900,000 for 2025, driven by expansion into new markets. The company plans to invest further in AI and autonomous vehicles with a goal of 100,000 autonomous vehicles by 2035.

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Israeli President Addresses Romanian Parliament in Historic Visit

Israeli President Isaac Herzog addressed the Romanian Parliament, discussing bilateral relations and security cooperation with President Nicușor Dan. The visit coincides with the 85th anniversary of a brutal pogrom against Jews in Romanian history.

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Venezuela Earthquake Death Toll Surpasses 1,700 Amid Rescue Efforts

The death toll from the double earthquake in Venezuela has risen to 1,719 with over 5,000 injured and 50,000 missing. Miraculously, a mother and newborn baby were rescued from rubble, highlighting ongoing humanitarian aid efforts.

Sources HotNews.ro BBC News

Three Injured in Likely Attack After Explosion in Monaco

An explosion at a residential building in Monaco injured three people, two critically, in what the Minister of State called very likely an attack. Police are investigating the blast caused by an explosive device containing bolts and pellets.

Sources BBC News

New Generation of Stars Shines at 2026 FIFA World Cup

The 2026 FIFA World Cup has showcased talented youngsters like Spain's Lamine Yamal and Senegal's Ibrahim Mbaye scoring at record young ages. Over 85 players aged 21 or under were selected for the tournament, signaling a shift in global football talent.

Sources BBC News