

Global Hotspots: Iran Tensions, UK Terror Alert, and Canada-US Trade

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1. What has led to a significant increase in oil prices globally this week?

- A) A sudden surge in demand from China
- B) A major cyberattack on oil refineries
- C) Tensions involving Iran and a potential blockade of the Strait of Hormuz**
- D) The release of strategic oil reserves by multiple countries

2. The UK has raised its national terror threat level. What was the primary stated reason for this increase?

- A) Escalating tensions with Russia
- B) The stabbing of two Jewish men in London**
- C) A foiled large-scale attack planned by an international terrorist group
- D) Increased political instability in a neighboring European country

3. In international relations, what significant shift has occurred regarding US troop presence in Europe?

- A) The US is planning a large-scale increase of troops in Italy and Spain
- B) President Trump is considering reducing troops in Italy and Spain, mirroring a move regarding Germany**
- C) NATO has announced plans to establish new military bases in France
- D) The US is withdrawing all troops from Germany due to disagreements

4. Which country's congress recently approved a bill to reduce the prison sentence of its former president, Jair Bolsonaro?

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil**
- C) Chile
- D) Colombia

5. Reports indicate that Hezbollah has adopted a new type of weapon widely used in the war in Ukraine. What is this weapon?

- A) Kamikaze drones
- B) Fiber-optic drones**
- C) Hypersonic missiles
- D) Directed energy weapons

6. What trade development has recently been announced between Canada and the United States?

- A) The US has imposed new, significant tariffs on Canadian agricultural products
- B) Canada has retaliated with new tariffs on American tech goods
- C) President Trump has terminated trade negotiations and threatened further tariffs**
- D) Both countries have agreed to a new free trade agreement

7. Which nation's economy has been reported as battered, with its leaders still anticipating a potential shift in stance from the US?

- A) Russia
- B) North Korea
- C) Iran**
- D) Venezuela

8. A significant event occurred with the first commercial flight from the US landing in which South American country since 2019?

- A) Colombia
- B) Peru
- C) Venezuela**
- D) Ecuador

9. Amidst global tensions, which country's oil facility recently experienced a significant fire, with Ukraine claiming responsibility for drone strikes?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Iraq
- C) Russia**
- D) United Arab Emirates

10. Which Middle Eastern country is reportedly being monitored closely as its nuclear and missile capabilities are being vowed to be protected, coinciding with a four-year high in oil prices?

- A) Saudi Arabia
- B) Israel
- C) Iran**
- D) Qatar

11. What major international event is impacting food security in Africa, according to the world's largest fertilizer firm?

- A) A prolonged drought in the Sahel region
- B) The ongoing war in Iran**
- C) Widespread crop disease
- D) A trade embargo imposed by China

12. In New Zealand, which type of animal is being returned to the capital city after a century-long absence due to a citizen campaign?

- A) Kiwis**
- B) Keas
- C) Takahes
- D) Weka

13. A recent report highlights that renewable energies overtook global electricity demand last year, with significant growth led by which country's solar power?

- A) India
- B) United States
- C) China**
- D) Germany

14. The UK has raised its national terror threat level due to increasing threats from Islamist and extreme right-wing terrorism. Which specific incident was cited as a primary reason for this heightened alert?

- A) A bomb threat targeting a major sporting event
- B) The stabbing of two Jewish men in London**
- C) An attempted large-scale cyberattack on critical infrastructure
- D) The discovery of a weapons cache in a suburban area

15. Which nation's former president, Jair Bolsonaro, has had his prison sentence reduction bill approved by the country's congress?

- A) Argentina
- B) Brazil**
- C) Chile
- D) Paraguay