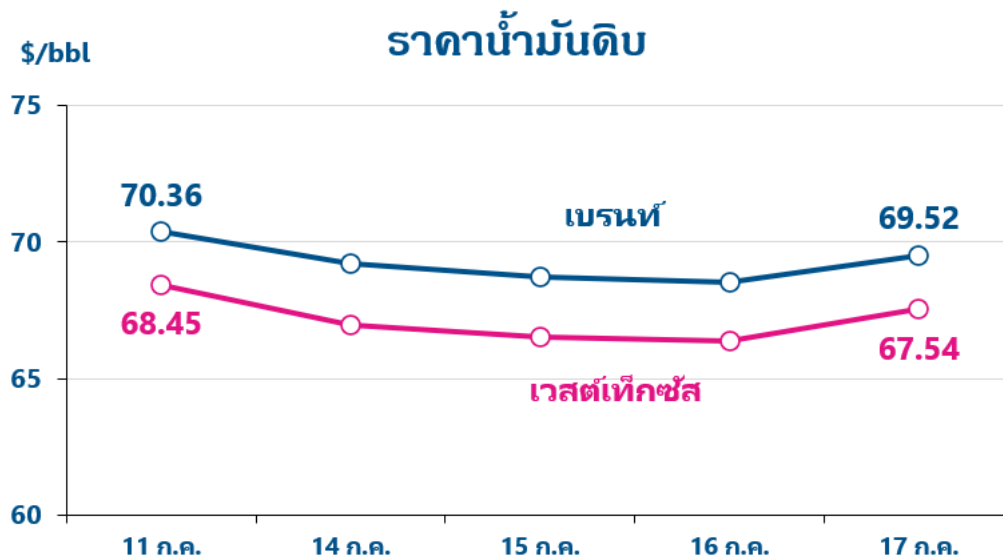


Crude oil price remains stable at low level as the US trade tariff is uncertain amid the Eastern Europe conflicts

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Thai Oil forecasts on West Texas Crude Oil Outlook to perform at \$US 65-75 per barrel while Brent Crude Oil is expected to project price at \$US 67-77 per barrel



Crude Oil Market Outlook (18-24 July 2025)

The crude oil price continues to stable at low level due to the US trade tariff uncertainty and its unpredictable impacts on the global economy. However, the geopolitical unrest in the East Europe is escalating alongside the conflicts in the Middle East, following Iran's rejection on the nuclear deal with the US until the safety and security of our nuclear activities can be guaranteed. Meanwhile, OPEC launches a forecast on the global oil demand in 2025 stating an increase of demand following the economic resilience in the US, Eurozone, India, China, and Brazil.

Key factors likely to impact crude oil price situation this week

- The global economy is struggling with the uncertainty following the US trade tariff impacts on the inflation and the world economic landscape, particularly the reciprocal tariffs between the US and China. The US Foreign Affairs Minister, Scott Bessent has recently announced the reciprocal tariff suspension period with China will be ending on 12 August 2025. However, the US is expected to impose the extension if the negotiation progresses. The US and China have reached a temporary tariff reduction agreement under which the tariff set for China goods is at 55%, lowering from 145% while China set the US import tariff at 10%, lowering from 125%. Furthermore, the US President Donald Trump announced that the US has reached a trade deal with Indonesia in which the import tariff from Indonesia is set at 19%, down from the previous rate announced in April 2025 at 32% while Indonesia proposes no tariff on all the US imported goods.

- The geopolitical unrest in Eastern Europe is escalating as the Russian President Vladimir Putin denied accepting the ceasefire agreement with the US and continued to attack Ukraine. The US President, Donald Trump has threatened to set the trade tariff against Russia at 100% if Russia fails to comply with the agreement within 50 days or 2 September 2025. Russia's export index is projected at \$US 460 billion with crude oil, refined oil, and natural gas as the main export products.
- The conflict in the Middle East is unpredictable as Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baqaei reaffirmed that Iran will not return to nuclear deal negotiations with the United States unless there is a clear assurance that the renewed talks will lead to tangible outcomes. Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi stated that Iran seeks guarantees that it will not be invaded or attacked again in the future before considering a return to the negotiating table.
- The global oil demand tends to recover following the OPEC forecast report in June 2025 stating the surge of oil demand will reach 1.3 million barrels per day which projects a year-on-year increase of 1.3 million barrels per day, reaching a total of 105.1 million barrels per day. The economic forecast in the second half of 2025 is expected to improve with supports projected by the US and the Eurozone economic recovery and the positive GDP growth in India, China, and Brazil where oil demand in 2026 is expected to rise by 1.3 million barrels per day which projects a year-on-year increase of 106.3 million barrels per day.
- The weekly economic trend including the US significant economic index including house sales in June 2025, new house sales in June 2025, unemployment benefit applicant numbers in July 2025, and Industrial PMI in July 2025. The significant economic index in China including Industrial Production Output in June 2025. The EU significant economic index including CPI in July 2025, new car registration in June 2025, and the PMI in July 2025.

Crude Oil Price Summary (11-17 July 2025)

The West Texas Crude Oil price decreased by \$US 0.47 per barrel to \$US 67.17 per barrel while Brent crude oil price also decreased by \$US 0.11 per barrel to \$US 69.26 per barrel following concerns towards the global economy contributed by the US tariff policy. The European Union has disclosed that the United States is actively hindering the finalization of the trade agreement and has issued a warning that a 30% import tariff on EU goods will be implemented unless the deal is concluded before the effective date of 1 August 2025. However, Trump stated that the further negotiation remains open

The European Trade Union representative, Maros Sefcovic, announced after the meeting that the 30% increased tariff is unacceptable. He added that the European Union has set reciprocal measures including the US import tariff totaling \$US 24.5 trillion. However, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) report announces the GDP in Q2/2025 is projected an increased growth while Industrial Production in June is rising by 6.8% Y-o-Y. The Chinese government set the GDP in 2025 to reach 5.0% growth, Y-o-Y. The NBS also reported an 8.7% month-on-month increase in crude throughput in June 2025, with production reaching 15.2 million barrels per day — the highest level since January 2025 — as refineries gradually resumed operations following maintenance shutdowns. EIA revealed the US Strategic Petroleum Reserves on the week ending 11 July 2025, down by 3.9 million barrels to 422.2 million barrels, contracting to the analysts' previous forecast of a decrease of 0.88 million barrels.