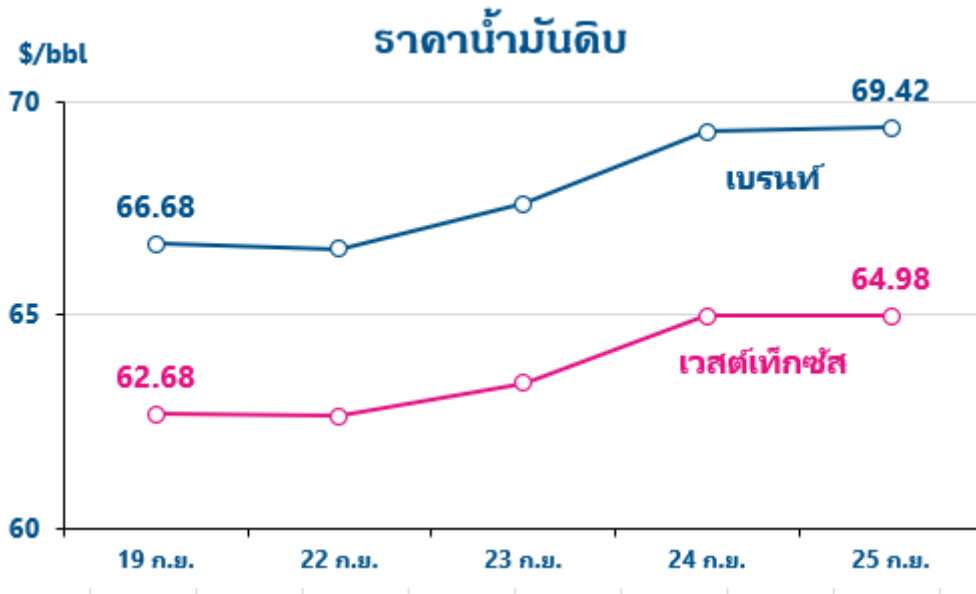


Crude oil prices are expected to rise due to the Eastern European tension and the global economy recovery

Weekly oil price situation analysis by Thai Oil Public Company Limited: 29 September 2025

Thai Oil forecasts on West Texas Crude Oil Outlook to perform at \$US 60-70 per barrel while Brent Crude Oil is expected to project price at \$US 64-74 per barrel



Crude Oil Market Outlook (26 September-2 October 2025)

Crude oil prices tend to rise following the escalating conflicts in Eastern Europe, further fueled by Donald Trump's open threat of a deal with Russia if tensions continue. Meanwhile, GDP growth in 2025 is expected to exceed previous forecasts. The US interest rate cut policy remains uncertain until the end of the year. Iraq, however, is compelled to suspend oil exports, as the transfer of oil through the pipeline from the Kurdistan Autonomous Region to Turkey remains stalled due to unresolved outstanding debt agreements. At the same time, China's imports of Russian crude oil have fallen to their lowest level in seven months.

Key factors likely to impact crude oil price situation this week

- The unrest in Eastern Europe continues to escalate, driven by the assertive policy of Poland's leadership in response to Russia's drone incursions. This stance aligns with Donald Trump's recent remarks in an interview, in which he stated that North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries should shoot down Russian aircraft entering their airspace.
- The global economy shows signs of recovery following the global GDP forecast by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) announcing the world's GDP in 2025 is rising to 3.2%, Y-o-Y, an upward revision from its June 2025 projection of 2.9%. This figure is close to the 3.3% growth recorded in 2024. For 2026, however, growth is projected to slow to 2.9% year-on-year,

reflecting the impact of higher tariffs that are weighing on investment and global trade expansion. Meanwhile, markets are closely monitoring the US Federal Reserve's interest rate policy. On September 23, Jerome Powell remarked that the Fed must strike a balance between persistently high inflation risks and a still-weak labour market in making future interest rate decisions, noting that there is no immediate need for urgent policy measures to stimulate the economy.

- However, the oil supply volatility is high in Iraq as the transfer of oil through the pipeline from the Kurdistan Autonomous Region to Turkey remains suspended due to unresolved debts between Norway's DNO oil company and Genel Energy with the federal authorities and regional government of Iraq's Kurdistan. On 23 September 2025, Iraq government set the agenda to approve debt repayment guarantees with Norway's DNO, the large crude oil producer operating in Kurdistan is having outstanding arrears amounting to USD 1 billion remain unresolved. The successful agreement is expected to pave the way for the resumption of crude oil exports of approximately 0.23 million barrels per day from Kurdistan through Turkey to the global market. Meanwhile, Iraq's state-owned oil company (SOMO) estimates that the country's crude oil exports in September 2025 will rise by 0.2–0.7 million barrels per day from the previous month, reaching 3.4–3.45 million barrels per day. This increase follows the decision by eight OPEC+ member states, including Iraq, to steadily raise crude oil output from April 2025 in order to offset voluntary production cuts by other members. For October 2025, Iraq's crude oil production quota has been raised by 0.02 million barrels per day from the previous month, bringing it to 4.24 million barrels per day.
- Demand for Russia's crude oil is declining following the announcement made by Guangzhou Automobile Group (GAC) reporting the crude oil import from Russia in August is reduced by 8.8%, M-o-M, to 1.88 million barrels per day, marking the lowest level in 7 months as the state-owned refinery plants and large private companies slow down the crude oil procurement from Russia.
- The weekly economic trend including; the US significant economic index including house sales in August 2025, house prices in July 2025, employment rate in August 2025, PMI in September 2025, and unemployment rate in September 2025. The EU significant economic index including the Manufacturing PMI in August 2025, PMI in September 2025, unemployment rate in August 2025, and consumer confidence index in September 2025. China's significant economic index including PMI in September 2025.

Crude Oil Price Summary (19-25 September 2025)

The West Texas Crude Oil price increasing by \$US 0.44 per barrel to \$US 63.56 per barrel while Brent crude oil price increasing by \$US 0.66 per barrel to \$US 67.66 per barrel following Russia's crude oil maritime export recorded at 3.62 million barrels per day, the highest level in 16 months. The figures reflect the limited impacts imposed by Ukraine's drone incursion on Russia's energy infrastructure. However, concerns are mounting over growing tensions in the Middle East, as several Western nations have formally recognized the State of Palestine as a sovereign country, prompting an aggressive response from Israel. At the same time, Russia's air force has violated Estonian airspace without authorization, intensifying fears that the conflict in Ukraine could escalate and extend to other European neighbors. The EIA report stating the US Strategic Petroleum Reserves on the week ending on 19 September 2025, decreasing by 0.61 million barrels to 414.8 million barrels, contradicted previous analysts' forecast of an increase of 0.24 million barrels.