

Drone Attacks on Saudi Oilfields

On the morning of 14th September, a coordinated drone strike on the Abdqaiq and Kurais oil-fields disrupted half of Saudi Arabia's oil producing capacity, sending both global oil prices and middle-east tensions soaring. The Iran-backed Houthis, a rebel group who have been fighting the Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen for several years took responsibility for the attack. However, Saudi Arabia and its allies including the United States believe that Iran is directly responsible.



Satellite image of the damage at Khurais oilfields



Satellite image of Khurais oil-fields after the attack

This comes after months of rising tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, and previous sabotage attempts on Saudi Arabian oil tankers. Iran is also currently antagonising the Western world, detaining multiple British and Australian citizens, selling oil to Syria in a breach of sanctions and restarting its nuclear centrifuges to create atomic weapons. With demagogic leaders in power in both the United States and Saudi Arabia, there are fears that this incident would lead to war in the Middle East. US President Donald Trump has claimed that the US is already "Locked and Loaded".

As Brexit draws closer, Johnson faces Setbacks

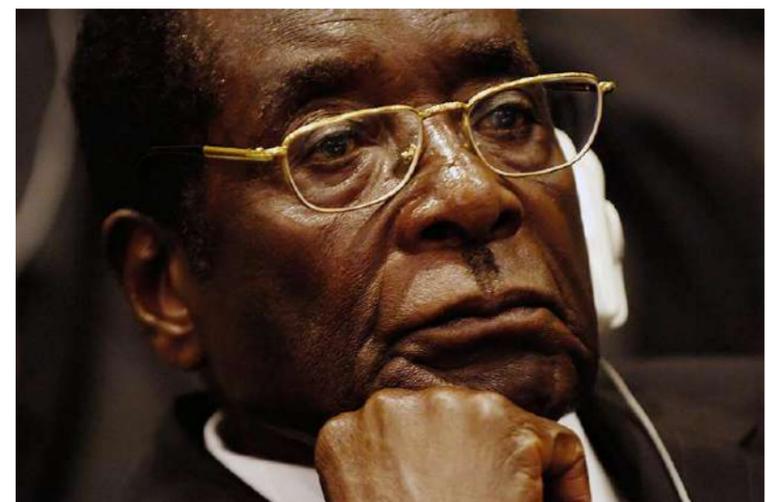


UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson

Even though the October 31, 2019 deadline for Brexit is only 6 weeks away, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson is nowhere close to clinching a deal with the EU, nor has he been successful in uniting his countrymen behind his preferred no-deal scenario. Since becoming PM, Johnson has lost his majority in the Parliament, lost multiple votes and lost the support of his brother. He is also being taken to court over his decision to prorogue parliament, widely seen by many as an attempt to sidestep the democratic process in the run-up to Brexit. This has caused frustration and anger within the European Union, who believe that Johnson is more interested in playing party politics than actually engage in constructive talks. It doesn't help that Johnson recently compared himself to the superhero - the Incredible Hulk.

Robert Mugabe laid to rest

Former Zimbabwean President and Dictator Robert Mugabe's funeral took place on the September 14, 2019. He leaves behind a complicated legacy as both an African liberation icon who fought against colonial rule, but also as a brutal dictator who took away the same freedoms he fought for. However, his death doesn't provide any closure to Zimbabweans as the current government continues his repressive policies.



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