



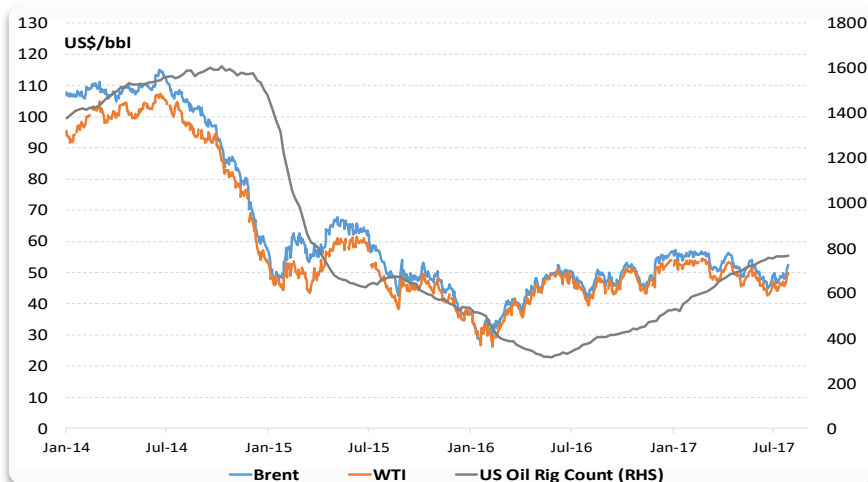
# Daily News Flash

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## Oil Market Brief

### Oil hits two-month high in strongest week of the year – Reuters

Oil ended its strongest week this year with a surge on Friday, built on receding fears of oversupply. Traders attributed the activity to short-covering of previous bearish bets as oil finished higher in every session this week.



The market was bolstered by bigger-than-expected inventory drawdowns on Wednesday and signals from Saudi Arabia that it would further reduce output in August. The gains in Brent pushed the difference between the two benchmarks to the widest in two months. U.S. oil drillers added two rigs in the most recent week, the third week of gains, raising the overall rig count to 766. For the month, 10 oil rigs have been added, the fewest for a month since May 2016.

## Top Energy News

### Global LNG prices lifted on demand from Japan and India – Reuters

Asian spot LNG prices extended gains with demand coming from India and Japan, while recent export disruptions from Peru left Shell shopping for replacement supply. Prices were lifted partly by hot weather that prompted higher gas burn in Japan. As a result Tohoku Electric awarded its tender for a single delivery in late September to a major trading house, a source said, at a price of about \$5.90/mmBtu. According to two trade sources, Qatar has committed much of its production for August and September, potentially another bullish factor.

### UK gas prices edge up on expectations of less supply – Reuters

Norwegian exports are up but they are flowing to continental Europe. The volume impact of maintenance at Norway's Kollsnes gas processing plant has been increased to 12.5 mcm a day from 9.5 mcm/day. UK Continental Shelf production is forecast to decrease due to some scheduled maintenance starting on Monday and Tuesday next week. The system was largely balanced, with flows forecast at almost 175 mcmd and demand at around 173 mcmd, National Grid data shows. In the Dutch gas market, the day-ahead gas price at the Dutch TTF hub edged up by 0.05 euro to 15.10 euros per megawatt hour.

## PRICES

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Brent Futures (\$/bbl)

52.52

Daily change

+2.00%

YTD change

-7.57%

### WTI Futures (\$/bbl)

49.71

Daily change

+1.36%

YTD change

-7.46%

### Henry Hub Futures (\$/mmbtu)

2.94

Daily change

-0.88%

YTD change

-21.03%

### UK Futures

3.85 (GBP/mmbtu)

Daily change

+0.30%

5.05 (\$/mmbtu)

YTD change

-28.51%

### North Asia SLING (\$/mmbtu)

5.65

Biweekly change

+0.90%

## CALENDAR

Green Expo Qatar  
14 – 16 November

8<sup>th</sup> Bosphorus Summit  
28 – 30 November

173<sup>rd</sup> OPEC Ministerial Conference  
30 November