



Saudi attacks threaten gas price hikes

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Gas prices are likely to start rising in coming days after the attacks on Saudi oil facilities, analysts say. Motorists on the U.S. West Coast, especially California, could get hit hardest.

1. Get set to pay _____
- 2-1. Analysts say _____
- 2-2. after attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities Saturday _____
3. That drove gasoline futures _____
4. California motorists _____
- 5-1. Nearly half of all U.S. crude imported from Saudi Arabia _____
- 5-2. and much of that _____
6. The state relies _____
- 7-1. That's partly because _____
- 7-2. and it lacks pipelines _____
8. Californians already pay the second highest average gas prices in the U.S. _____
9. The AAA says the national average for regular gas _____
10. Chevron's refineries in the Californian cities of Richmond and El Segundo _____
- 11-1. A Chevron spokesman said the company will _____
- 11-2. to continue _____
12. American motorists _____
- 13-1. But a big spike in prices _____
- 13-2. whose robust spending has kept the U.S. economy growing _____

[Vocabulary]

- ☐ **get set:** to prepare for something
 - *Get set to see the best movie of your life!*
 - *I have to go home early so I can get all set for our trip tomorrow.*
- ☐ **pump:** A petrol or gas pump is a machine with a tube attached to it that you use to fill a car with petrol.
 - *There are already long queues of vehicles at petrol pumps.*
- ☐ **at the pump:** at the places where customers buy gasoline for their cars
 - *Prices are higher at the pump.*
 - *Expect long lines at the pumps this weekend.*

□ **in coming days:** When some events take place in coming days, they can take up to even 7 days, which means a week but using 'in the next few days' indicates that it would probably take 3-4 days only.

□ **knock out:** to destroy or break forcefully, or or to stop it working
 • *The earthquake knocked out power supplies in many parts of the city.*

□ **drive:** to force someone into a bad situation or state
 • *People are being driven to violence by police action.*
 • *Will you stop that humming, you're driving me crazy!*

□ **futures:** BUSINESS contracts to buy or sell shares, goods, or currency at an agreed price to be delivered at a time in the future
 • *grain futures*

□ **gasoline futures:**

□ **motorist:** someone who drives a car

□ **rich:** containing a large quantity of something
 • *Milk is rich in calcium.*
 • *a speech rich in irony*

□ **rich in oil:**

□ **gallon:** a unit for measuring an amount of liquid, especially gas or water. In the U.S., a gallon is equal to 3.79 liters. In the U.K., a gallon is equal to 4.55 liters.

□ **the AAA:** = American Automobile Association: a U.S. organization for car drivers that gives its members information on traveling and helps them if their car stops working

□ **national average:** the average value for something across a particular nation.

□ **Chevron: Chevron Corporation** is an American multinational energy corporation. One of the successor companies of Standard Oil, it is headquartered in San Ramon, California, and active in more than 180 countries. Chevron is one of the world's largest oil companies; as of 2019, it ranked eleventh in the Fortune 500 list of the top US closely held and public corporations and 28th on the Fortune Global 500 list of the top 500 corporations worldwide. It was also one of the Seven Sisters that dominated the global petroleum industry from the mid-1940s to the 1970s.

The company's most significant areas of operations are the west coast of North America, the U.S. Gulf Coast, Southeast Asia, South Korea and Australia . In 2010, Chevron sold an average of 3.1 million barrels per day of refined products like gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.

□ **refinery:** a factory where things are removed from a natural substance to make it pure

□ **Richmond:** A city of northern California on an inlet of San Francisco Bay north-northwest of Oakland. It is a port and industrial center.

□ **El Segundo:** a city in Los Angeles County, California, United States. *El Segundo*, from Spanish, means "The Second". Located on the Santa Monica Bay, it was incorporated on January 18, 1917, and part of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. The population was 16,654 at the 2010 census, slightly up from 16,033 at the 2000 census.

□ **crude:** oil that is still in its natural state and has not yet been refined for use by chemical processes

□ **meet:** to do or provide what is necessary in order to deal successfully with a situation
 • *All my needs are met.*

□ **meet the need of:**

• *meet the need of consumers*
 • *The water won't meet the needs of the local population.*

□ **spike:** a sudden increase in something

- *a spike in the price of crude oil*

□ **robust:** strong and successful

- *The robust economy has made many people happy.*

□ **slowdown:** a period when there is less activity

- *an economic slowdown*

- *The business had a slowdown after the holidays.*

□ **global slowdown:**

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