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**Update [2006-7-8 10:20:29 by Leanan]:** It's dawning on some people that oil sands may not be the answer:

### [Fears growing in wake of expected 50% cost increase at Shell oilsands plant](#)

Bob Gillon, an energy analyst with John S Herold in Connecticut, said the Athabasca expansion would now cost six times what the original project did, on a daily flowing barrel basis.

"It's not a knock on Shell or this project, everybody's facing it," Gillon said in an interview Thursday.

"But my Lord in heaven. If you're talking about something that cost you six times as much as it did six or eight years ago, even with the move we've had in oil prices, we're getting these things back to where the economics . . . are going to get skinny in a hurry."

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### [Kurds Protest Energy Shortages:](#)

Drivers have to wait days to get their petrol shares, which range between 25 and 40 litres per week, and local authorities recently announced electricity cuts despite soaring temperatures.

It is not uncommon for drivers in northern Iraq to hang around in queues for several days before they are told that there is no fuel left at the station. On July 6, in the northeastern Kurdish city of Sulaimaniyah, about 500 drivers who had waited for fuel for more than three days poured into the nearby streets, set tires on fire and blocked four main streets of the city.

### [Kremlin ignores democracy to snatch oil from the wilderness](#)

### [Countries need to oil their wheels:](#)

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in conjunction with the UN, published a major agricultural study last week.

The study said that there are very few countries in the world that are able to produce

biofuels that can compete on price with conventional fossil fuels. In fact, with the exception of Brazil, all countries are finding it very difficult to reduce their dependence on oil at all.

[The Real Oil Crisis](#) is a free, 13 minute video from ABC Australia:

What would happen if the world were to start running out of oil? Conventional wisdom says we've got 30 years, but there's a growing fear amongst petroleum experts it's happening much sooner than we thought – that we are hitting the beginning of the end of oil now. So how soon will the oil run out, and can we stop our economy collapsing when it does? How prepared are we for the real oil crisis?

From India... [End Of Cheap Oil, The Global Energy Crisis And Climate Change](#):

The increase in oil prices has led to protests, which have moved to the center stage of Indian politics, displacing the protests against reservations in medical and engineering colleges.

[Energy agency voices doubts on Gazprom deliveries](#)

*The Independent* has a vision of [How a 'green' Britain should look in the year 2020](#)

**Update [2006-7-8 9:53:22 by Leanan]:** [Record oil price sets the scene for \\$200 next year](#)

With many commentators now on holiday the record \$75.78 oil price last week was almost ignored. Yet with the world economy still hot the scene is set for a powerful rally in oil prices and the equally inevitable price spike. So will we see oil hit \$200 a barrel in 2007?



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