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"Energy Security Will Be one of the Main Challenges of Foreign Policy"

In a SPIEGEL interview, United States oil expert Daniel Yergin discusses fears of a global energy crisis, the growing confidence of oil-rich nations and changes in world politics caused by rising energy prices.

Europe's suppliers could decide to just save their energy

WHAT if they leave the oil and gas in the ground? That unwelcome prospect emerged as the world's leaders tiptoed round President Putin last weekend, like postmen negotiating their way past an irritable alsatian.

"Prudence and friendly dialogue" to face energy crisis

Chile must insist in a friendly dialogue with Argentina while it strives to achieve energy autonomy because the "real truth is that Argentina is running out of natural gas", warned Chile's former Economy and Energy minister Jorge Rodriguez Grossi.

Niger: Protests Against Soaring Cost of Living

Hundreds of people turned out on the streets of Niamey on Tuesday to protest against high costs for fuel and other essential commodities.

Demonstrators, organised by Nigerien civil society groups, called on the government of President Mamadou Tandja to reduce the price of fuel by 50 percent through slashing customs duties and taxes.

Southern Africa: Region in Search of Energy Self-Sustenance

UN backs Nigerian delta activists on oil wealth

ABUJA (Reuters) - A United Nations report on Nigeria's oil producing Niger Delta has backed a call by local activists for the region to receive a greater share of its vast oil wealth.

Deep water windfarm 'key to EU energy plans'

U.K.: Heatwave trebles electricity prices

German June Producer Prices Increase on Oil, Raw Material Costs

(Bloomberg) -- Producer price inflation in Germany, Europe's largest economy, held close to a 24-year high last month, led by higher energy and raw material costs.

Goods from plastics to newsprint were 6.1 percent more expensive in June than a year earlier, the Federal Statistics Office in Wiesbaden said in a statement today.

In California, energy shortages are becoming a political issue.

Road to recovery sinking into Gulf. The highway to Port Fourchon is going under.

<u>U.S. Cities in Harm's Way</u>: SustainLane ranks the risk. (You might want to think twice about buying that condo in Miami.)

Peak oil preview: North Korea & Cuba

IEA Will Use Oil Reserves in Event of Supply Problems

Uranium's Outlook Is So Bright, It Glows in the Dark

Under the "really???" column: Oil price spike "very uncomfortable": OPEC.

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