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### [Shanghai Petroleum Exchange Reopened](#)

The Shanghai Petroleum Exchange resumed business on Friday after a 12-year hiatus, a step toward the eventual lifting of domestic controls on gas and oil prices.

### [Ethanol is changing the way farmers farm](#)

Farmers weaned on the virtues of crop rotation -- planting corn one year and soybeans the next to stem the build-up of disease and insect damage in their fields -- are considering planting programs that include two or more years of continuous corn.

### [Ukraine fears energy crisis as gas prices bite](#)

### [Higher taxes on flights and cars in Tory plan](#)

Big rises in car taxes and petrol duty are being considered by the Tories in a review of transport policy that threatens the party's reputation as the "motorist's friend". The Conservatives are also considering an increased levy on short-haul flights to curb stag weekend travel to Europe, as they move to establish the "polluter pays" principle over the environmental cost of transport.

[Nicaragua Muses on Energy Crisis](#). The energy crisis is causing [water shortages and street protests](#).

### [Necessity mother of invention in gas-fuelled Armenia](#)

Stop one of the creaking, Russian-made taxis plying their trade in Armenia's capital, Yerevan, and odds are it will have a gas canister strapped into the trunk. Battered buses have rows of red canisters fastened onto their roof-racks.

[Prices prompt oil, gas investment scams](#)

[Clock company helps workers save time, money](#): Atlanta employer offers flex time, van pool to ease pain at the pump.

[Oil prices 'may retreat to \\$58 in 2008'](#)

[Bye Bye Petroleum](#)

With demand for oil soaring yet supply stable at best, the idea that oil stocks have 'peaked' is increasingly influential. So what are the latest theories around peak oil?



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