

# Oil rises on Trump's Iran threats, stocks take cue on talks

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Oil prices rose as the Middle East crisis escalated Monday

with US President Donald Trump's threat to destroy Iran's main export terminal, and after the entry of Yemen's Houthi re-

bels into the war.

However European and US stocks rose as markets focused on Trump's comments on nego-

tiations to end the fighting.

Trump expressed confidence that a negotiated settlement would soon be reached but

warned that if it was not -- or if Iran continued to block the Strait of Hormuz to most sea traffic -- US forces would "blow up" Kharg Island and all of Iran's oil wells and electricity generation.

Brent North Sea crude, the international benchmark, jumped to almost \$117 per barrel in Asian trading.

It stood up 2.3% at \$107.71 per barrel in late morning trading in New York.

Wall Street's main equities were higher in late morning trading, with the Dow adding 0.7%.

Briefing.com analyst Patrick O'Hare compared the situation in the global economy and on markets to an intersection where the traffic light is flashing all colours at once.

Equity investors "are taking their cue this morning from the green light" of "Trump indicating serious discussions are taking place with a new and more reasonable regime to end the military operations in Iran", he said.

Oil markets, on the other hand, took their cue from the red light of Trump's threats to destroy Iran's oil fields and export terminal, as well as reports the United States is readying ground troops, plus the Houthis getting involved in the war by firing missiles at Israel, he added.

IG analyst Chris Beauchamp noted that the impact of Trump's statements is getting weaker.

"Until investors are treated to the sight of senior US officials physically getting on a plane to

Pakistan to negotiate, investors will become more sceptical," he said.

European stocks finished the day higher, with Frankfurt rising 0.5% despite data showing German inflation in March jumped to its highest level since January 2024, hitting 2.7% on the back of rocketing energy prices due to the Middle East war.

Asia's leading stock markets closed lower. The Japanese yen jumped on talk that the Bank of Japan could intervene on markets to shore up the country's currency.

The yen's gains weighed heavily on Japanese exporters, with the Tokyo stock market closing down almost 3%.

India's rupee fell to a record low of more than 95 to the dollar on Monday, before recovering, despite recent efforts by the central bank to stem its fall.

The world's most populous nation is one of the "most vulnerable economies within Asia to an energy price shock", analysts at Nomura wrote in a note.

As the war moved into its fifth week, the spectre of a widening conflict grew as Houthi rebels on Saturday said they had fired "a barrage of cruise missiles and drones" at strategic sites in Israel.

"The Houthi's ability to disrupt shipping through the Bab al-Mandeb strait, which accounts for roughly 12% of global trade, is the new key risk," said Pepperstone analyst Chris Weston, referring to the waterway between Yemen and the Horn of Africa.



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2025 Retail Bank, Bahrain

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2025

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2025	2024
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and balances at central bank	188,719	135,184
Derivative financial instruments	4,492	6,775
Loans and advances to banks	4,996	2,453
Loans and advances to customers	279,469	286,299
Investment securities	104,894	119,247
Other assets	1,358	3,063
Due from the Head office and other branches	54,504	26,288
Prepayments and accrued income	2,032	2,416
Intangible assets	1,476	1,197
Property, plant and equipment	3,444	3,281
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>645,384</b>	<b>586,203</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Deposits by banks	15,500	9,280
Customer accounts	508,213	469,304
Derivative financial instruments	4,049	6,069
Other liabilities	9,508	10,961
Due to the Head office and other branches	41,874	21,188
Accruals and deferred income	5,857	6,978
Provisions for liabilities and charges	426	487
Retirement benefit obligations	2,252	2,461
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>587,679</b>	<b>526,728</b>
<b>Head office funds</b>		
Head office assigned capital	10,743	10,743
Other reserves	36,899	36,097
Retained earnings	10,063	12,635
<b>Total Head office funds</b>	<b>57,705</b>	<b>59,475</b>
<b>Total Head office funds and liabilities</b>	<b>645,384</b>	<b>586,203</b>

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2025	2024
Net cash generated from operating activities	62,086	8,038
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities	(18,930)	17,447
Net cash used in financing activities	(12,720)	(5,380)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>30,436</b>	<b>20,105</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	162,639	142,534
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>193,075</b>	<b>162,639</b>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN HEAD OFFICE FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Bahraini Dinars 000's	Head office assigned capital	General reserve	Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve - debt	Retained earnings	Total
As at 1 January 2024	10,743	34,056	212	5,917	50,928
Profit for the year	-	-	-	12,009	12,009
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1,829	-	1,829
Amounts remitted to Head office during the year	-	-	-	(5,291)	(5,291)
<b>As at 31 December 2024</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>34,056</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>12,635</b>	<b>59,475</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	10,063	10,063
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	802	-	802
Amounts remitted to Head office during the year	-	-	-	(12,635)	(12,635)
<b>As at 31 December 2025</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>34,056</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>10,063</b>	<b>57,705</b>

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### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2025	2024
Interest income	34,665	39,611
Interest expense	(8,322)	(9,756)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>26,343</b>	<b>29,855</b>
Fees and commission income	13,336	13,562
Fees and commission expense	(4,664)	(5,889)
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>8,672</b>	<b>7,673</b>
Net trading income	3,911	4,610
Other operating income	184	1,176
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>39,110</b>	<b>43,314</b>
Staff costs	(12,435)	(13,548)
Premises costs	(735)	(899)
General administrative expenses	(13,763)	(15,547)
Depreciation and amortisation	(678)	(634)
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(27,611)</b>	<b>(30,628)</b>
<b>Operating profit before impairment losses</b>	<b>11,499</b>	<b>12,686</b>
Releases / (Credit impairment)	140	(427)
(Other impairment)	(1)	(250)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>11,638</b>	<b>12,009</b>
Taxation	(1,575)	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>10,063</b>	<b>12,009</b>

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2025

Bahraini Dinars 000's	2025	2024
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>10,063</b>	<b>12,009</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>		
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	184	68
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
<b>Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI):</b>		
Net valuation gain taken to equity	352	1,857
Net impact of expected credit losses	266	(96)
	618	1,761
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>1,829</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>10,865</b>	<b>13,838</b>

### Key figures at around 1530 GMT

Brent North Sea Crude:	▲ 2.3% at \$107.71 a barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▲ 3.0% at \$102.59 a barrel
New York - Dow:	▲ 0.7% at 45,483.05 points
New York - S&P 500:	▲ 0.3% at 6,388.16
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ less than 0.1% at 20,957.37
London - FTSE 100:	▲ 1.4% at 10,109.89 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	▲ 0.9% at 7,772.45 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▲ 1.2% at 22,562.88 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 2.8% at 51,885.85 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	▼ 0.8% at 24,750.79 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▲ 0.2% at 3,923.29 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1451 from \$1.1517 on Friday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3189 from \$1.3272
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 159.56 yen from 160.20 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 86.85 pence from 86.78 pence



An oil tanker is docked unloading crude oil at the port in Qingdao, in China's eastern Shandong province