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U.S.-Iran ceasefire on tenuous ground

Global market affects oil prices

'There's no going back to what we had'

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In a speech to the nation on April 1, President Donald Trump spoke of the Iran war, and the contest for control of the Strait of Hormuz, as if these outcomes had little bearing on the market for oil and gasoline in the United States.

"The United States imports almost no oil through the Hormuz Strait and won't be taking any in the future," Trump said. "We don't need it. We haven't needed it and we don't need it."

It's true that the United States is less reliant on foreign oil now than at times in the past. And of the oil we do import, only 8% comes from the Middle East.

Why, then, have gasoline prices gone through the roof at America's pumps?

On April 8, a gallon of regular gasoline cost \$4.16 in the United States on average, up from \$3.45 a month earlier and less than \$3 at the start of 2026, according to AAA.

Oil prices plunged the same day, on news of a fragile ceasefire. Gas prices might follow.

But don't expect a swift return to \$3 gas.

"If the conflict stops and it has a kind of meaningful end to it, I would expect oil prices to fall relatively quickly," said Jason Schenker, president of Prestige Economics, speaking just before the ceasefire. "I do not think they're going to go all the way down to where they were."

As of January, the United States produced more than 13 million barrels of crude oil a day. We export

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Rescuers search through wreckage in Beirut on April 8 after Israeli strikes killed and injured hundreds.

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Israel continues attacks on Lebanon

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President Donald Trump's ceasefire with Iran was on tenuous ground on April 9 after Israel launched its deadliest day of strikes on Lebanon yet and Tehran vowed not to desert its allies.

A day after announcing the Iran war

ceasefire, Trump took to social media to warn the country that if the "REAL AGREEMENT" was not complied with, all U.S. military assets would remain in place ready for a military response.

He warned Iran to keep the Strait of Hormuz open and safe but did not address the strikes in Lebanon in the post.

"If for any reason it is not, which is highly unlikely, then the "Shootin' Starts," bigger, and better, and stronger than anyone has ever seen before," he wrote.

Meanwhile, strikes on Lebanon, which borders Israel came on April 8, a day after United States and Iranian

leaders announced a break in hostilities to hold peace talks and for oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz to resume, a key breakthrough in the agreement. But in the wake of Trump's announcement, parties involved were soon at odds over whether the break in fighting included Lebanon.

"The Iran-U.S. Ceasefire terms are clear and explicit: the U.S. must choose - ceasefire or continued war via Israel. It cannot have both," Iran's Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said in a statement as bombs hit

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Artemis II crew spends final full day in space

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After years of preparation and enormous galactic achievements, the Artemis II astronauts on April 9 marked their final full day in space.

As of that morning, the Orion spacecraft carrying the crew still had tens of thousands of miles to go ahead of a planned water landing April 10 off the California coast: It was about 160,000 miles from Earth, leaving the moon about 120,000 miles behind, according to NASA's online tracker.

That meant the astronauts were approaching the point where they were closer to Earth than to the moon - a key point in their return journey signifying that the end of the historic mission was near.

The crew was due to spend the day working with flight control teams back on Earth to review landing procedures and prepare the Orion vehicle for reentering Earth's atmosphere, according to

NASA.

About nine days into their journey, the astronauts - Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover and Christina Koch of NASA, as well as the Canadian Space Agency's Jeremy Hansen - appeared to be in good spirits while taking questions during a news conference late on April 8.

And why wouldn't they be?

The four of them traveled farther from Earth than any spacefarer in human history ever has while seeing sights of the moon's far side no one else has ever experienced.

Hansen marked his own country's record book, becoming the first Canadian to fly around the moon. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney spoke to the astronauts April 8, celebrating the achievement and marking a lighter moment in U.S.-Canadian relations.

"Canadians couldn't be more proud of you personally, both this mission and

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The Artemis II crew of NASA astronauts Christina Koch, Reid Wiseman and Victor Glover and Canadian astronaut Jeremy Hansen will return to Earth on April 10.

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