

MARKET UPDATE

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India rupee falls to lifetime low as oil prices surge; yields rise

The Indian rupee fell to a historic low on Monday, while bond yields surged as a sharp rise in global prices of crude oil stirred concern about domestic inflation, strengthening prospects for interest rate hikes by the central bank.

India imports more than two-thirds of its oil needs and high prices are likely to widen its trade and current account deficits and boost imported inflation.

Japan in talks with U.S., Europe over banning Russian oil imports

Japan, which counts Russia as its fifth-biggest supplier of crude oil, is in discussion with the United States and European countries about possibly banning Russian oil imports, Kyodo News reported on Monday.

The report comes after U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Sunday the United States and European allies were exploring the possibility.



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