

The Hindu SimplEified

**Daily News Highlights
& Exam Cheat Sheet**

All the facts. None of the jargon.



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THE BIG STORY: WEST ASIA CONFLICT ESCALATES

THE ACTION

U.S. and Israel launched Operation Epic Fury, hitting over 500 locations in Iran.

THE RETALIATION

Iran struck U.S. embassies (in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait) and targeted economic hubs.

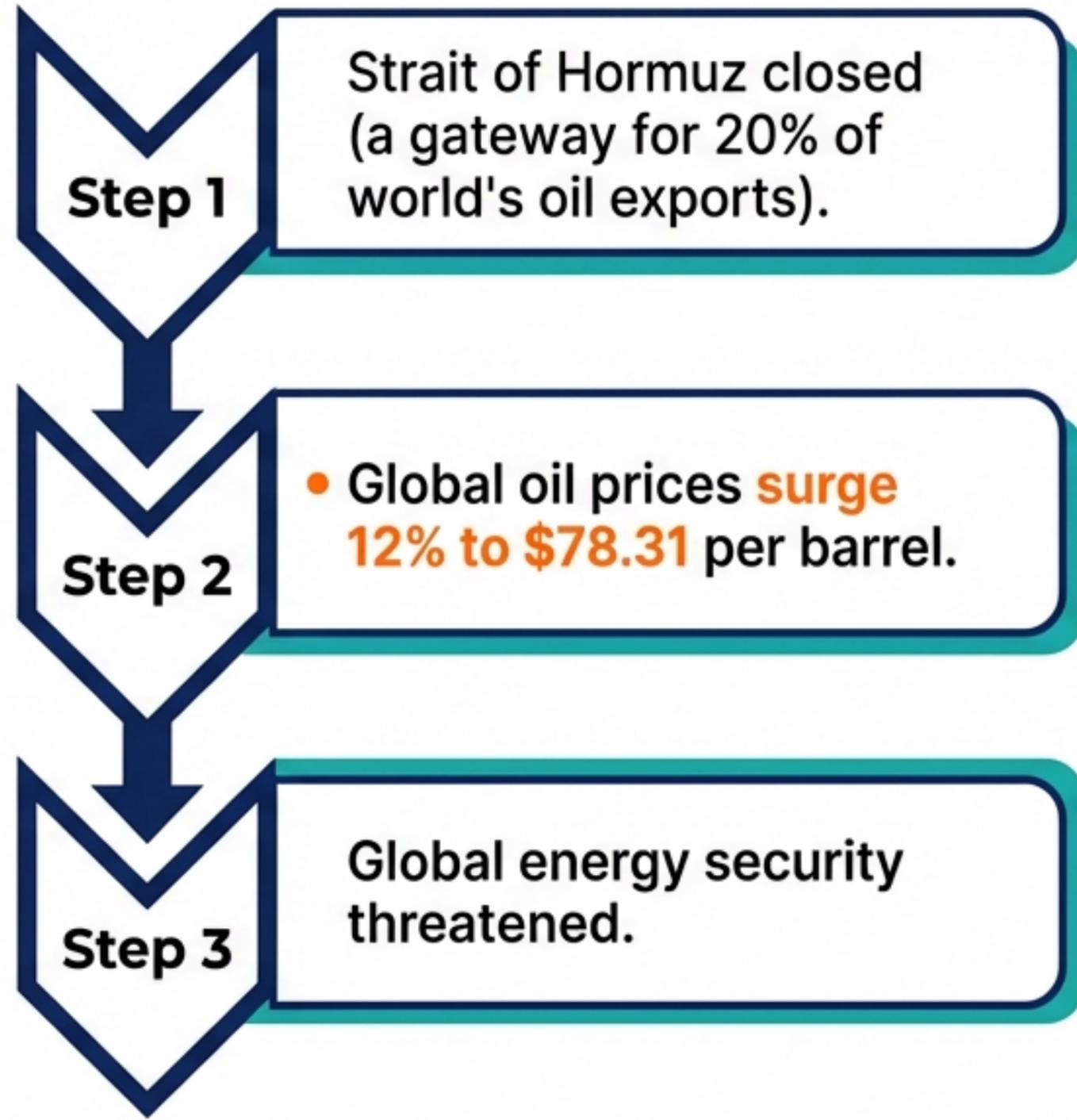


THE TOLL: Over 780 people **killed** in Iran (per Iranian Red Crescent).



ECONOMIC HIT: Qatar halted liquefied natural gas (LNG) production at the world's largest export facility.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT: SURGING OIL PRICES & INDIA'S SHIELD



50 Days Total Sufficiency

India has 25 days of crude oil reserves + 25 days of energy products (petrol/diesel) ready.

Note: This does not even include the the emergency Special Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

India's Response: Protecting 1 Crore Citizens

1
Crore

The Stake:

Safety of ~1 crore Indians in West Asia is the utmost priority (Ministry of External Affairs).

The Tragic Cost:

3 Indian sailors died and 15-20 were injured in attacks on oil tankers (MT Skylight, MT Vyom, LCT ALYH).

Diplomatic Action:

PM Modi held calls with leaders of Qatar, Oman, UAE, and others.

Logistics:

Indian airlines (IndiGo, Air India) cancelled over 1,117 flights and are operating special flights to bring stranded passengers home.

Neighbourhood Watch: Pak-Afghan Border Clash



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Afghan troops killed in the latest escalation (along with 1 Pakistani soldier).

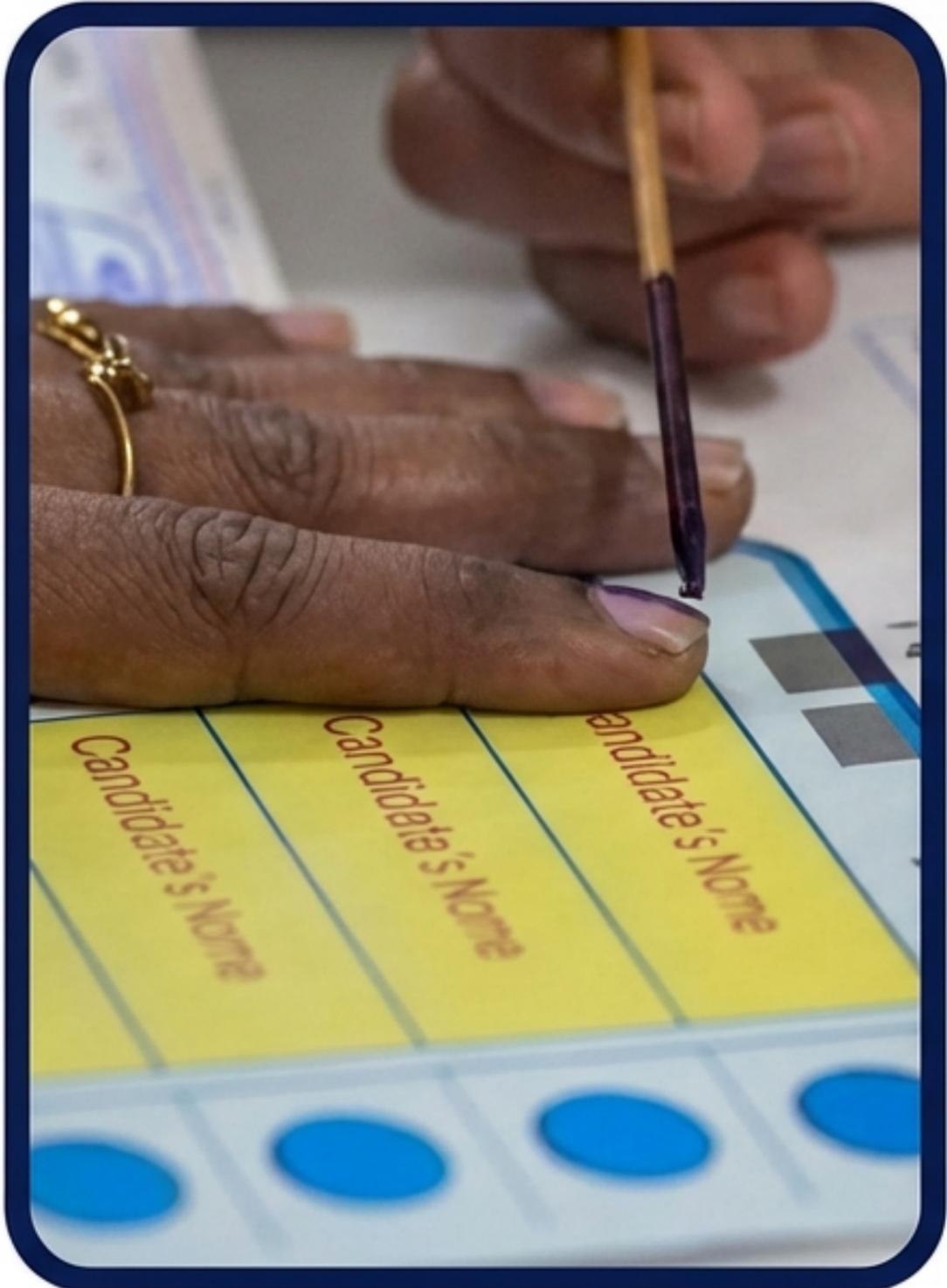
8,400

Afghan families displaced from their homes due to bombings.

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Days of continuous open fighting and cross-border airstrikes.

National Highlights: Election Buzz



Election Commission Prep: EC is reviewing readiness to announce poll dates next week. Polling easier in Inter Regular.



Where: 4 States (Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal) and 1 Union Territory (Puducherry).



Political Deadlock: Seat-sharing talks in Tamil Nadu between DMK (Stalin) and Congress (Chidambaram) are currently stuck over the number of assembly seats offered.

Defence Updates: ₹5,000-Crore Maritime Security Boost



Indian Navy: Getting Russian Shtil missiles installed on frontline warships to enhance air defence.



Indian Coast Guard:
Receiving 6 ALH Mk-III helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Governance & Tech: App Glitches & Aadhaar Updates

MGNREGS App Glitches



Issue: Workers face trouble marking attendance.

Cause: The recent update to the National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) app, which made facial recognition mandatory to weed out fake beneficiaries.

UIDAI Milestone



Success: 1.2 crore mandatory biometric updates completed.

Target Group: Schoolchildren aged 7 to 15 (this update is free and mandatory).

Business Shorts: Bharti Airtel Internet Disruptions



The Event

Multiple subsea internet cables were cut (predating the current Iran conflict).



The Impact

Bharti Airtel is facing major disruptions for Europe-bound internet traffic.



The Workaround

Cloud providers like Oracle and Digital Ocean are being forced to shift bulk data flows to other networks.

Sports Highlights: Cricket Quick Hits

**Smriti
Mandhana**



Officially tops the ODI batting charts, taking the #1 spot globally.

**Renuka
Singh**



The star pacer is rested for the upcoming pink-ball day-night Test against Australia in Perth to manage her workload.

**Kashvee
Gautam**



New Face: Replaces her in the squad.

The Simplified Summary: Notes to Remember

- ✓ **\$78.31 / 25 Days:** Oil prices surged; India holds 25 days of crude + 25 days of petrol/diesel reserves.
- ✓ **1 Crore:** Number of Indian citizens in the West Asia conflict zone.
- ✓ **4 States, 1 UT:** Going to polls (Assam, Kerala, TN, WB + Puducherry).
- ✓ **₹5,000 Crore:** Defence deal for Coast Guard (ALH Mk-III choppers) & Navy (Shtil missiles).
- ✓ **NMMS:** The MGNREGS attendance app facing facial recognition glitches.