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Turkish lira weaker; shares hit 2-year low

**Bloomberg QuickTake Q&A**

**Why is the US-Iran conflict now coming to a head?**

By David Weil

In 2015, the US agreed to lend nuclear programmes, leaving Iran with uranium-enriching and nuclear material. Since then, the US has imposed new sanctions and increased its pressure on Iran. The US and Iran are now facing the risk of a direct conflict.

1. What provoked Iran's reaction?

The US stepped up its economic pressure on Iran in 2018, imposing sanctions that targeted Iran's oil exports, which account for almost half of the country's exports. The US has also increased its air and missile defence capabilities in the region, including in Saudi Arabia.

2. Why is the US pulling out of the nuclear deal?

The US has been seeking to renegotiate the nuclear deal, which was signed in 2015, but the talks have been stalled. The US is now demanding that Iran make deeper concessions, including restrictions on its ballistic missile programme.

3. How does the US-Iran conflict develop from here?

The US is increasing its military presence in the region, including through the deployment of additional troops to Iraq. At the same time, Iran is increasing its provocations, including through cyber attacks and the targeting of US forces in Iraq.

4. What is the impact of the US-Iran conflict on global oil prices?

The US-Iran conflict has the potential to impact global oil prices, particularly if there is a significant increase in tensions. The US is a major oil importer, and Iran is a significant oil exporter. A disruption of oil supplies could lead to an increase in oil prices.

5. What is the US-Iran conflict likely to mean for the rest of the world?

The US-Iran conflict could have significant implications for the stability of the Middle East and the global economy. It could also lead to increased tensions with other countries in the region, including with Israel and Saudi Arabia.

**What are the implications for the global economy?**

The US-Iran conflict has the potential to impact global economic growth, particularly if there is a significant increase in tensions. A disruption of oil supplies could lead to an increase in oil prices, which could impact inflation and economic growth. The conflict could also lead to increased uncertainty and volatility in financial markets.
Japan trade surplus dips sharply as exports drop in April

China is ready for further US trade talks, says ambassador

Prepares for difficult times, Xi urges as trade war simmer

Philippines

American Express issues visas for Huawei in shopping centre in Guangzhou. The chip-making equipment company has an open house and show room at an electronic components trade show in the capital. Although the US trade war has temporarily halted its export sales, American Express said it was still open to "opportunity" venues that are as good as Google access. Google

Mobile phone retailers in some Asian countries are refusing to accept Huawei device transfers, in concern from US in-house concerns over potential national security-related services.

Google said it would comply with all orders of US President Donald Trump to stop supplying Huawei, meaning current transfers of Huawei equipment will fall out of updates of the Android operating system from now on. With no phones with access to popular apps such as Facebook and Twitter, the world’s second-largest smartphone maker has lost a large chunk of its market share.

"We’re trying something that is unique, how are we going to manage that?" said Zhang Xiang, president of Huawei’s consumer business division.

"But if you’re entering a new market, it’s not that devolvement strategy, it’s not that revenue model, it’s a new market, in a new country," Zhang said.

"The BoJ has failed to fire up inflation and stimulate the economy. Financial institutions ignore the benefits of monetary easing due to the super low interest rates." The Bank of Japan’s nine-member board is widely expected to keep its yield curve control policy, which aims to keep the 10-year government bond yield at zero, drawing criticism from financial institutions.

"The economy is increasingly complex, but the international monetary institutions have failed to come prepared to meet this reality," said Harada, a vocal advocate of monetary easing.

"The central bank’s benchmark policy rate is an instrument, and the economy is an engine of the economy," the chief economist said.

"We need a new monetary policy framework that takes into account the complex nature of the economy," the central bank’s top economist said.

China’s state media have condemned US President Donald Trump’s decision to impose more tariffs on Chinese goods, warning that the situation could lead to a trade war.

"The US has not yet shown any sign of the US’s willingness to resolve the US-China trade dispute, and the situation is worsening."

"It is quite clear it is the US side that more than the Chinese side is to blame for the US-China trade war." The Chinese side has always been willing to resolve the US-China trade dispute, but the US side has repeatedly broken its promise to resolve the US-China trade dispute.
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A US-China trade-war rhetoric escalation without any plan for a consumption of negotiations, currency-strategy maps are no longer a useful tool for managing foreign-exchange implications. Bank of America Corp sees the yen appreciating the most in the G10 FX space — up to 2.23% versus the dollar — as fallout from the US-China trade war rattles markets, Washington has named China as a currency manipulator, and the US is considering widening its scope of targets. Meanwhile, emerging-market currencies will keep debt refinancing costs high — 5% higher than pre-2008 levels. In addition to the broader geopolitical considerations, the yen’s performance against the dollar is likely to be driven by cross-border bond flows, as the yen is seen as a safe haven in times of uncertainty.

**Currency strategists brace for trade war worse case scenarios**

### Getting Hit

**Trade wars take toll on EM currencies**

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There’s a scent of doom in the air as traders bet on a Fed rate cut back on the horizon, as inflation and emerging-market currencies face pressure. The Federal Reserve’s rate-cutting signal this week could be the catalyst for a broader move into riskier assets, as a new economic cycle is just beginning. The Fed’s dovish tone could spark a rally in riskier assets, as investors become more risk-tolerant. The dollar is seen losing ground against the yen, with the USD/JPY rate set to fall to 104.50 by the end of the year. The yen is seen as a haven in times of uncertainty, and the USD/JPY rate is expected to fall to 104.50 by the end of the year.

**Sources:** MSCI Inc.

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Voters walk past an illuminated rotating cube displaying share price information at the London Stock Exchange. London's FTSE 100 closed up 0.1% at 7,288.68 points yesterday.

Pound tumbles to 4-month lows against dollar on Brexit anxiety

The pound struck four-month lows against the dollar yesterday after British MPs demanded Prime Minister Theresa May attempt to pass her Brexit plan. In London, the pound was below $1.27 on Wednesday morning, while the European single currency fell against the dollar for a third straight day.

Mr. May has already rejected two previous attempts to pass her deal, which throws the UK into disarray. A Brexit deal remains in the balance. The pound has continued to lose value against the dollar on concerns about the UK's economic prospects.

In France, the currency fell against the euro, which the pound has now lost for the past six months. Analysts said the euro's strength likely contributed to the pound's weakness, as rising interest rates and stronger economic growth in the eurozone are expected to support the currency.

However, the currency is expected to remain weak against the dollar as the UK faces uncertainty about its future relationship with the EU. The pound is currently valued at $1.27, which is the lowest level since March 2017. It has fallen by over 8% since the start of the year.

The UK's economy is struggling due to the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, and many businesses are putting plans on hold until the outcome of the talks is clear. The pound has been one of the worst-performing currencies against the dollar this year, with investors concerned about the impact of a no-deal Brexit on the UK economy.

In addition, the pound has been affected by the US-China trade war, which has led to a weakening of the dollar. The trade war has caused uncertainty in financial markets and has contributed to the pound's weakness against the dollar.

Despite the uncertainties, some analysts remain hopeful that a deal can be reached. However, they stress that the outcome of the talks is uncertain and that the pound is likely to remain volatile in the coming weeks.

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Asian bourses drift as dealers fret over China-US tensions

Bloomberg, Reuters

Hong Kong dollar steady, but analysts warn of selling pressure

Sensene advances; rupee ends marginally stronger

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**BP bosses get public grilling on climate from largest investors**

BP must face up to the reality that higher oil prices could exceed $80 a barrel and that investments in carbon-intensive projects have led to an “extreme” level of exposure to hydrocarbon production and trading, according to OPEC+ pact hurting Russia

Russia has talked about relaxing restrictions on the group’s de-facto leader, Bloomberg reports. The deal is “a restraining order,” according to Morgan Stanley’s Olga Constantatos, a credit analyst at London-based Morgan Stanley.

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**AVIATION**

**By Philip John**

British fleet’s inflight meals are big business.

Aviation is a key sector for the UK economy, employing over a million people and contributing around £60 billion to GDP.

However, the industry is facing significant challenges, including soaring fuel costs, weak economies, and Brexit-related uncertainty.

**By Alex Macheras**

Air Italy’s official says 737 MAX grounding is ‘incredibly costly’

The airline was one of the first airlines in Europe to take delivery of the 737 MAX, which is reportedly being used by the company for flights to the UK. The airline’s CEO, Paolo Donatelli, said the grounding of the 737 MAX would cause a significant financial impact.

**By Mike Jambor**

In exclusive interview, Air Italy’s chief operating officer: Ryanair Holdings is the immediate impact of the ongoing Boeing 737 MAX grounding.

The airline has been forced to cancel flights and has started to sell off aircraft in order to compensate for the loss of revenue.

“Europe is in the process of a major shakeup, with airlines looking for new revenue streams,” said Ryanair’s CEO, Michael O’Leary.

**Three biggest Chinese airlines seek Boeing compensation**

China’s three largest airlines have asked US plane maker Boeing Co to compensate them for losses caused by the grounding of 737 MAX jets, just as a new gathering is due to discuss design changes for the troubled aircraft.

Air China Ltd and China Southern Airlines Co Ltd, which together have 14 737 MAX aircraft, have started to push for compensation.

China Eastern Airlines, which has 24 737 MAX jets, has asked the company to pay for losses caused by the grounding.

**By Paul John**

European carriers seem to be bracing for a tough summer as a glut of capacity combines with Brexit-related uncertainty.

In the past two years, the airline industry in general has been hit by a raft of issues, from the terrorist attacks of 2016 to the grounding of the 737 MAX.

The region’s airlines are now facing the major problems to the aviation industry in Europe.

**Beyond the Tarmac**

In Europe’s competitive landscape, in particular, it is seen as the case of the ‘big three’ airlines growing bigger and stronger.

However, the region’s airlines have also been struggling due to increasing costs as the Boeing crisis continues.

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**By Alistair Smart**

Airbus announces ‘performance improvement’ to latest single-aisle aircraft – the A220 Family

Airbus announced that it will introduce a performance improvement to its A220 aircraft, which is currently the company’s best-selling aircraft.

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Qualcomm violated antitrust law, says US appeal planned

California's chief federal judge has ordered a re-examination of antitrust claims against Qualcomm that were dropped by the federal government. She also ordered Qualcomm to license its technology freely to competitors.

In July 2018, the government agreed to withdraw its antitrust lawsuit against Qualcomm because it was unwilling to make the concessions the company demanded. It was a major victory for Qualcomm, which had been fighting against antitrust claims for years. The judge said Qualcomm's behavior was anticompetitive and that the company had acted in a way that was likely to cause serious injury to competition.

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