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## Trump says he aborted retaliatory strike to spare Iranian lives

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump said on Friday he aborted a military strike to retaliate for Iran's downing of an unmanned U.S. drone because it could have killed 150 people and signaled he was open to talks with Tehran.

An Iranian surface-to-air missile destroyed a U.S. Global Hawk surveillance drone on Thursday. Tehran said the drone was shot down over its territory and Washington said it occurred in international airspace over the Strait of Hormuz. The incident aggravated fears of a direct military clash between the longtime foes and oil prices rose more than 1% to above \$65 per barrel on Friday over worries about possible disruptions to crude exports from the Gulf.

Trump talks to Saudi crown prince on Iran, oil  
Trump's abrupt decision to cancel what he said was a planned attack on three sites suggests he wants a diplomatic solution to end weeks of festering tensions with Iran, which Washington accuses of a spate of attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf region.

Iranian sources told Reuters that Trump had warned Iran via Oman that a U.S. attack on Iran was imminent but had said he was against war and wanted talks. Washington also requested a closed-door U.N. Security Council meeting on Monday.

In a series of early morning tweets, Trump said he was in no hurry to launch a strike and that U.S. economic sanctions designed to force Iran to curb its nuclear and missile programs and its involvement in regional wars were having an effect.

"We were cocked & loaded to retaliate last night," he said.

"Ten minutes before the strike I stopped it, not proportionate to shooting down an unmanned drone. I am in no hurry, our military is rebuilt, new, and ready to go, by far the best in the world," Trump tweeted.

White House national security adviser John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and CIA Director Gina Haspel, along with the rest of Trump's team, favored a retaliatory strike, said a senior Trump administration official.

"There was complete unanimity amongst the president's advisers and DOD (Department of Defense) leadership on an appropriate response to Iran's activities. The president made the final decision," said the official.

FILE PHOTO - U.S. President Donald Trump listens to questions from reporters during a meeting with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, U.S., June 20, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

Trump's abrupt decision drew mixed reviews in Washington, with some people criticizing him for flinching while others, notably senior Democrats, praising what they saw as restraint.

"A strike of that amount of collateral damage would be very provocative, and I'm glad the president did not take that," House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi, the top Democrat in Congress, told reporters.

However, Michael Makovsky, a former Pentagon official who heads the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA), a think tank that favors strong U.S.-Israeli security ties, said Trump was undermining U.S. credibility.

"Trump has given the impression he lost his nerve," Makovsky said in a statement

Iran's destruction of the U.S. drone was the latest among ever more serious incidents in the Gulf region, a critical artery for global oil supplies, since mid-May, including explosive strikes on six oil tankers.

After interviewing Trump for NBC's "Meet the Press" program, NBC correspondent Chuck Todd said had said he had no preconditions for talks with Iran and was willing to speak to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani or Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

News of the Trump message to Iran, delivered through Oman overnight, broke shortly after the New York Times reported that Trump had called off air strikes targeting Iranian radar and missile batteries at the last minute.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declines questions from journalists about Iran



FILE PHOTO - U.S. President Donald Trump listens to questions from reporters during a meeting with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, U.S., June 20, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst



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# U.S. House Speaker Pelosi says she is glad Trump called off Iran strikes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. House of Representatives' Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Friday she was glad that President Donald Trump called off planned military strikes on Iranian targets, saying the collateral damage would have been "very provocative."

"A strike of that amount of collateral damage would be very provocative, and I'm glad the president did not take that," Pelosi told reporters, reiterating her demand that Trump seek congressional authorization before any military action against Tehran.

"We think there are many options that are not what they call 'kinetic' ... that might be more useful," she said.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller looked into that meeting as part of his investigation of Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election. He documented extensive contacts between Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia, and said Russia waged a hacking and influence campaign to help Trump defeat Clinton, but he did not establish that members of the campaign conspired with Moscow.



U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) declines questions from journalists about Iran after signing the Taxpayer First Act on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., June 21, 2019. REUTERS/Yuri Gripas

## U.S. oil soars 10% in week on fears of U.S.-Iran conflict



NEW YORK (Reuters) - Oil futures rose 1% on Friday, with U.S. crude up 10% in the week and global benchmark Brent gaining 5%, on fears the United States could attack Iran and disrupt flows from the Middle East, which provides more than a fifth of the world's oil output.

FILE PHOTO: Pumpjacks are seen against the setting sun at the Daqing oil field in Heilongjiang province, China December 7, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer  
U.S. gasoline futures, meanwhile, jumped around 4% following a massive fire at Philadelphia Energy Solutions' refinery in Philadelphia, the largest on the

U.S. East Coast.

"The heightening of tensions between the United States and Iran has evolved as primary price motivator in spiking oil values," Jim Ritterbusch of Ritterbusch and Associates said in a note.

While the rise in U.S.-Iranian tensions has largely driven the crude price gains, analysts said an early July meeting of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies to reassess production targets, a potential softening of trade tensions between the United States and China and the refinery fire were also supporting prices.

Brent futures were up 72 cents, or 1.1%, to \$65.17 a barrel by 1:20 p.m. EDT (1720 GMT), while the most active U.S. West Texas Inter-

mediate (WTI) crude contract was up 47 cents, or 0.8%, at \$57.54.

That put Brent on track to gain about 5% for the week, its first weekly gain in five weeks, and WTI to jump about 10%, which would be its biggest weekly percentage gain since December 2016.

The U.S. benchmark surged 5.4% and Brent jumped 4.3% on Thursday after Iran shot down a drone that the United States claimed was in international airspace and Iran said was over its territory.

U.S. President Donald Trump said he had aborted a military strike on Iran because such a response to Tehran's downing of the unmanned U.S. surveillance drone would have caused a disproportionate loss of life. [nL2N23SODX]

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Yogis participate in a yoga class during the annual Solstice in Times Square event in New York, U.S., June 21, 2019. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton



Yogis participate in a yoga class during the annual Solstice in Times Square event in New York



Members of the Indian Navy perform yoga on the flight deck of INS Viraat, an Indian Navy decommissioned aircraft carrier, during International Yoga Day in Mumbai



Jun 20, 2019; Brooklyn, NY, USA; RJ Barrett (Duke) takes a selfie with fans in the stands after being selected as the number three overall pick to the New York Knicks in the first round first round of the 2019 NBA Draft at Barclays Center. Mandatory Credit: Brad Penner-USA TODAY



Women gather outside the Supreme Court after Spain's top court found five men known as the "Wolf Pack" guilty of rape in Madrid



People attend a demonstration calling for action on climate change during the "Fridays for Future" demonstration in Aachen, Germany, June 21, 2019. REUTERS/Thilo Schmuelgen



A cat is seen among rubbish at a shoreline in Jakarta, Indonesia, June 21, 2019. REUTERS/Willy Kurniawan TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un welcomes Chinese President Xi Jinping at the Pyongyang International Airport in Pyongyang, North Korea, in this undated photo released on June 21, 2019

**The Fake Meat Gold Rush**

The fake-meat boom is real, propelling startups to incredible heights while creating shortages of its own.

**Why it matters:** The stock market in particular is treating Beyond Meat like a superstar, with its stock price up 4x from last month's IPO. But the companies must prove they can handle the demand. "Last summer, locations of A&W Food Services of Canada Inc. were sold out of Beyond Meat's burger for weeks," the WSJ notes.

"This spring, restaurants including American WildBurger locations around Chicago have run short of Impossible's burgers. ... Craft & Crew Hospitality in Minneapolis hasn't received scheduled shipments of Impossible burgers for weeks from a local distributor."

Both Impossible Foods and Beyond Meat have ramped up production to meet demand. Impossible CFO David Lee told the Journal that "it will take us some time to get back into that synchronization of supply and demand."

**Between the lines:** The companies above are struggling to scale up plant-based meat imitators, let alone lab-grown meat, which even optimists estimate would cost \$10 a patty as a best case scenario.

**What's next:** The cattle industry isn't taking kindly to fake meat, pouring cash into lobbying for regulation on what can be called meat at the federal and state levels, the Washington Post reports.

**Demand for Plant-Based Dishes Grows**

- Vegan orders increased in popularity by 19 percent in 2017
- Meat-substitutes are ordered five percent more on Mondays than the rest of the week
- Jackfruit, a trendy plant protein, rose 33 percent in popularity for orders placed on Mondays

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\*Based on GrubHub's order data from January 2015 to July 2017

"On Jan. 1, Missouri became the first to regulate the names of aspiring meat alternatives, restricting the word 'meat' to only products harvested from livestock." "Nebraska lawmakers are considering



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making it a crime to advertise or sell any product as meat "that is not derived from poultry or livestock." **The bottom line:** "Fifteen percent of U.S. restaurants offered meatless burgers in March, according to a Technomic Inc. study of menus from 6,000 operators, with the number serving them up 3% from a year earlier." (Courtesy axios.com)

**Related Impossible Foods' Mission To Mass-Produce The Fake Burger Of The Future OVERVIEW**

*Burger King announced a nationwide rollout of the Impossible Whopper in its nearly 7,300 locations by the end of 2019.*

*Demand has increased so quickly for plant-based burgers that Impossible Foods is adding a third shift and building a second production line, and they recently recruited more than 100 volunteers from its R&D ranks to work 12-hour shifts in production.*

*Impossible Foods' mission is completely replacing animals from the food system by 2035, and it may move on to tackle*

*pork, chicken and fish.*

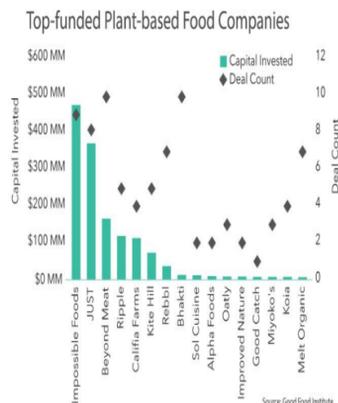


**The Impossible Burger made by Impossible Foods**

"The only consumer we care about is the hardcore meat lover."

A statement from the National Cattleman's Beef Association? No!

Those words have become a sort of mantra from Pat Brown, founder and CEO of Impossible Foods, the Redwood City, California-based company behind Brown's brainchild, the plant-based Impossible Burger, and No. 27 on the 2019 CNBC Disruptor 50 list (the company first landed a spot on the Disruptor 50



Impossible Foods touts data revealing that the majority of those who try its product believe it's from an animal. More than 1,500 consumers have taken sensory tests in which they can't tell the difference between a traditional meat burger and the Impossible Burger, and Impossible Foods' flavor scientists conduct at least 100 internal taste tests per week.

White Castle recently marked the first anniversary of its Impossible Slider. "It's a great way for us to offer variety to our customers," said company vice president Jamie Richardson, especially to younger vegetarians and vegans who now have an option on the meat-centric menu.

There is speculation that privately owned Impossible, which doesn't report revenue, also will go public, especially after Beyond's remarkable debut. But for now Brown said, "we have the money we need to grow our business."

Impossible Foods announced a \$300 million round of funding on Monday, which brings its venture total to \$750 million. The latest round valued the company at \$2 billion, according to published reports. Since an initial raise of \$9 million in 2011, the company has secured multiple rounds of capital from venture firms and celebrities, including Bill Gates, Peter Thiel's Founders Fund and Khosla Ventures, Jay-Z, Katy Perry, Serena Williams, Google Ventures, Horizons Ventures, UBS and Viking Global Investors. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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Facebook Unveils Libra, Its Long-Awaited Cryptocurrency Project



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After nearly a year of speculation, Facebook has finally unveiled its plans to create a cryptocurrency, which will be called Libra and debut in 2020.

Why it matters: With more than two billion users, Facebook is arguably better positioned to roll out a global digital currency than any other company, government, or organization.

The details: While Facebook has spent the past year working in house on the plans and technology for Libra, the cryptocurrency will be managed by a separate Switzerland-based foundation initially backed by Facebook and 27 other organizations.

These organizations are known as Founding Members, and the foundation hopes to have about 100 of them by launch next year. They include businesses like Uber and Lyft, payments companies like Visa, Mastercard and Paypal, investors like Andreessen Horowitz and Union Square Ventures, and nonprofits and academic institutions like Kiva and Women's World Banking.

In exchange for investing at least \$10 million in the foundation's reserves (which back the Libra token's value), these mem-

bers will get to run validator nodes for the Libra blockchain — "a rack of servers that will run transactions," as the foundation's currency chief describes it.

They'll also receive special Libra "investment tokens," which are different from the basic form of the cryptocurrency, and get a vote as part of the foundation's council.

For some of these members, Libra may provide a new channel for acquiring customers. "If you're Spotify [a founding member], you're thinking about how there are a lot of people in markets you want to serve that don't have an ability to pay you digitally," Kevin Weil, product chief of Facebook's cryptocurrency division, told Axios.

Facebook's connection to Libra will be

Libra's Founding Members

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as a member of the governing foundation and as the maker of a digital wallet, called Calibra, for sending and receiving the currency. Calibra will be managed by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Facebook.

Calibra will initially be available inside Facebook's Messenger app, WhatsApp, and as standalone iOS and Android apps. Because Libra's technology is open source, it's possible new digital wallets could eclipse Facebook's in popularity someday, Weil told Axios.

The company "will make no money off this for a long time," he added.

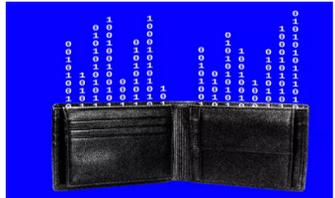
Be smart: This is not Bitcoin. Unlike the pioneering cryptocurrency and many of the other digital-token experiments out there, the goal here is not to supplant the traditional financial system but rather to extend it to serve people without access to conventional banking or stable "fiat" (government-created) currency.

It's also not entirely anonymous. As with Bitcoin and many other cryptocurrencies, although users' identifying information isn't directly tied to transactions, their wallet addresses are public and the blockchain's record of transactions can be analyzed to detect patterns and even identify bad actors.

Libra's interaction with fiat currencies around the world will also mean that the digital wallets used to hold the currency will be locally regulated. Facebook's Calibra division is already in the process of obtaining its own money transmitter licenses in the U.S., for example. (courtesy axios.com)

Related

Facebook's "Mellowed-Out" Crypto Project



A decade after Bitcoin was born in a declaration of liberty from central banks and anyone else's control, Facebook is about to announce a new currency that sheds much of the crypto-world's counter-culture origins in hopes of actually being used.

Driving the news: For a year, Facebook has secretly developed a crypto-currency it calls Libra. As early as tomorrow, it will reportedly unveil its concept in a white paper. But if Libra is to gain the mainstream ubiquity for which Facebook is known, it will be because it jettisons some of the central principles that have united crypto purists.

The big picture: When Bitcoin was created in 2009 amid the financial crash, many of its first apostles defended it as a rejection of the central control of money. As if to punctuate that philosophy, its creator, Satoshi Nakamoto, generating the first Bitcoins, embedded a Times of London article about a Bank of England bailout of British financial institutions.

A roller-coaster has followed:

Over the subsequent years, very few people used Bitcoins for actual purchases. Instead, they traded them wildly, pushing up the price to a peak of more than \$19,000 in December 2017.

By a year later, the price had plunged below \$3,300.

But more recently, crypto's revolutionary air has in part given way to pragmatism. Among a new crop of crypto actors is Facebook, seeking to attract the masses into a proprietary payment system, a long-lived aim of the big social platforms.



Facebook CEO, Mark Zuckerberg

Facebook's idea is a payment system based on a type of crypto-currency called "stablecoins," which are linked to government-issued currencies, per the WSJ. That linkage is what accounts for their name — they are meant to be as stable as a basket of the world's main currencies.

Though created five years ago, stablecoin trading has surged in just the last 18 months or so, rising almost seven-fold last year, per

the WSJ.

Embracing them, Facebook has gathered together a consortium of big, establishment players to govern Libra, paying \$10 million each into a pot to be part of the new currency, report the WSJ's AnnaMaria Andriotis, Peter Rudegear and Liz Hoffman.

The consortium, the WSJ reports, will include Visa, Mastercard, PayPal and Uber, in addition to Stripe, a travel site, and MercadoLibre, an Argentine e-commerce firm.

Facebook did not respond to an email. But oddly, news of Facebook's plans has fed a Bitcoin recovery. Since April, Bitcoin's price has risen above \$9,200.

Doubts have been raised: Itay Goldstein, a professor at the Wharton School at the UPenn, expressed caution about Libra. "It is not at all clear that this stability can actually be maintained under stress. I would be skeptical of that," he told Axios.

Other experts tell Axios that Facebook could encounter credibility problems linked to its string of privacy and political scandals since 2016.

I think Facebook has lost a lot of trust in the court of public appearances," said Michael Imerman, co-director of the Financial Engineering program at Claremont Graduate University. "When it comes to financial transactions, trust is paramount; so therefore I think this loss of trust in Facebook has the potential to hinder the acceptance and growth of their new cryptocurrency."



The bottom line: Facebook has a shot but the jury is out on whether Libra really will become significant commercially. "Anything FB does is significant!" said David Hoffman, a law professor at UPenn. "But I honestly don't know about Libra until it's been released and you get a sense of its market uptake. I don't know why FB would be that good at payment system innovation." (Courtesy axios.com)

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