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The fortunate thing is that it does not take a lot of energy to build wind turbines, and they last for a long time, and produce an extraordinary amount of energy. But it is important that we start this sooner rather than later, because the longer we wait, the less energy we'll have, and the more difficult it will be to get enough energy to build the new system.

[Report: N.Korea considering concessions](#)

North Korea is ready to freeze a key nuclear facility and allow international inspectors limited access to the country in exchange for millions of barrels of oil and an easing of U.S. financial restrictions, a Japanese news report said Sunday.

[California: Power plants concern residents](#)

The thought of not just one, but two gas-burning power plants being built in west Hayward unnerves retired schoolteacher Laura Ramsey.

..."Why Hayward?" asked Ramsey, who imagines the worst in the two new plants: rows of dirty smokestacks and noxious air.

[9 oil workers kidnapped in Nigeria freed](#)

China's Foreign Ministry announced Sunday that nine Chinese oil workers who were kidnapped last month in Nigeria had been released unharmed by their captors.

[Let me explain what they want](#)

They want to survive. They understand Peak Oil better than you. They understand its true implications - the die off. They are planning to do whatever they can to help their elite make it through. What are you doing for your family?

[Bolivian forces take control of pipeline](#)

Soldiers and police retook control of a natural gas installation Saturday, using tear gas and rubber bullets to drive out protesters who had forced the closing of a key pipeline serving the nation's two largest cities.

Demonstrators seized the Transredes pumping station near Camiri, 320 miles southeast of La Paz, following five days of protests demanding that President Evo Morales broaden his petroleum nationalization and expand state energy company operations in the area.

[Ecuador probes oil companies over pollution](#)

Ecuador's President Rafael Correa said on Saturday the government would suspend contracts with any foreign oil company found to have needlessly damaged the environment.

[Boxer wants U.S. to host energy summit](#)

"I'm calling on the federal government of the United States of America to be a model of energy efficiency," said Boxer, who was at the United Nations for a briefing on the report and the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region.

"I'm calling on the president to convene a summit at the White House of the 12 largest global warming emitters. She added that she would bring over some of the scientists who issued the report to brief the Senate.

[Scotland: Watt demands think tank on energy crisis](#)

David Watt, director of the Institute of Directors Scotland, said energy production, supply and consumption was at the top of Scotland's agenda but ideological arguments at Holyrood were preventing proper debate.

[Praying at the Pump](#)

Simply put, our oil addiction undermines our well-being because the volatility of oil prices threatens our economy. Because we spend so much on oil and there are no short-term substitutes, price spikes wreck household, business and government budgets alike. Our sense of insecurity is magnified because volatility is both unpredictable and generally beyond our control.



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