

Wider War in Middle East Could Tip the World Economy Into Recession

The Hamas attack and Israel's response are taking a heavy human toll. A global economic downturn may follow if escalating conflict sends oil prices soaring

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A sharper escalation could bring Israel into direct conflict with Iran, a supplier of arms and money to Hamas, which the US and the European Union have designated a terrorist group. In that scenario, Bloomberg Economics estimates oil prices could soar to \$150 a barrel and global growth drop to 1.7% – a recession that takes about \$1 trillion off world output.