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Summary: The World Bank envisages scenarios with small, medium, and big disruptions to supplies: the first would, it assumes, reduce supply by up to 2mn barrels a day (about 2% of world supply), the second would reduce it by 3-5mn barrels a day and the last would reduce it by 6-8mn barrels a day. Corresponding oil prices are estimated at $93-$102, $109-$121 and $141-157, respectively. The last would bring real prices towards their historic peaks. If the Strait were to be closed, the outcomes would be far worse. We are still in the fossil fuel era. A conflict in the world's biggest oil-supplying region could be very damaging. Related: The Changing Nexus Between Commodity Prices and the Dollar: Causes and Implications and US Shale: The Marginal Supplier Matures and U.S. Oil Boom Blunts OPEC's Pricing Power

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