QUOTES OF THE DAY

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#	SCORE	SPEAKER	QUOTE / TIME ET / VENUE	CONTEXT	AFFECTS	VERIF.	SRC
1	18 5/3/5/5	**Mojtaba Khamenei** Supreme Leader of Iran POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"Should Iran's enemies resume military or terrorist attacks, it will be the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic and the Iranian nation that will determine when and under what conditions those attacks will end."** 3:47 PM (English card posted) · Statement after meeting with armed forces commanders (official English, Khamenei Media on X)	Deterrence signaling and the oil risk premium: orders a response 'without geographic limits' and an updated target list while Qatar-led talks continue in Doha.	CL/BZ, HO, XLE, tankers (FRO, STNG), LMT/NOC/RTX, GC	PRIMARY	1,2,3
2	17 4/3/5/5	**Marco Rubio** U.S. Secretary of State POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"As far as the talks are concerned, I don't know if there's a time frame. It's up to the President to make decisions with regards to those sorts of things. … And the President's preference in any challenge around the world is to try to solve it diplomatically and peacefully, if possible."** 12:46 PM (clip posted) · Press availability closing the G20 foreign ministers' meeting, Loews Atlanta	Diplomacy vs. military option: no deadline for Qatar-led talks, no decision on strikes, Iran 'blowing up ships'. Shipping and energy risk premium.	CL/BZ, HO, LNG, XLE, tankers, marine insurers, defense (LMT, RTX)	PRIMARY	4,5,6,7
3	17 4/3/5/5	**Scott Bessent** U.S. Treasury Secretary ECONOMY/MARKETS/FED	**"The Strait of Hormuz transit levels are back to pre-conflict levels minus Iranian barrels. The world can live without Iranian oil. Iran cannot live without oil exports."** 1:23 PM · X post	Supply substitution: non-Iranian flows through Hormuz back to prewar levels per Treasury. Jan Brent settled $113.43 Friday. Oil reopens Sunday evening.	CL/BZ, HO, XLE, refiners (VLO, MPC), tankers (FRO, STNG)	PRIMARY	8,9
4	16 5/4/4/3	**Donald Trump** President of the United States POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"I think we're getting close to reaching a deal there. I have not been saying that. I can say that now."** 8:50 AM (clip posted) · Interview with Benny Johnson (recorded Oct 30 before the Daytona Beach rally, released Oct 31)	Peace-deal optionality on Russia-Ukraine: a deal would weigh on defense names and help grain and EUR.	European defense (RHM.DE, BA.L), LMT, ZW, EUR	PRIMARY	10,11
5	16 5/4/4/3	**Volodymyr Zelensky** President of Ukraine POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"We are now preparing for a trilateral format – Ukraine, the United States, and Russia – in the first half of November."** 2:22 PM · X post on joint statements with President Erdoğan, Istanbul	Talks calendar: U.S.-Ukraine-Russia meeting targeted for early November, Türkiye offered as venue.	EUR, ZW, European defense (RHM.DE), Ukraine sovereign bonds	PRIMARY	12
6	15 5/3/4/3	**Volodymyr Zelensky** President of Ukraine POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"today President Erdoğan and I agreed to work on a Black Sea grain corridor – to ensure that the corridor exists and operates effectively."** 12:40 PM · X post after meeting President Erdoğan, Istanbul	Shipping-lane risk premium in grains: a working Black Sea corridor lowers freight and insurance costs for Ukrainian wheat and corn. Ukraine-Türkiye FTA now in force.	ZW, ZC, ADM, BG, dry-bulk shippers	PRIMARY	13
7	14 4/2/4/4	**Abbas Araghchi** Foreign Minister of Iran POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"100bn Euro is nothing compared to the Earth-shattering blow Iran's Powerful Armed Forces will deal against those who dare harm our people. Red lines are a thing of the past."** 12:04 AM · X post (quoting a clip of Chancellor Merz)	Escalation rhetoric answering Merz's Oct 30 figure of more than €100 billion in extra European energy costs from the war.	CL/BZ, TTF, EUR, DAX	PRIMARY	14,3

Score axes P/N/R/M = Speaker power / Novelty / Reach / Market relevance, 1-5 each. Ties: market, then power, then novelty, then earlier time.

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Abbas Araghchi: Hormuz reopening could take two days under a proposal, per Al Jazeera, AP and Iran International. Wording is a translation with no official English version from him.
Mohsen Rezaei: Says the U.S. tone in the Vance letter has changed, per IRIB, Press TV and Rudaw. State-media and outlet translations differ, no official English version.
Benjamin Netanyahu: Posts in Hebrew rejecting a government with Arab-led parties after a hung Knesset. No official English version.
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan: Turkish post welcoming renewed peace efforts and warning on attacks on civilian ships in the Black Sea. No official English version found.
Sam Altman: Told Samsung executives that adopting AI alone won't give a lasting edge. Yonhap paraphrases, one outlet's wording only.

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