

A fire at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station in Ukraine, broke out in a training building outside the plant's perimeter after an attack by Russian troops. Separately, the plant's director told that radiation security had been secured at the site.

Though Europe will bear the brunt of the economic cost of the crisis, unfavourable geopolitics threaten to exacerbate supply issues and price pressures for rest of the world .

Brent eases off from technical objective earlier identified at \$120 - downmove is not convincing although an Iranian deal is being talked about in support of the downmove. But the deal has no support in Congress from either the Republicans or the Democrats and Judging from the last

deal in 2015, it will probably take 4 months to get 500K barrels to market. Right now on account of Russia there is a loss of 1.5 mbpd . So oil is set to stay elevated .

Solid US initial claims appears to endorse Fed rhetoric that inflation and a strong labour market will deliver concerted tightening. ISM Services headline came at 55.1, but the Employment component fell to 48.5, it's first reading below 50 in seven months. Weekend & US NFP report tonight has many side-lined.

Nine days of higher daily lows in USD index- If it ends today above 61.8% Fibbo of 20-21 dive & Jun 20's high at 97.725/727, focus would shift to 76.4% Fibbo at 99.737.

EUR/USD from 1.1068 to 1.1010 in Asia
Large option barriers tipped at 1.1000,

break could see massive stops hit. EUR/USD decisive break targets test towards 1.0767 low in May 2020.

USD/CNH higher but Haven-seeking continues to favour yuan. China's NPC begins tomorrow; economic stimulus widely expected - new tech regulations and FX curbs possible too .

Effective sanctions on Russian oligarchs very popular with the public . GBPUSD Targets 1.3161-Dec 21 low & 38.2% 20-21 rise. Unlikely Close above 1.3457 50% of Feb fall would end negative bias.

USD/JPY 115.35-50 so far -on back foot- but Bias is bullish while Ukraine fallout keeps energy prices rising.

Rising tide of rupee negatives asserts

yesterday not withstanding the
smoothing efforts .For now 76.40
appears to be a reasonable objective.

