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# Ukraine's Naftogaz says situation around Lukoil supplies is politicised

By Reuters

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KYIV, Aug 6 (Reuters) - The fall-out from a Ukrainian ban on the transit of oil from Russia's Lukoil's ([LKOH.MM](#)) is politicised and Hungary and Slovakia received the same volume of oil in July as before the ban, the head of Ukraine's Naftogaz said on Tuesday.

Ukraine in late June imposed [sanctions against Lukoil](#), banning it from any activity on Ukrainian territory and stopping its oil from passing to Slovak and Hungarian refineries.

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Slovakia said last month that it [would halt](#) diesel supplies to Ukraine unless Kyiv restored oil flows from Lukoil.

"This situation is being politicised from the outside, we can see that. We see public appeals from the leaders of Hungary and Slovakia, as well as threats to cut off fuel and electricity supplies," Oleksiy Chernyshov told Ukraine's NV media service.

Chernyshov said that more than 1 million tons of oil were transported via Ukraine in July, the same as a month earlier.

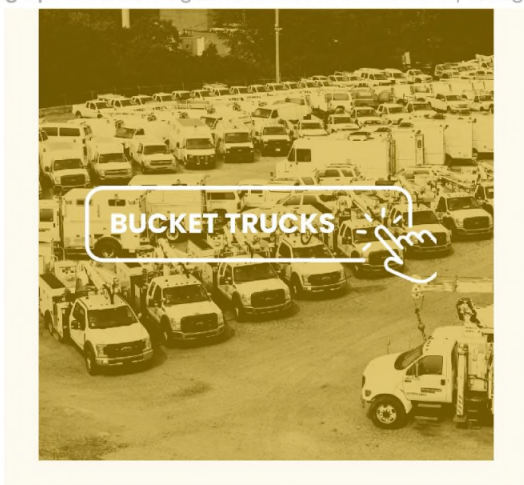
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Ukraine has argued that volumes are not impacted by Ukrainian sanctions, as trading companies take over ownership at the Russian-Ukrainian border.

"They received the same amount of oil, but the structure of its owners may differ," Chernyshov said, without providing ownership details.

Following Russia's 2022 invasion, the EU prohibited oil imports to its member states, but exempted supplies to Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic via the Druzhba pipeline to allow them to find alternative routes and supplies.

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The southern branch of the pipeline runs via Ukraine to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, and has been the primary source of supply for their refineries for years.

Sanctions against Lukoil began to take effect at the end of June, but Hungary and Slovakia did not report supply problems until mid-July.

The Slovak pipeline operator Transpetrol has said that nominations for August shipments through its system which supplies Slovak and Czech refineries was for 805,000 tons.

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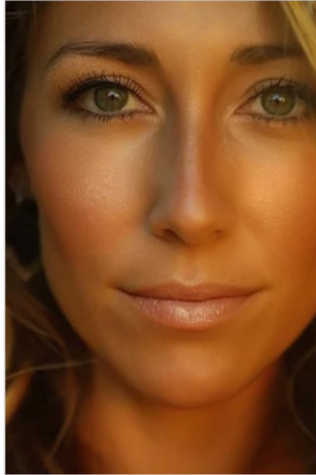


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