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## **Better-Management Newsletter 9 September 2015**

**Stock exchanges stabilised overnight / Worries about the spread of Islam / When will oil prices bounce up?**

**Stock exchanges stabilised overnight /**

From BBC... FTSE +1.18%, Dow Jones +2.42, Nasdaq +2.73%, Nikkei -2.43%.

The overseas investors are leaving the Tokyo market in droves.

The Chinese have turned their share market into a non-event...

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-08/china-stocks-rebound-but-trade-data-disappoints>

...and check out the significance of the second article at the above link. China has spent more than USD230 bn to try to stabilise the market. It seems to me that it is at best just a Pyrrhic victory for the CCP because trading has almost ground to a halt.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-09-08/china-s-stock-rescue-tab-surges-to-236-billion-goldman-says>

If you look at the graph in the above link that shows where equity markets lost USD12 trillion plus in the recent share market downturns, it is the pension and hedge funds that are among the biggest losers...eg. CALPERS

<http://www.caseyresearch.com/articles/pay-your-fair-share-to-the-teachers-union>

Within the next week or so, we could see a US interest rate rise from the Fed but most observers see that as a potential cause of market turmoil...

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/e5142190-5630-11e5-a28b-50226830d644.html#axzz3lC8KqdA2>

### **Worries about the spread of Islam**

Britain has still great commercial advantage in remaining within the EU...

[https://www.stratfor.com/weekly/britains-status-trading-nation-ties-it-europe?utm\\_source=freelist-f&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=Gweekly&utm\\_campaign=20150908&utm\\_content=readmoretext&mc\\_cid=c99caff63f&mc\\_eid=f6520e17b6](https://www.stratfor.com/weekly/britains-status-trading-nation-ties-it-europe?utm_source=freelist-f&utm_medium=email&utm_term=Gweekly&utm_campaign=20150908&utm_content=readmoretext&mc_cid=c99caff63f&mc_eid=f6520e17b6)

Many European countries are worried about the spread of Islam and its negative effects for national security and counter-culture of mediaeval practices...

<http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/177b87fa-561c-11e5-9846-de406ccb37f2.html#axzz3lC8KqdA2>

Despite this 99% of refugees probably present no threat to the local communities...but how easily radicalised is that 1%?

Russia, Syria and Iran v. USA, Saudi Arabia and assorted jihadists = what could possibly go wrong? Well everything has gone wrong for the Syrian people and the situation just worsens ...

<https://nz.news.yahoo.com/world/a/29469970/russia-demands-answers-from-sofia-athens-as-syria-flights-blocked/>

### **When will oil prices bounce up?**

It looks like the POMs are getting worried...

<http://peakoil.com/production/north-sea-oil-at-serious-risk-of-shutdown>

But then again, the oil price will eventually come back up and all will be well until no-one can – once again – afford to buy the oil ...

Meantime, the investors won't keep throwing more good money after bad in expensive deep sea projects until the price goes back up?...

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/energy/oilandgas/11851219/North-Sea-faces-12bn-investment-collapse-from-oil-price-slump.html>

and

<http://peakoil.com/geology/melting-ice-isnt-opening-arctic-to-oil-bonanza>

Oil exporting countries and oil companies are now doing it tough...the highest cost quartile oil companies may be unable to survive to year end. It will be interesting to see how the banks review of shale industry customers pans out in October....