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## Arabs May Lift Ban Tomorrow

The authoritative Egyptian newspaper *Al Ahram* said today that the Arab oil ministers will unanimously agree to lift the oil embargo tomorrow for a trial period, after which the ministers will meet to reassess the situation.

The newspaper predicted that the Arabs would also decide to increase oil production, but that it would not immediately return to the level of September 1973.

*Al Ahram* said that opposition to lifting the embargo—primarily from Libya and Syria—had prevented agreement during the talks in Tripoli on Wednesday.

According to a Western press dispatch from Cairo this morning, the trial period is likely to last two months. A period of this length was reportedly put forth as a compromise solution by Algeria earlier this week.



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