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The conflict in Iran has prompted growing concern among economists who warn that the global economy may be now entering a new period of pressure. One of the most immediate drivers of fear over inflation is the impact that it has had on oil and energy prices. Iran plays a huge role in global energy supply chains, both directly through production and indirectly through its position near shipping routes such as the Strait of Hormuz. As tensions rise and the risk of disruption increases, oil markets have reacted with volatility, pushing prices upward. Higher energy costs tend to filter through the entire economy, increasing transportation expenses, manufacturing costs, and ultimately consumer prices.

This dynamic has led major financial leaders to issue unusually direct warnings. Jamie Dimon recently cautioned that geopolitical instability tied to the conflict could have lasting economic consequences, including sustained inflation and reduced growth. His remarks reflect a wider concern among banking and investment leaders who see the current moment as uniquely fragile. The combination of geopolitical risk and existing economic vulnerabilities is raising the likelihood of a more prolonged downturn. Additionally, Christine Lagarde has warned that the conflict is already having a measurable effect on inflation in Europe. This assessment is particularly significant because it suggests that the impact is not limited to regions directly involved in the conflict. Instead, it is being transmitted globally through interconnected markets, affecting economies that rely heavily on imported energy and commodities.

Food prices are another major pressure point. The conflict has disrupted supply chains for key agricultural inputs, including fertilizers derived from nitrogen and other chemical compounds linked to energy production. As costs for these inputs rise, farmers face higher production expenses, which are then passed on to consumers. This creates a chain reaction that can elevate the price of basic goods, even further contributing to that inflation. In regions already experiencing economic strain, these increases carry the risk of deepening food insecurity. International financial institutions are increasingly vocal about these risks. The World Bank has expressed concern that the conflict could trigger a combination of inflation, job losses, and slower growth across multiple regions. Such warnings show us there is a possibility that the current situation may not remain contained, but instead evolve into a more systemic, economic challenge. Surveys conducted in recent weeks indicate that households are becoming more pessimistic about the economic outlook. This shift in perception can have significant effects, as

reduced consumer confidence often leads to lower spending. When combined with rising prices, this creates a difficult environment for sustained economic growth and increases the risk of stagnation.

Investor behavior reflects similar anxieties. Financial markets have responded to developments in the conflict with heightened volatility, as traders attempt to anticipate both military and political outcomes. Uncertainty surrounding U.S. policy has added another layer of complexity. Statements and actions by Donald Trump, including deadlines, warnings, and shifting rhetoric, have contributed to a sense of unpredictability that markets typically struggle to absorb. This uncertainty can discourage investment and amplify price swings, further complicating the economic outlook. Concerns about potential disruptions to global commerce, whether through sanctions, military activity, or political decisions, are weighing on business planning. Companies that depend on stable supply chains are being forced to reconsider sourcing strategies and inventory levels, often at higher cost. These adjustments can contribute to inflation while also slowing overall economic activity.

The risk of a global recession is increasingly part of the conversation as well. Economists point to the convergence of several factors: rising energy prices, weakening consumer confidence, market volatility, and geopolitical uncertainty. Individually, each of these elements poses a challenge. Together, they create conditions that have historically preceded economic downturns. While a recession is not inevitable, the probability appears to be rising among many experts. Another complication is that, even before the escalation involving Iran, the global economy was dealing with lingering effects from pandemic disruptions, supply chain adjustments, and previous inflationary cycles. This meant that many economies had limited room to absorb new shocks. The conflict is therefore hitting at a moment of reduced resilience, amplifying its impact.

Policy responses will be critical in determining the trajectory of the situation. Central banks may face difficult choices between controlling inflation and supporting growth. Governments may need to consider measures to stabilize energy markets or provide relief to consumers facing higher costs. However, the effectiveness of these responses will depend in part on how the conflict evolves and whether tensions escalate further. As warnings from financial leaders and institutions continue to accumulate, the situation is being watched not only as a matter of foreign policy, but as a test for the state of the global economy in the months ahead.