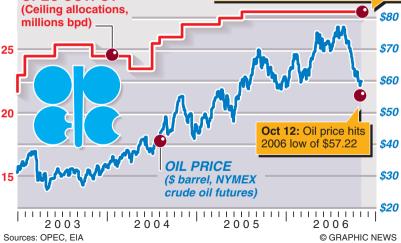
## **OPEC** ready to cut production

OPEC ministers are to hold an extraordinary meeting in Qatar to finalise a deal to cut one million barrels from daily output in a bid to halt a slide in prices, which have fallen by 20% since Oct 19: OPEC to decide whether to cut July's record high of \$78.40 a barrel production from nominal 28m bpd quota 30 or from current 27.5m bpd output **OPEC OUTPUT** (Ceiling allocations, millions bpd) \_ \$70 25 \$60



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