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News, Views & Statistics

Gold Pulls Back From 10-Month High On Fed Minutes

Gold prices pulled back from the 10-month high they hit on Thursday, after the minutes from the Federal Reserve's last meeting revived expectations for a possible U.S. rate hike this year. The Fed, in the minutes of its latest meeting in January, said the U.S. economy and its labor market remained strong, prompting some expectations of at least one more interest rate hike this year. Higher interest rates make gold less attractive since it does not pay interest and investors incur costs for both storing and insuring it. Signs that the U.S. and China would hammer out an agreement resolving their protracted trade war also weighed on gold, encouraging flows out of haven assets. Stock indexes and crude oil hit new highs for the year on news of progress made by the two sides. Negotiators are drawing up six memorandums of understanding on structural issues: forced technology transfer and cyber theft, intellectual property rights, services, currency, agriculture and non-tariff barriers to trade, Reuters cited two sources familiar with the progress of the talks as saying. Comex gold futures were down \$9.85, or around 0.7%, at \$1,338.10 a troy ounce by 7:40AM ET (12:40 GMT). The yellow metal rose to \$1,349.80 on Wednesday, the highest level since May 2018. Meanwhile, spot gold was trading at \$1,335.47 per ounce, down \$2.95, or roughly 0.2%. In other metals trading, silver futures sank 27.5 cents, or about 1.7%, to trade at \$15.90 a troy ounce. Copper was retracing after surging to an eight-month high on Wednesday. Nigeria has ordered foreign oil and gas companies to pay nearly \$20 billion in taxes it says are owed to local states, industry and government sources said, in a move that could deter investment in Africa's largest economy.

Govt sets Wheat procurement target at 35.7 MT

The government has set a target of procuring 35.7 million tons of wheat this year amid indications of record production, said a senior food ministry official. The procurement for this season will start from March 15 in Madhya Pradesh. However, in Punjab and Haryana, which contribute more than 50% to the central pool, the purchase will start from April 1, the Economic Times reported. Last year, the government procured 35.5 million tons, as against the target of 32 million tons. The highest procurement was in 2012-13, when it purchased 38.1 million tons. As for rice, the government has already purchased more than 35 million tons from over 7.6 million farmers in 2018-19, against the target of 37.5 million tons.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	N.A	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOLD	N.A	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRUDE OIL	N.A	-	-	-	-	-	-
COPPER	N.A	-	-	-	-	-	-
NATURAL GAS	N.A	-	-	-	-	-	-
JEERA	15405	15295	15350	15460	15515	15625	Up
TURMERIC	6228	6189	6209	6239	6259	6289	Down
SOYBEAN	3740	3687	3714	3758	3785	3829	Up
RM SEED	3881	3855	3868	3893	3906	3931	Down

GUAR SEED	4235	4171	4203	4239	4271	4307	Down
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International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	N.A	-
LONDON SPOT SILVER	N.A	-
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	N.A	-
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	N.A	-

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
No major releases	-	-	-

RECOMMENDATIONS

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NG FEB: TRADING RANGE 187.00-197.00.



NG is trading in a sideways and indecisive mode. Ideally, wait for our intraday trading strategy during live market.

SOYBEAN

SOYBEAN MAR: SELL AT 3755-3756 TP-3707/3666 SL ABOVE 3790.



As predicted by us that Soybean is on the verge of a sell-off, the oilseed tumbled yesterday to end the day in a negative candlestick. Sell on rise.

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