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News, Views & Statistics

Gold Prices Rally to 3-Month High in Risk-off Trade

Gold prices rallied to a three-month high on Tuesday, as a slew of geopolitical and economic concerns soured sentiment, prompting investors to flock to safe-haven assets. Comex gold futures were up \$19.50, or about 1.6%, at \$1,240.80 a troy ounce by 8:40 AM ET (1240 GMT), the highest level since July 17. Meanwhile, spot gold was trading at \$1,238.04 per ounce, up \$15.90, or roughly 1.3%. Pessimism gripped investors amid renewed concerns over a host of economic and geopolitical issues, including U.S. President Donald Trump's threats to pull out of the US-Russia nuclear arms agreement, U.S. midterm elections and the fallout from the murder of Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi. Concerns over the U.S.-China trade war, the dispute over Italy's budget and a lack of progress in Brexit negotiations also soured market sentiment. The yellow metal is often sought in times of geopolitical tension or market turbulence. Pressured by the escalating geopolitical tensions following the US President Trump's threat to withdraw from the nuclear arms agreement and concerns over the EC's decision to reject Italy's budget proposal, European equity indices fell to their lowest levels in nearly two years to reflect a flight-to-safety. The market mood also weighed on Wall Street and caused it to open sharply lower. In other metals action, silver futures were 15.4 cents higher, or around 1%, at \$14.81 a troy ounce.

Food ministry plans for second Sugar relief package

The food ministry has planned for a second relief package for Sugar industry, this proposal has been kept in the Cabinet seeking loan incentives for Ethanol producers. This will be in addition to the Sugar package announced in June. The mills may get up to 6% interest subsidy on the loans they take to set up Ethanol production units or increase capacity of the existing ones. A loan relief was provided to nearly 114 mills in June. Thereafter more mills had put in demand for similar benefits. The committee has approved the proposal and seeks approvals from the cabinet. The Cabinet approvals are expected to be floating this week. Cane harvest is underway and the government wants mills to get more involved in Ethanol production. India's current Ethanol production remains lower than the total demand. The decision to boost domestic Ethanol production is aimed at not only reducing the stress in industry but also towards restrict the huge oil import bill. The government has been emphasizing switching to biofuels and aims to increase Ethanol blending in petrol, diesel to 20% from current 10% by 2030.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	ΡΙνοτ	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	39035	38493	38786	39007	39306	39533	Up
GOLD	32010	31805	31929	32086	32132	32307	Up
CRUDE OIL	4884	4777	4840	4949	4941	5025	Down
COPPER	449.60	441.00	447.00	450.40	454.40	461.10	Sideways
NATURAL GAS	235.40	225.00	229.90	234.30	239.00	243.30	Up
JEERA	19930	19623	19780	19975	20130	20325	Down
TURMERIC	6616	6516	6566	6616	6666	6716	Sideways
SOYBEAN	3237	3193	3215	3235	3257	3277	Down
RM SEED	4200	4170	4185	4207	4222	4244	Down
GUAR SEED	4669	4569	4619	4685	4735	4802	Up

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International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1231.90	+0.83
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.72	+1.16
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$66.14	-4.06
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$3.208	+2.23

Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Crude Oil Inv.	+6.5M	-	8:00pm

RECOMMENDATIONS

ZINC

ZINC OCT: TRADING RANGE 198.50 -201.80.



MENTHA OIL



After a three week dull phase, Mentha oil was finally out of trouble yesterday as bulls reclaimed their lost position with a positive breakout candlestick on daily chart.

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