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Crude oil gains further on Middle East Conflict

Comex Gold prices experienced a decline as it trade below \$2,665 per ounce, pressured by a stronger US dollar. This strengthening in dollar fueled by increased bets on more dovish monetary policies from both the Bank of Japan and the Bank of England. The anticipation of lower interest rates from these central banks, coupled with the new Japanese Prime Minister's warning against rate hikes, further weighed on gold prices. Investors are now focusing on Friday's nonfarm payrolls report, which could affect the Fed's monetary policy outlook. While a strong jobs report might reduce expectations for aggressive rate cuts, lower interest rates generally favor gold, as it is a non-interest-bearing asset.

WTI Crude oil continue to surge to trade above \$71.6 per barrel on escalating tensions between Israel and Iran. Traders are concerned that a retaliatory strike by Israel could disrupt oil supply from the Middle East, a region that accounts for a significant portion of global production. Analysts estimate that a major attack on Iran's export capacity could remove up to 1.5 million barrels of daily supply from the market. The ongoing crisis in the Middle East continues to create uncertainty and volatility in the oil market.

LME base metals edged moderately lower after two days of higher trading suggests that the rally driven by the stimulus may have reached its peak. The prices have rose during last two sessions amid China's recent efforts to stimulate its economy, hoping these measures will boost demand and revive the struggling real estate sector. LME Copper is down 0.71% at \$10,012 per ton while Aluminium and Zinc is up 0.40% and 0.83% respectively.

European natural gas dropped by 1.6% on Thursday mainly attributed to expectations of sufficient gas supplies within the region. The storage sites are 94% full, and production from countries like Norway anticipated offsetting any disruptions from external sources. Additionally, mild weather forecasts for the upcoming week suggest reduced heating demand. Bloomberg Intelligence analysts highlight a structural decline in Europe's gas consumption, which is 22% lower compared to 2021 levels.

Today, investors awaiting unemployment claims and ISM services PMI data for further insights into the U.S. economy.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
03-Oct-24	18:00	USD	Unemployment Claims	222K	218K
	19:15	USD	Final Services PMI	55.4	55.4
	19:30	USD	ISM Services PMI	51.7	51.5
	19:30	USD	Factory Orders m/m	0.1%	5%
	20:00	USD	Natural Gas Storage	59B	47B

Source: Forex factory

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
	Spot Gold	2605.0	2628.3	2635.5	2647.2	2658.9	2666.1	2689.4
	MCX Gold Dec	74973	75516	75684	75956	76228	76396	76939
	Spot Silver	30.32	31.02	31.24	31.59	31.93	32.15	32.85
.≝	MCX Silver Dec	89434	90769	91181	91848	92515	92927	94262
ᇹ	MCX Copper Oct	840.9	851.5	854.8	860.1	865.4	868.7	879.3
Ĕ	MCX Zinc Oct	279.9	283.9	285.2	287.2	289.1	290.4	294.4
Commodities	MCX Lead Oct	181.8	183.7	184.3	185.3	186.3	186.9	188.8
	MCX Aluminium Oct	235.8	239.4	240.4	242.2	244.0	245.0	248.6
	MCX Crude Oil Oct	5747	5896	5942	6016	6090	6136	6285
	MCX Natural Gas Oct	233.43	240.10	242.16	245.50	248.84	250.90	257.57



Source: Trading View

BUY	We expect the commodity to deliver 1% or more returns		
SELL	We expect the commodity to deliver (-1%) or more returns		
SIDEWAYS We expect the commodity to trade in the range of (+/-)1%			
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