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Gold futures tick up above \$2,700 ahead of U.S. inflation data

Comex Gold futures traded above \$2,700 an ounce on reports that China's central bank resumed gold purchases after a seven-month. The market is largely betting on a quarter-point interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve at its upcoming meeting. Lower interest rates typically benefit gold as it doesn't pay interest. However, any unexpected signs of inflationary pressure could dampen this bullish sentiment. Additionally, geopolitical tensions and the resumption of gold purchases by China's central bank are providing further support to gold prices.

WTI Crude oil prices surged above \$69.3 per barrel ahead of crucial economic indicators moreover investors await the US CPI data for November, which will influence the Federal Reserve's upcoming monetary policy decisions. Additionally, the Biden administration's potential new sanctions on Russian oil trade could tighten global supply and further elevate prices. Despite recent market volatility, the US EIA's revised forecast for a small deficit next year suggests a tighter market outlook.

LME Copper futures declined by 0.50% to trade near \$9,167 per tons on Wednesday, followed a broader downturn in base metal prices, triggered by the Chinese yuan's sharp devaluation in late Asian trading. Concerns about potential Chinese currency devaluation next year, in response to US tariff threats, weighed on the market. A weaker yuan could make Chinese copper exports less expensive, impacting global prices. Despite recent pledges of economic stimulus, lingering skepticism about their implementation further pressured industrial metals. While November's manufacturing data showed expansion, particularly for domestic-focused companies, it wasn't enough to offset the negative sentiment.

European natural gas prices saw a decline of up to 1.4% on Wednesday, influenced by concerns over the impending expiration of a key Russia-Ukraine transit agreement and ongoing maintenance in Norway. While milder weather forecasts offer some respite, unplanned maintenance in Norway, particularly at the Kollsnes processing plant and Asgard field, poses additional risks to the region's already strained supply balance. With storage levels below the five-year average and prices hovering near a 2024 high, market volatility persists, potentially hindering stockpiling efforts for the coming year.

Investors' attention is now on today's U.S. inflation report and Crude oil inventories.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
11-Dec-24	19:00	USD	Core CPI m/m	0.3%	0.3%
	19:00	USD	CPI m/m	0.3%	0.2%
	19:00	USD	CPI y/y	2.7%	2.6%
	21:00	USD	Crude Oil Inventories	-1.0M	-5.1M

Source: Forex factory

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
	Spot Gold	2645.7	2672.3	2680.5	2693.9	2707.2	2715.4	2742.0
	MCX Gold Feb	77250	77885	78081	78398	78715	78911	79546
	Spot Silver	30.67	31.22	31.39	31.66	31.94	32.11	32.66
mmodities	MCX Silver Mar	92676	93995	94402	95061	95720	96127	97446
odi	MCX Copper Dec	815.2	822.3	824.5	828.1	831.7	833.9	841.0
Ē	MCX Zinc Dec	285.0	288.4	289.4	291.1	292.7	293.7	297.1
8	MCX Lead Dec	178.7	179.7	180.0	180.6	181.1	181.4	182.4
	MCX Aluminium Dec	239.8	241.9	242.6	243.6	244.6	245.3	247.4
	MCX Crude Oil Dec	5729	5816	5843	5887	5931	5958	6045
	MCX Natural Gas Dec	258.80	267.20	269.80	274.00	278.20	280.80	289.20

Source:Bloomberg, KS Commodity Research

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Source: Trading View

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