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Gold near record highs ahead of US economic data

Comex Gold is on track for a monthly gain, trading above \$2,556 an ounce, ahead of US inflation data this week, which may help to clarify the pace at which the Federal Reserve might ease policy after falling on Wednesday. Figures due Friday are expected to show the three-month annualized rate of core inflation falling to 2.1%, barely beyond the central bank's 2% target, supporting the case for rate cuts.

WTI Crude Oil prices steady above \$74 today, after a two-day slump, as traders weighed supply disruptions in Libya with a softer outlook in the coming months. Crude oil prices expected to fall slightly this month despite repeated decreases in US inventories, heightened Middle Eastern tensions, and a more than halving of Libya's oil production. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley have lowered their 2025 oil price projections, predicting a surplus next year as China's economy slows.

LME metals extended their fall from the previous session as concerns about the strength of China's demand recovery persist, with supply remaining adequate.. LME aluminum fell more than 1% to \$2,467 today as the difference between its spot price and the three-month contract on the LME extended to \$29 per ton, indicating that immediate global supply are plentiful. According to a Bloomberg survey, China is set to miss its GDP growth target this year, reducing demand in Asia's largest economy. LME copper and lead are down 0.45% and 1.44%, respectively.

European Natural gas prices for next month gained as much as 1.1% on Thursday, the last day of the September contract as market is monitoring the supply-side challenges. Norwegian gas exports fell last week to their lowest level since June owing to seasonal maintenance.

Today the focus will be on the key economic releases including the second estimate of Q2 GDP, expected to show 2.8% growth, and initial jobless claims, expected to remain unchanged at 232K.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
29-Aug-24	18:00	USD	Prelim GDP q/q	2.8%	2.8%
	18:00	USD	Unemployment Claims	232K	232K
	18:00	USD	Prelim GDP Price Index q/q	2.3%	2.3%
	18:00	USD	Goods Trade Balance	-97.7B	-96.6B
	18:00	USD	Prelim Wholesale Inventories m/m	0.3%	0.2%
	19:30	USD	Pending Home Sales m/m	0.2%	4.8%
	20:00	USD	Natural Gas Storage	33B	35B

Source: Forex factory

Evening Track

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
Commodities	Spot Gold	2480.2	2503.1	2510.2	2521.6	2533.1	2540.2	2563.1
	MCX Gold Oct	71191	71683	71834	72080	72326	72477	72969
	Spot Silver	28.54	29.10	29.28	29.56	29.84	30.01	30.58
	MCX Silver Sep	82700	83829	84177	84742	85307	85655	86784
	MCX Copper Sep	789.2	797.1	799.5	803.5	807.5	809.9	817.8
	MCX Zinc Sep	261.8	264.7	265.6	267.1	268.6	269.5	272.4
	MCX Lead Sep	183.6	185.1	185.5	186.3	187.1	187.5	189.0
	MCX Aluminium Sep	220.4	223.8	224.9	226.7	228.4	229.5	232.9
	MCX Crude Oil Sep	6039	6162	6200	6262	6324	6362	6485
	MCX Natural Gas Sep	167.45	172.90	174.58	177.30	180.02	181.70	187.15



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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