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### Metals surge on US rate cut hope; Oil and gas retreat on fading geopolitical tension

COMEX gold resumed its surge, reaching another record high of \$2,563.8 per troy ounce, as traders await comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell later this week. Powell is scheduled to talk Friday at the annual Jackson Hole symposium in Wyoming, where his remarks will be extensively analyzed for clues about the central bank's thinking on widely anticipated interest rate cuts.

WTI Crude Oil fell the most in two weeks to current trade near \$73.70 per barrel, as the US reported Israel accepted a cease-fire proposal in Gaza, potentially reducing supply worries despite growing concerns about global demand. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that the next step was for Hamas to accept to the plan aimed at de-escalating the 10-month conflict. Furthermore, China's deteriorating economic situation is weighing on the market. Recent data showed declining factory activity and oil consumption, while the world's top importer is also exploring a new rescue package for its battered real estate industry.

LME base metals continue its positive move on Tuesday, reflecting global market confidence over growing expectations that the Federal Reserve may shortly signal an interest rate drop. LME Copper is trading marginally higher near \$9,257/tonne, boosted by signs of demand recovery in China, as seen by the rising Yangshan Copper premium, a drop in exports, and a significant 8.4% draw in SHFE stockpiles. Central bankers from around the world are gathering for a conference in Wyoming to discuss monetary policy and the global economy. The focus is Fed Chair Jerome Powell's address on Friday.

European natural gas prices decreased by roughly 1.8%, indicating that this month's rally is fading as traders gain confidence in the region's supply balance ahead of the heating season. Prices have remained around €40 per megawatt-hour since Ukraine's invasion into Russia near a vital gas transmission point. While border developments pose a risk to residual Russian flows as Europe is well-stocked for the colder months.

Traders will be focusing at FOMC members speeches and US numbers due this week, such as unemployment claims on Thursday, which could influence the Fed's intentions.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
20-Aug-24	23:45	USD	FOMC Member Bostic Speaks		

Source: Forex factory

# Evening Track

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
Commodities	Spot Gold	2471.6	2499.7	2508.4	2522.5	2536.6	2545.3	2573.5
	MCX Gold Oct	70890	71553	71758	72090	72422	72627	73290
	Spot Silver	28.55	29.18	29.37	29.69	30.00	30.20	30.82
	MCX Silver Sep	82832	84227	84658	85355	86052	86483	87878
	MCX Copper Aug	790.4	799.3	802.1	806.5	810.9	813.7	822.6
	MCX Zinc Aug	259.2	263.2	264.5	266.5	268.5	269.8	273.8
	MCX Lead Aug	185.5	186.9	187.3	188.0	188.6	189.0	190.4
	MCX Aluminium Aug	220.5	223.5	224.5	226.0	227.5	228.5	231.5
	MCX Crude Oil Sep	5960	6080	6117	6177	6237	6274	6394
	MCX Natural Gas Sep	187.47	193.40	195.23	198.20	201.17	203.00	208.93



Source: Trading View

<b>BUY</b>	We expect the commodity to deliver 1% or more returns
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