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Overview

- Gold prices traded steady as delay in rate cut expectations heightened
- Oil prices surged on alleged attacks on Iran's nuclear site
- Natural gas rose on surprise smaller than expected build up in storage

Precious Metals

Gold traded steady in the previous session as market participants awaited clarity on interest rate cut expectations and any update on the geo-political tensions between Israel and Iran. Today in the early morning session Israel retaliated, launching missiles on Iran, supporting a rally in precious metals. This is the first time ever that Israeli warplanes have struck Iran directly, Israel is reportedly targeting air bases that were used in the Iranian attack. Dollar index eased slightly in the previous session falling from 106 levels however, retaliation updates from Israel supported a safe haven rally once again. US 10Y Yields have also eased from recent high of around 4.7% mark. U.S. weekly jobless claims were unchanged at low levels last week, showcasing a strong labor market. Strong U.S. economic data and hawkish rhetoric from Fed officials have prompted investors to drastically rethink the chances of the Federal Reserve cutting rates any time soon. Bets for a pause in the month of June have completely reversed, market participants are now pricing in more than 90% probability for a pause. No major economic data points are expected to release from the US today, however focus will be on comments from Fed officials and geo-political tensions.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2405.2	1.1%
Silver	28.63	1.4%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	179142	929
Silver	38496	4412
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1949.2	10.42
Silver ETF	24485	-113.74
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	106.15	0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.51	1.3%

Base Metals

Base metal prices continue to inch higher, amid fears of tightening supplies; copper on the Comex marking 52 weeks high. Market is still digesting the real impact of the sanctions on Russian materials, and in the near-term, inventory cancellations on the LME are tightening stocks levels. Available inventories on the LME fell by 15,200 tons to a one-month low of 90,400 tons after investors gave notice to the exchange they wanted to remove inventories, data showed. LME aluminium gained 1% to \$2,612 a ton after available LME inventories slid by 20,600 tons to 214,275. LME's position as the global hub of metals trading means these bans could cause disruption to trade flows in the short term, this comes amid already tight markets, which should support prices in the short term. The global nickel market had a surplus of 12,100 metric tons in February, down from a surplus of 14,300 tons a year earlier, according to International Nickel Study Group (INSG). On other hand, updates regarding geopolitical tensions and rate cut expectations could increase volatility in Dollar Index.

Energy

Oil prices recovered its losses in previous sessions after inching up higher almost 4% in Asian opening after Iranian news agencies reported several explosions across the country, indicating potential strikes by Israel. The explosions were heard in Iran's Istahan nuclear sites and in parts of southern Syria and in parts of Iraq. The strikes came just one day after Iranian officials warned Israel against any retaliatory strikes, notably on Tehran's nuclear installations. Although, these attacks remain unconfirmed and any further developments will be important to watch. The reimposition of US sanctions on Venezuelan oil and potential new EU curbs on Iran buoyed oil markets as well. Natural gas rose after a slightly smaller-than-expected storage build. US utilities added 50 bcf of gas into storage last week, compared with market expectations of a 54 bcf increase.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	838	0.7%
Aluminium	237P	1.2%
Nickel	1526	0.0%
Lead	189	0.5%
Zinc	248	2.0%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	122925	-850	MT
	Shanghai	299723	7874	MT
Aluminum	LME	509250	-4600	MT
	Shanghai	231765	12291	MT
Nickel	LME	73482	-90	MT
	Shanghai	18769	-24	MT
Lead	LME	272200	-1500	MT
	Shanghai	60215	8434	MT
Zinc	LME	257050	-925	MT
	Shanghai	127634	3788	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	86.02	4.2%
Natural gas	1.79	2.6%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	459.99	2.74	Mnbl
Gasoline	227.38	-1.15	Mnbl
Distillate	114.97	-2.76	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	238150	8666
Natural Gas	-88386	-5204

MT- Metric Ton, MNBL – Million Barrel, BCF –Billion Cubic Feet.

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	21	3	2199.5	70500	56.5	44	102	0.0%
-17.2%	337	222	1868.5	71000	78	2214	1302	2.5%
-9.1%	30	8	1521.5	71500	148.5	136	106	29.3%
-10.6%	623	1143	1163.5	72000	292.5	3333	1583	61.2%
38.0%	189	525	901.5	72500	483	920	238	50.6%
28.8%	1550	8443	682.5	73000	696.5	4477	1151	73.6%
0.0%	11	39	608	73500	1170	7	3	200.0%
29.9%	1489	3691	393.5	74000	1319.5	117	46	15.0%
0.0%	0	0	22.5	74500	1511.5	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-78.0%	364	6396	352.6	6700	141.4	38902	1528	-73.0%
-98.1%	10	155	245.5	6750	161.9	4392	201	-78.1%
-52.7%	1217	39265	297	6800	183.4	77900	2497	-59.0%
-47.8%	209	12581	279.3	6850	209.3	11593	279	-81.1%
157.2%	3982	100551	251.8	6900	233.7	73063	2501	-55.0%
3.7%	501	13203	233.3	6950	264	5078	132	-93.3%
77.1%	6348	80184	211.1	7000	290.1	27123	2342	-78.6%
-89.0%	326	5641	195.8	7050	326.5	348	30	-99.0%
-14.7%	7160	59174	179.2	7100	358.8	6145	1078	-89.8%

MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	1	0	27.75	115	0.05	323	552	-21.6%
16.1%	36	205	18.05	125	0.1	5154	1921	10.5%
-35.6%	540	10096	9.55	135	0.8	18229	4484	41.1%
-33.0%	5563	58514	6.35	140	1.8	76183	11637	13.9%
-22.6%	6616	80452	4	145	255	89829	5499	27.4%
-19.6%	16999	124637	2.3	150	6.2	94454	6477	-19.6%
-22.8%	8264	41059	1.35	155	9.95	23124	1816	-15.5%
3.6%	5559	14466	0.4	165	18.5	1311	380	-25.5%
-9.3%	1712	1145	0.15	175	27.9	21	29	-6.5%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	May	5,806	5,744	5,775	5,800	5,831	5,856	Bearish	Moderate	5788 - 5844
Cocudakl	NCDEX	May	2,560	2,531	2,545	2,568	2,582	2,605	Bearish	Moderate	2538 - 2575
Cotton	NCDEX	May	57,580	56,713	57,147	57,573	58,007	58,433	Bearish	Moderate	57360 - 58220
Dhaniya	NCDEX	May	7,628	7,523	7,575	7,613	7,665	7,703	Bearish	Moderate	7594 - 7684
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	23,015	22,572	22,793	22,922	23,143	23,272	Bearish	Moderate	22858 - 23208
Guar Seed	NCDEX	May	5,562	5,496	5,529	5,554	5,587	5,612	Bearish	Moderate	5542 - 5600
Guar Gum	NCDEX	May	11,055	10,945	11,000	11,055	11,110	11,165	Bearish	Moderate	11028 - 11138
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	900	890	895	903	908	917	Bearish	Moderate	892 - 906
Turmeric	NCDEX	June	18,346	17,418	17,882	18,114	18,578	18,810	Bullish	High	17998 - 18694

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	June	72683	72112	72397	72639	72924	73166	Bullish	Moderate	72518 - 73045
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2382	2362	2372	2378	2388	2394	Bullish	Low	2375 - 2391
Silver	MCX	May	83273	82531	82902	83451	83822	84371	Bearish	High	82717 - 83637
Silver Comex	Comex	May	28.38	27.92	28.15	28.44	28.67	28.97	Bearish	Moderate	28 - 29
Crude	MCX	May	6896	6727	6812	6874	6959	7021	Bearish	Moderate	6770 - 6917
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	82.10	80.22	81.16	82.00	82.94	83.78	Bearish	Moderate	81 - 82
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	147	143	145	147	149	151	Flat	Moderate	146 - 150
BullDex	MCX	Apr	18456	18350	18403	18449	18502	18548	Bullish	Moderate	18426 - 18525
Copper	MCX	Apr	838.30	826	832	837	843	847	Bullish	Moderate	834 - 845
Zinc	MCX	Apr	247.55	242	245	248	250	253	Bullish	Low	243 - 249
Lead	MCX	Apr	189	187	188	189	189	190	Bullish	Moderate	188 - 190
Aluminum	MCX	Apr	237.30	234	236	237	239	240	Bullish	Moderate	236 - 239

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