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Overview

- Gold steady ahead of data heavy week
- Oil fell on concerns of weak demand offsetting geopolitical tensions
- This week, US labor market data and interest rate decisions from major central banks will be in focus.

Precious Metals

Gold price continue to trade steady as investors braced for the Federal Reserve policy meeting and a slew of U.S. data releases this week that could offer more cues on the rate-cut timeline. No major data points were scheduled in yesterday's session from the US, however Whitehouse reported that negotiation regarding hostage deal is ongoing. As soon as this news was flashed an immediate correction was seen in all major commodities. The Fed is expected to hold interest rates steady at the end of its two-day meeting starting later in the day, but could open the door to policy easing as early as September by acknowledging inflation has edged nearer to its 2% target. Data on Friday showed that the U.S. personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index nudged up 0.1% last month after being unchanged in May. Market participants are pricing in a 90% probability for a rate cut in September. Apart from Fed meeting, focus today will be on US Consumer confidence, Factory orders and Jobs market data. The Bank of England and the Bank of Japan are also holding policy meetings this week. Gold on domestic front could trade in a range of Rs. 67,800 - 68,800.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2382.2	-0.1%
Silver	27.83	-0.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	198444	-21915
Silver	25801	-12837
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1956.5	-1.15
Silver ETF	25761	-14.20
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.56	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.18	-0.5%

Base Metals

Base metals continued to trade lower, pressured by weaker demand scenario and rising inventories. The aluminum processing industry is experiencing low end-user demand during the off-season. Short positions on aluminum also continued to build up sending prices at 4-month low. Copper prices felt the heat after news of union at Escondida mine in Chile prepares for a strike after members reject a final contract offer. Metals also faced pressure from a lack of stimulus measures for the struggling housing and construction sectors. This week's purchasing managers index from China will be important to watch for more cues on business activity in the country following a contractionary trend in recent figures. Markets await interest rate decisions from major central banks this week which include Japan, UK and the US.

Energy

Oil prices tumbled in yesterday's session amid concerns of weakening global demand and stronger non-OPEC output weighed on sentiment and offset rising geopolitical tensions. Israel attacked Hezbollah targets and threatened further retaliation for an earlier rocket strike that killed 12 children. Elsewhere, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken said the US has "serious concerns" about the results of the election in Venezuela, after Nicolas Maduro was re-elected as the OPEC member's president for six more years. Focus remains on the JMMC meeting where the panel expectation suggest that it will not recommend any changes to the current production policy plan of the group on Aug. 1. Expectations suggest that OPEC+ will continue to serve whether summer demand has been strong enough before starting to unwind part of its current output cuts. Natural gas prices extended the sharp week-long sell-off because of elevated inventory concerns after last Thursday's weekly EIA report showed that US gas inventories are plentiful at +16.4% above their 5-year seasonal average. In addition, forecasts for cooler US temperatures that will reduce demand for air-conditioning and electricity are negative for prices. Apart from Fed meeting, focus today will be on US Consumer confidence, Factory orders and Jobs market data. The Bank of England and the Bank of Japan are also holding policy meetings this week.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	782	0.4%
Aluminium	2100	1.8%
Nickel	1337	0.7%
Lead	199	2.7%
Zinc	250	-1.2%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	239100	1350	MT
	Shanghai	301203	-7979	MT
Aluminum	LME	940125	-3550	MT
	Shanghai	264158	-1664	MT
Nickel	LME	104388	0	MT
	Shanghai	16562	-251	MT
Lead	LME	243800	-3225	MT
	Shanghai	40770	260	MT
Zinc	LME	240550	-1800	MT
	Shanghai	113978	-6076	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	75.48	-0.4%
Natural gas	2.07	-5.2%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	459.65	3.73	Mnbl
Gasoline	233.51	2.57	Mnbl
Distillate	123.37	0.88	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	239237	-24312
Natural Gas	-55719	2331

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%	1	1	3385	66000	214	300	131	111.3%
0.0%	0	0	3060.5	66500	310.5	59	41	2.5%
-1.2%	84	73	1842	67000	423	1565	596	15.1%
0.0%	2	0	1355	67500	1420.5	0	1	0.0%
-9.8%	536	2129	1228	68000	770.5	2730	600	18.3%
728.6%	58	536	962.5	68500	1006	392	53	130.4%
30.3%	1469	3870	770.5	69000	1271	857	763	5.8%
133.3%	7	12	605	69500	2452	0	0	0.0%
3.9%	1994	3341	446.5	70000	1959	238	564	6.2%

MCX Crude Oil

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
1143.8%	199	510	430.2	6100	63.9	61691	1602	67.0%
0.0%	0	0	350.3	6150	76.8	16001	752	355.8%
235.4%	996	9437	345.3	6200	93.5	99700	3585	79.6%
4233.3%	130	1390	289.8	6250	111.4	39479	1293	107.5%
332.5%	3045	50056	269.1	6300	134	136976	4859	69.1%
552.4%	1481	20947	233.1	6350	156.6	56074	1528	144.9%
282.7%	9143	163749	202.2	6400	182.9	196298	4680	-3.5%
173.3%	4853	82713	173.4	6450	210.9	80897	1647	-5.7%
173.0%	20775	251326	147.5	6500	243.1	182191	6776	15.8%

MCX Natural Gas

Call		Particulars				Put		
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	7	8	34	140	1.85	6303	1992	23.9%
3.6%	200	486	26.9	150	3.75	14436	3405	14.0%
41.8%	295	5585	19.7	160	6.75	22101	2956	39.6%
414.9%	242	5591	16.75	165	8.65	17144	753	14.1%
14.6%	2344	39306	14.05	170	255	42230	3449	13.3%
19.0%	2808	31205	11.6	175	13.35	25048	1397	29.2%
9.3%	6751	39309	9.55	180	16.25	14914	3044	-8.5%
-3.1%	5125	19691	6.3	190	23.1	3030	1556	-10.0%
5.7%	5906	16908	4.25	200	30.75	327	1453	6.8%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Aug	6,162	6,053	6,107	6,148	6,202	6,243	Bearish	Moderate	6128 - 6223
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Aug	2,867	2,822	2,845	2,879	2,902	2,936	Bearish	Moderate	2834 - 2891
Cotton	NCDEX	July	56,980	56,980	56,980	56,980	56,980	56,980	Bearish	Low	56980 - 56980
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Aug	7,216	7,157	7,187	7,237	7,267	7,317	Bearish	Moderate	7172 - 7252
Jeera	NCDEX	July	26,760	26,187	26,473	26,887	27,173	27,587	Bearish	Moderate	26680 - 27380
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Aug	5,508	5,463	5,486	5,512	5,535	5,561	Bearish	Moderate	5499 - 5548
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Aug	10,809	10,711	10,760	10,824	10,873	10,937	Bearish	Moderate	10792 - 10905
Mentha Oil	MCX	July	962	952	957.33	965	970	978	Bearish	Moderate	955 - 968
Turmeric	NCDEX	Aug	15,592	15,379	15,485	15,667	15,773	15,955	Bearish	Moderate	15432 - 15720

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Aug	68268	67696	67982	68326	68612	68956	Bearish	Moderate	67839 - 68469
Gold Comex	Comex	July	2381	2340	2361	2375	2396	2410	Bearish	Moderate	2368 - 2403
Silver	MCX	Sep	81287	79248	80267	81291	82310	83334	Bearish	Moderate	79758 - 81801
Silver Comex	Comex	Aug	27.71	26.97	27.34	27.74	28.11	28.51	Bearish	Moderate	27 - 28
Crude	MCX	July	6351	6200	6276	6397	6473	6594	Bearish	Moderate	6238 - 6435
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sep	74.80	73.04	73.92	75.22	76.10	77.40	Bearish	Moderate	73 - 76
Nat Gas	MCX	July	173	165	169	173	177	181	Bearish	Moderate	167 - 175
BullDex	MCX	July	17235	17065	17150	17265	17350	17465	Bearish	Moderate	17108 - 17308
Copper	MCX	July	791.20	781	786	793	798	805	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	783 - 796
Zinc	MCX	July	250.20	242	246	251	255	259	Bearish	Moderate	244 - 253
Lead	MCX	July	187	186	186	187	188	188	Flat	Moderate	186 - 187
Aluminum	MCX	July	209.55	208	209	209	210	211	Bearish	Moderate	209 - 210

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