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Precious Metals

Gold prices edged higher as a weaker U.S. dollar and softer-than-expected U.S. inflation data improved sentiment towards bullion, although gains remained limited amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. U.S. consumer inflation cooled sharply in June, with headline CPI declining 0.4% month-on-month while core CPI remained unchanged, both coming in below market expectations. On an annual basis, headline and core inflation also eased, largely due to a sharp decline in gasoline and broader energy prices following the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz under the U.S.-Iran interim agreement. The softer inflation reading prompted investors to scale back expectations of further Federal Reserve rate hikes this year, weakening the dollar. Probability for a rate hike the next meeting dropped significantly post the data. However, Fed Chair Kevin Warsh maintained a hawkish tone during his congressional testimony, reiterating the central bank's commitment to restoring inflation to its 2% target while emphasizing that one month of softer inflation data was insufficient to declare victory. Meanwhile, renewed U.S.-Iran tensions after US reinstated its naval blockade on Iranian ports kept crude oil prices elevated, reviving concerns over energy-driven inflation and limiting the upside in bullion. Investors now await further developments in the Middle East and upcoming U.S. economic data for clearer direction on monetary policy and gold prices.

Precious metals	Daily Close (\$)	Daily %Chg.
Gold	4046.5	-0.36%
Silver	58.51	-0.5%
CFTC data	Managed Net	WoW Chg.
Gold	114854	-1963
Silver	12131	-616
Copper	60397	-970
Euro	-16227	-17326
Dollar Index	13269	253
ETF	Close	Chg.
GOLD ETF	2314.2	-0.35
Silver ETF	27540	-21.19
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	100.92	-0.14%
US 10Y Yields	4.59	-0.55%

Base Metals

Copper prices extended their gains, climbing to their highest level in three weeks as stronger demand signals, tightening physical supplies in China, escalating Middle East tensions, and a weaker U.S. dollar following softer inflation data supported the market. The metal drew strength from robust Chinese export data and increasingly tight physical market conditions. Cancelled warrants accounted for nearly 43% of total inventories, indicating that a further 130,525 tons have been earmarked for delivery. Most of this metal is being shipped to the United States ahead of a potential decision by President Donald Trump on tariffs for refined copper imports. Exports from China, the world's largest metals consumer, recorded their strongest growth in four months during June, reinforcing the outlook for industrial demand. Supply concerns also intensified as the conflict involving Iran escalated, raising fears over disruptions to sulphur exports from the Gulf. Sulphuric acid, a critical input in the copper leaching process, remains an important component of the copper and nickel supply chain. Meanwhile, the United States carried out five hours of strikes on Iran, while an American air base in Jordan was reportedly targeted by Iranian missiles.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	1312	1.2%
Aluminium	344	1.1%
Nickel	1594	1.7%
Lead	198	-0.6%
Zinc	377	0.7%

Daily LME Inventory		Current	Change	Units
Copper	LME	303525	-1675	MT
	Shanghai	100271	-22406	MT
Aluminum	LME	284600	-1625	MT
	Shanghai	481685	-24229	MT
Nickel	LME	274704	0	MT
	Shanghai	98088	6	MT
Lead	LME	370075	80700	MT
	Shanghai	70107	858	MT
Zinc	LME	113450	-825	MT
	Shanghai	152228	952	MT

Energy

Crude oil prices extended gains for a third consecutive session as escalating geopolitical tensions in Middle East heightened concerns over global energy supplies. Market sentiment remained supported after U.S. President Trump warned of further military action against Iran, stating that strikes would intensify unless the latter returned to negotiations, with potential attacks on power plants and bridges if no agreement is reached. U.S. also resumed its blockade on Iranian shipping through Strait of Hormuz, although Trump withdrew his proposal for a 20% transit fee on commercial cargoes following pressure from key Gulf allies. Supply concerns intensified after reports of attacks on two UAE-linked oil tankers, fresh U.S. airstrikes on Iran, missile and drone attacks targeting Kuwait and Bahrain, and explosions on Iran's Qeshm Island. Shipping activity through the Strait of Hormuz remained severely disrupted, raising fears of prolonged supply bottlenecks, particularly for Iranian exports. Meanwhile, API data showed U.S. crude inventories fell by just 56,000 barrels last week, well below expectations for a 2.7mbpd decline. Adding to broader energy market concerns, European natural gas prices climbed to a two-month high as risks to LNG shipments through Strait of Hormuz threatened global gas supplies, while stronger Asian demand further tightened the market.

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	80.25	1.1%
Natural gas	2.94	0.2%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	411.36	0.00	Mnbl
Gasoline	212.06	-1.90	Mnbl
Distillate	103.62	-4.98	Mnbl
Natural Gas	2.98	0.00	bcf

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

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	74679.00	-19034.00
Natural Gas	-60377.00	4677.00

Economic Calendar

	Previous Day			
Time	Data	Country	Actual	Previous
6 PM	CPI	US	3.5%	4.2%
	Current Day			
Time	Data	Country	Expected	Previous
6 PM	PPI	US	0%	1.1%
7:30 PM	Fed Chairman Warsh Testifies	US	-	-
8 PM	Crude Oil Inventories	US	-1.8M	3M

Daily Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	July	7,287	7,171	7,229	7,273	7,331	7,375	Bearish	Moderate	7251 - 7353
Cocudakl	NCDEX	July	3,848	3,813	3,830	3,858	3,875	3,903	Bearish	High	3822 - 3867
Dhaniya	NCDEX	August	15,346	15,069	15,207	15,389	15,527	15,709	Bearish	Moderate	15138 - 15458
Jeera	NCDEX	June	20,650	20,017	20,333	20,542	20,858	21,067	Bearish	Moderate	20438 - 20963
Guar Seed	NCDEX	July	6,419	6,182	6,301	6,379	6,498	6,576	Bearish	Moderate	6340 - 6537
Guar Gum	NCDEX	July	12,656	12,149	12,402	12,594	12,847	13,039	Bearish	Moderate	12498 - 12943
Mentha Oil	NCDEX	June	1,239	1,209	1,223	1,251	1,266	1,293	Bearish	Moderate	1216 - 1259
Turmeric	NCDEX	August	20,706	19,866	20,286	20,560	20,980	21,254	Bullish	Moderate	20423 - 21117

Commodity	Expiry	S2	S1	R1	R2	Trend
MCX Gold	Aug	139900	140600	142200	143000	Sideways
Comex Gold	July	3986	4006	4052	4074	Sideways
MCX Silver	Sep	219500	221000	224000	226000	Sideways
Comex Silver	July	57.6	58.0	58.8	59.35	Sideways
MCX Crude	July	7540	7630	7830	7940	Positive
NYMEX Crude	July	78	78.5	80.5	81.7	Positive
MCX Nat Gas	July	272	277	285	290	Sideways
MCX Copper	July	1296	1308	1322	1335	Positive
MCX Nickel	July	1590	1600	1620	1630	Sideways
MCX Lead	July	194.00	196.00	200.00	202.00	Negative
MCX Zinc	July	375.00	377.00	380.00	382.00	Positive
MCX Aluminum	July	341.00	343.00	346.00	349.00	Positive
NCDEX Guarseed	July	6260	6350	6500	6620	Positive

Options Monitor

MCX Gold Mini

	Call			Particulars		Put		
Change in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	Change in OI
-40.2%	107	963	3484.5	139000	1255.5	9442	753	52.1%
-39.6%	29	90	3174.5	139500	1401	1385	118	-45.6%
-30.1%	1512	12933	2897	140000	1566.5	38425	3897	-0.9%
-60.6%	119	2630	2665.5	140500	1759	3858	270	38.5%
-39.3%	642	14702	2418.5	141000	1933	19856	800	8.7%
-57.4%	112	6110	2185	141500	2141.5	3567	161	50.5%
-35.5%	1264	20380	1976	142000	2355	17347	939	10.9%
-28.8%	427	7914	1784.5	142500	2602.5	5502	211	44.5%
-14.7%	1392	17989	1579	143000	2869	9440	927	59.6%

MCX Crude Oil

	Call			Particulars		Put		
Change in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	Change in OI
-32.8%	5243	138295	165.3	7500	135.6	331704	5226	263.9%
44.4%	988	53368	152.3	7550	161.1	107633	1812	6869.2%
216.1%	7428	305651	135.5	7600	186.9	403303	4176	2559.9%
407.7%	2635	141839	123.2	7650	215	142866	1122	37300.0%
419.9%	10928	436737	111.7	7700	248.4	360473	5944	7932.4%
502.6%	4248	175436	101.3	7750	286.7	83928	361	2908.3%
347.2%	11274	360799	93.4	7800	321	155775	1034	1888.5%
686.5%	2556	97233	84.4	7850	363.3	14712	194	19300.0%
191.4%	5214	161002	76	7900	399.2	26262	516	1564.5%

MCX Natural Gas

	Call			Particulars		Put		
Change in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	Change in OI
5.1%	267	641	29.65	250	1.05	13063	3890	7.3%
9.8%	506	3346	21.2	260	2.4	31352	4425	-2.5%
-6.3%	2404	31574	14	270	5.15	50430	7488	6.1%
-4.0%	4089	58264	11.2	275	7.2	71731	8199	1.0%
14.1%	15023	115804	8.8	280	255	83075	9776	0.9%
2.3%	7596	54053	6.9	285	12.8	15410	1872	-17.2%
-0.2%	18895	54133	5.4	290	16.25	12627	4061	-9.5%
-4.0%	27166	38416	3.35	300	24.25	4365	7390	-7.0%
-3.5%	30608	27993	2.2	310	32.95	1375	6647	-4.8%

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