Fundamentals:
Gold hit a more than one-week peak on Thursday, as the dollar tumbled after weaker U.S. economic data on expectations of the Federal Reserve skipping an interest rate hike at its June policy meeting.

Spot gold was up 0.7% at \$1,976.81 per ounce by 1:45 p.m. EDT (1745 GMT), after rising 1.1% to its highest since May 24. U.S. gold futures settled 0.7% higher at \$1,995.50.

U.S. manufacturing contracted for a seventh straight month in May as new orders continued to plummet, while the number of new U.S. jobless claims increased modestly last week.

The dollar slipped, making bullion cheaper for holders of other currencies, while 10-year Treasury yields hit a two-week low.

Philadelphia Fed chief Patrick Harker said barring any surprise in the economic data, he preferred holding rates steady in June. Other Fed officials, including the vice chair-designate, also pointed towards a rate hike "skip".

Markets saw a 75% chance of rates remaining unchanged in June.

Gold, which does not yield any interest of its own, loses appeal when interest rates rise.

The U.S. Senate will stay in session until it passes the bill, Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said, with just four days left to pass the measure and avert a catastrophic default.

Spot silver rose 1.7% to a two-week high at \$23.88 per ounce, while palladium was 2% higher at \$1,389.78.

Platinum gained 1.2% to \$1,004.93, after hitting a seven-week low.

Base metals prices rose in London on Thursday, supported by unexpected growth in factory activity in top metals consumer China and a vote of approval from the House of Representatives to suspend the U.S. debt ceiling.

Benchmark copper on the London Metal Exchange (LME) rose 1.9% to \$8,241.5 a tonne by 1603 GMT. The metal used in power and construction fell by 5.9% in May.

Driven by improved production and demand in China, the Caixin/S&P Global manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 50.9 in May, marking a return to growth, compared with a contraction in activity seen in the official PMI on Wednesday.

(Source: Reuters)





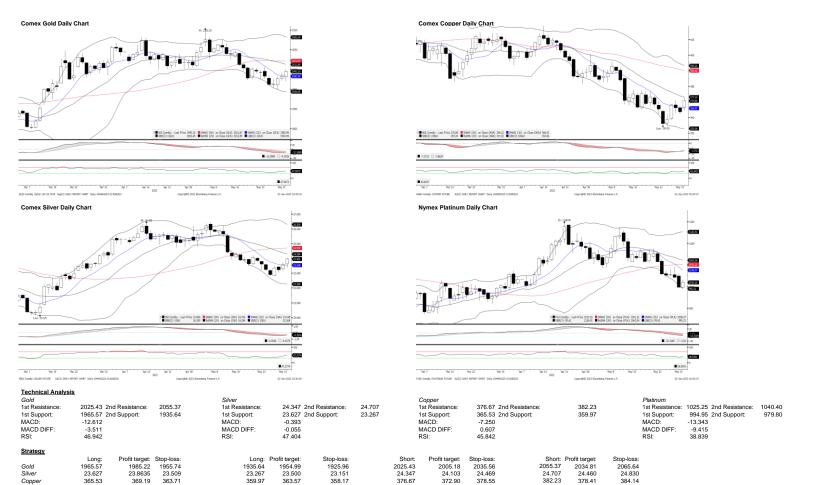
Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD AUG 23	1,995.50	12.800	2,000.70	1,970.10
SILVER JUL 23	23.987	0.388	24.030	23.355
COPPER JUL 23	371.10	7.35	373.15	364.50
PLATINUM JUL 23	1,010.10	10.80	1,015.90	997.40
Gold Spot	1,977.880	15.15	1,983.16	1,953.47
EuroDollar Rate	94.493	0.030	94.505	94.450
Dollar Index	103.568	-0.758	104.5	103.496
Bursa Gold JUN 23	1,964.600	0.30	1979.2	1963.3
SPDR Gold ETF	183.760	1.440	184.21	182.72
iShares Gold ETF	37.490	0.290	37.5842	37.29

COT Speculativ	e Net Position	Global Gold Mines Output			
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper	Date	Kgs
23/05/2023	160,732	21,958	-29,808	31/3/2023	856
16/05/2023	179,814	23,815	-32,607	31/12/2022	956
09/05/2023	195,814	32,360	-24,865	30/09/2022	956
02/05/2023	195,567	31,952	-21,742	30/06/2022	894
25/04/2023	185,264	30,603	-17,042	31/03/2022	843
18/04/2023	189,893	26,595	8,934	31/12/2021	943
11/04/2023	192,745	23,718	-4,303	30/09/2021	933
04/04/2023	195,216	21,283	-2,954	30/06/2021	878
28/03/2023	181,630	13,361	-1,545	31/03/2021	835
21/03/2023	158,605	3,462	-12,351	31/12/2020	928
14/03/2023	140.331	-1.219	-14.156	30/09/2020	924

Global Gold Demand From Central Bank Net Purchases		Gold Jewellery Consumption			
Date	Tonnes	Date	India (Kgs)	China (Kgs)	
31/03/2023	243.05	31/3/2023	78.05	197.68	
31/12/2022	385.88	31/12/2022	219.86	127	
30/09/2022	462.59	30/9/2022	146.22	163	
30/06/2022	150.29	30/6/2022	140.29	103	
31/03/2022	79.91	31/3/2022	94.20	177	
31/12/2021	34.30	31/12/2021	264.99	177	
30/09/2021	90.56	30/9/2021	125.09	156	
30/06/2021	209.64	30/6/2021	94.27	147	
31/03/2021	115.61	31/3/2021	126.52	194	
31/12/2020	61.04	31/12/2020	137.30	143	
30/09/2020	-10.60	30/9/2020	60.80	119	







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