Fundamentals:
Gold retreated on Thursday as rival safe-haven dollar advanced and outweighed support for bullion from lingering economic risks, while traders digested the impact of weak data on the interest rate outlook.

Spot gold was down 0.8% to \$2,013.84 per ounce by 1:40 p.m. EDT (1740 GMT), while U.S. gold futures settled down 0.8% to \$2,020.50.

Gold popped up after data showed a jump in weekly jobless claims and the smallest annual increase in producer prices last month in over two years.

However, the metal soon gave up those gains as the dollar rose, making bullion more expensive for overseas buyers.

Investors also took stock of comments from Minneapolis Fed chief Neel Kashkari that an extended period of high rates would be necessary if inflation stayed stubbornly high.

Gold is traditionally considered a hedge against inflation, but elevated interest rates dim appeal for zero-yield bullion.

On Wednesday, data showed the annual increase in U.S. consumer prices slowed to below 5% in April for the first time in two years, but remained well above the Fed's 2% target.

With inflation still sticky amid a slow deterioration in the U.S. economy, the Fed is less likely to feel the need to hike rates further, keeping gold in a sideways to higher trend, said David Meger, director of metals trading at High Ridge Futures.

Silver plunged 4.9% to \$24.18 per ounce, platinum shed 2% to \$1,091.86 and palladium lost 3.4% to \$1,551.96.

Prices for copper and other base metals fell in London on Thursday, hitting multi-month lows, after inflation data from the top consumer China added to concerns over the strength of the country's economic recovery.

China's consumer prices rose at the slowest pace in more than two years in April, data showed on Thursday. Producer deflation deepened last month, highlighting the broader economy's struggles to rev-up after the lifting of COVID curbs in December.

Copper inventories in LME-registered warehouses continued to rise on Thursday, reaching 75,950 tonnes, their highest since March 20.

Adding pressure on dollar-priced metals, the dollar index rose, making the metals more expensive to holders of other currencies, after U.S. jobless claims data strengthened the case for the Federal Reserve to halt its interest rate hikes.

(Source: Reuters)





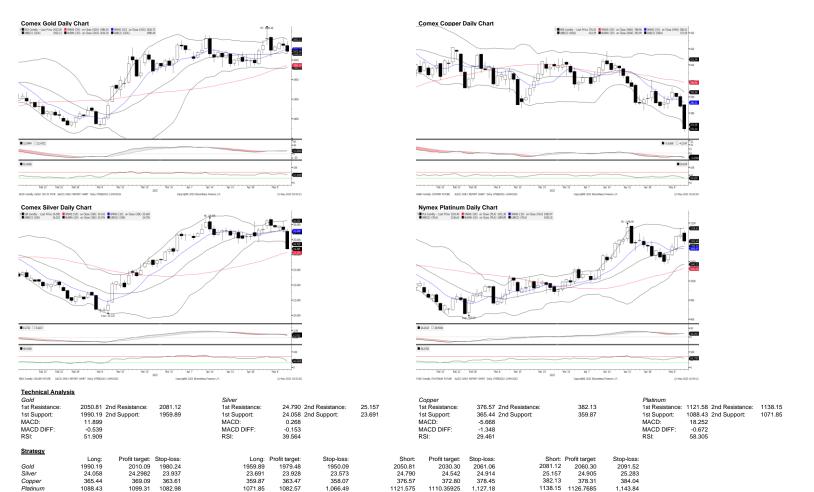
Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD JUN 23	2,020.50	-17.600	2,047.60	2,016.70
SILVER JUL 23	24.424	-1.323	25.700	24.325
COPPER JUL 23	371.00	-14.40	385.55	368.40
PLATINUM JUL 23	1,105.00	-15.60	1,129.80	1,094.70
Gold Spot	2,014.500	-15.59	2,041.20	2,011.22
EuroDollar Rate	94.585	-0.020	94.630	94.585
Dollar Index	102.079	0.602	102.153	101.304
Bursa Gold MAY 23	2,029.600	-6.50	2046	2027.9
SPDR Gold ETF	187.130	-1.620	188.81	186.86
iShares Gold ETF	38.190	-0.320	38.52	38.129

COT Speculative Net Position				Global Gold Mines Output		
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper	Date	Kgs	
02/05/2023	195,567	31,952	-21,742	31/3/2023	856	
25/04/2023	185,264	30,603	-17,042	31/12/2022	956	
18/04/2023	189,893	26,595	8,934	30/09/2022	956	
11/04/2023	192,745	23,718	-4,303	30/06/2022	894	
04/04/2023	195,216	21,283	-2,954	31/03/2022	843	
28/03/2023	181,630	13,361	-1,545	31/12/2021	943	
21/03/2023	158,605	3,462	-12,351	30/09/2021	933	
14/03/2023	140,331	-1,219	-14,156	30/06/2021	878	
07/03/2023	98,474	-7,782	-7,720	31/03/2021	835	
28/02/2023	108,593	-54	-6,038	31/12/2020	928	
21/02/2023	107 101	0.002	2.040	20/00/2020	024	

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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