Fundamentals:
Gold fell below \$2,000 on Tuesday after U.S. economic data and hawkish remarks from Federal Reserve officials drove bets that interest rate cuts may be delayed, while traders kept an eye on the U.S. debt-ceiling talks.

Spot gold shed 1.6% to \$1,987.39 per ounce by 1:40 p.m. EDT (1740 GMT), after touching its lowest in two weeks at \$1,983.10 earlier.

U.S. gold futures settled 1.5% down at \$1.993.

U.S. retail sales increased less than expected in April, but the underlying trend was solid, driving an uptick in the dollar and sending 10-year Treasury yields to a two-week high.

Richmond Fed President Thomas Barkin said he was "comfortable" with raising interest rates further if needed to lower inflation. Cleveland Fed chief Loretta Mester said the U.S. central bank was not at a point yet where it can hold rates steady for a period of time.

This followed hawkish comments from other Fed officials on Monday who saw interest rates staying high and, if anything, going higher.

High interest rates dull non-yielding bullion's appeal, although it's considered a hedge against economic uncertainties.

Democratic President Joe Biden and top congressional Republican Kevin McCarthy are expected to discuss new work requirements for benefits programs for low-income Americans during Tuesday's debt-ceiling negotiations, sources familiar with the talks said.

Spot silver slid 1.5% to \$23.74 per ounce. Platinum lost 0.6% at \$1,058.41 and palladium fell 2.3% to \$1,496.54.

Copper prices fell on Tuesday as data from top consumer China suggested that its economic recovery is losing momentum, worsening the outlook for metals demand.

China's April industrial output and retail sales growth undershot forecasts, the latest in a run of weak figures, with property investment and sales weakening and the metals-intensive manufacturing sector shrinking in April.

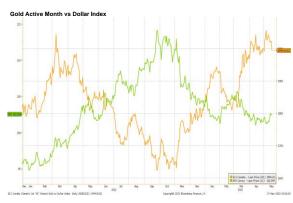
Copper reached a seven-month high of \$9,550.50 a tonne in January on hopes that Chinese demand would rebound.

Signs of weak copper demand are stacking up.

Chinese copper import premiums are trending lower, suggesting slack appetite for metal held overseas, and the yuan is weakening against the dollar, potentially stifling demand for dollar-priced metals.

Copper inventories are still falling in Chinese exchange warehouses, but stocks in the LME system have swelled to 83,825 tonnes, the most since January.

(Source: Reuters)





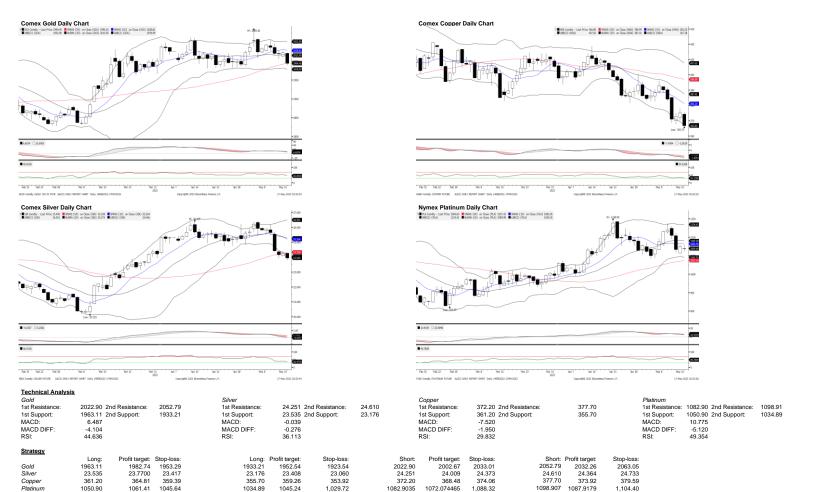
Contract	Close	Chg	High	Low
GOLD JUN 23	1,993.00	-29.900	2,022.70	1,989.10
SILVER JUL 23	23.893	-0.386	24.275	23.805
COPPER JUL 23	366.70	-9.10	375.45	365.70
PLATINUM JUL 23	1,066.90	-7.00	1,078.70	1,061.80
Gold Spot	1,989.150	-27.34	2,018.38	1,985.56
EuroDollar Rate	94.565	-0.003	94.593	94.538
Dollar Index	102.624	0.190	102.687	102.201
Bursa Gold MAY 23	2,013.200	-7.00	2026.3	2010.6
SPDR Gold ETF	184.870	-2.340	186.82	184.4601
iShares Gold ETF	37.720	-0.470	38.12	37.63

COT Speculativ	e Net Position	Global Gold Mines Output			
Date	Gold	Silver	Copper	Date	Kgs
09/05/2023	195,814	32,360	-24,865	31/3/2023	856
02/05/2023	195,567	31,952	-21,742	31/12/2022	956
25/04/2023	185,264	30,603	-17,042	30/09/2022	956
18/04/2023	189,893	26,595	8,934	30/06/2022	894
11/04/2023	192,745	23,718	-4,303	31/03/2022	843
04/04/2023	195,216	21,283	-2,954	31/12/2021	943
28/03/2023	181,630	13,361	-1,545	30/09/2021	933
21/03/2023	158,605	3,462	-12,351	30/06/2021	878
14/03/2023	140,331	-1,219	-14,156	31/03/2021	835
07/03/2023	98,474	-7,782	-7,720	31/12/2020	928
28/02/2023	108 593	-54	-6.038	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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