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Extended sell off across commodities following a record rally

Spot gold rebounded toward \$4,700/oz after briefly falling to \$4,404/oz, its lowest level since January 2026, as profit-taking accelerated following last week’s historic rally. Despite the bounce, gold remains down over 3% from the prior close, while silver is sharply weaker, falling nearly 6% to around \$80, showing broad liquidation across precious metals. The latest selloff follows Friday’s steep decline, triggered by Trump’s nomination of Kevin Warsh as the next Fed Chair, seen as a comparatively hawkish pick, helping restore confidence in Fed independence and supporting a U.S. dollar recovery, which pressured gold. Gold reached record highs last week fueled by strong central-bank buying and the “debasement trade,” amplified by momentum flows and speculative activity, particularly from China, which intensified the correction. Markets now await US ISM Manufacturing PMI, with a weaker print potentially weighing on the dollar and offering short-term support to gold. Gold to remain vulnerable in near-term to a firmer dollar and sticky inflation, but medium-term support stays intact on geopolitical risks and sustained official-sector demand.

WTI crude prices slid nearly 5% to around \$61.90/bbl on Monday after Trump said Iran was “seriously talking” with Washington, signaling possible de-escalation with a key OPEC member and easing fears of supply disruptions. The absence of fresh escalation in the Middle East, alongside improving supply conditions from fewer disruptions in the U.S. and Kazakhstan, added further downside pressure. Meanwhile, OPEC+ reaffirmed its March output plan, keeping production unchanged after previously freezing additional increases through March 2026 amid seasonally softer demand. Crude may remain capped near-term as geopolitical risk premium fades, but downside should be cushioned by OPEC+ discipline and demand recovery signals.

LME base metals opened weaker, with copper extending losses to \$12,414/tonne and MCX prices slipping below Rs1,200/kg, as traders reassess positioning amid heightened volatility and ahead of China’s Lunar New Year holiday, which typically dampens near-term demand. Copper price action now hinges on a revival in physical demand, particularly from China. Near-term upside potential stays limited after plunging over 15% from last week’s record highs, as the pre-Chinese Lunar New Year period (leading to February 17) sees typical inventory accumulation and deferred restocking by fabricators.

US natural gas futures slid over 15% to \$3.70/MMBtu on Monday, sharply reversing last week’s rally as updated forecasts pointed to milder-than-normal temperatures across much of the US, reducing expected heating demand. Although parts of the South remain colder, NOAA projections suggest warmth will dominate, easing consumption for both residential heating and power generation. Volatility remains elevated after February contracts hit a three-year high before expiry, while March spiked on conflicting weather signals despite supportive storage data.

This week, markets will focus on U.S. jobs report for cues on the timing of the next Fed rate cut, with current market pricing suggesting no easing until Jerome Powell’s term ends in May. Also, trilateral talks between the U.S., Russia, and Ukraine, scheduled for February 4–5 in Abu Dhabi, aimed at ending the war will be closely watched.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
02-Feb-2026	20:30	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	48.5	47.9
	23:00	USD	FOMC Member Bostic Speaks		

Source: Forexfactory

Evening Track

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
Commodities	Spot Gold	4207.8	4469.4	4550.2	4681.1	4811.9	4892.7	5154.3
	MCX Gold Apr	128205	137806	140771	145571	150371	153336	162937
	Spot Silver	58.77	70.81	74.53	80.54	86.56	90.28	102.31
	MCX Silver Mar	185472	216834	226521	242202	257883	267570	298932
	MCX Copper Feb	1122.0	1180.1	1198.1	1227.2	1256.2	1274.2	1332.3
	MCX Zinc Feb	306.4	317.0	320.3	325.6	330.9	334.2	344.8
	MCX Lead Feb	183.4	188.0	189.4	191.8	194.1	195.5	200.1
	MCX Aluminium Feb	292.5	304.4	308.0	313.9	319.8	323.4	335.3
	MCX Crude Oil Feb	5384	5554	5607	5692	5777	5830	6000
	MCX Natural Gas Feb	280.25	310.24	319.50	334.50	349.50	358.76	388.75

Source: Bloomberg, KS Commodity Research

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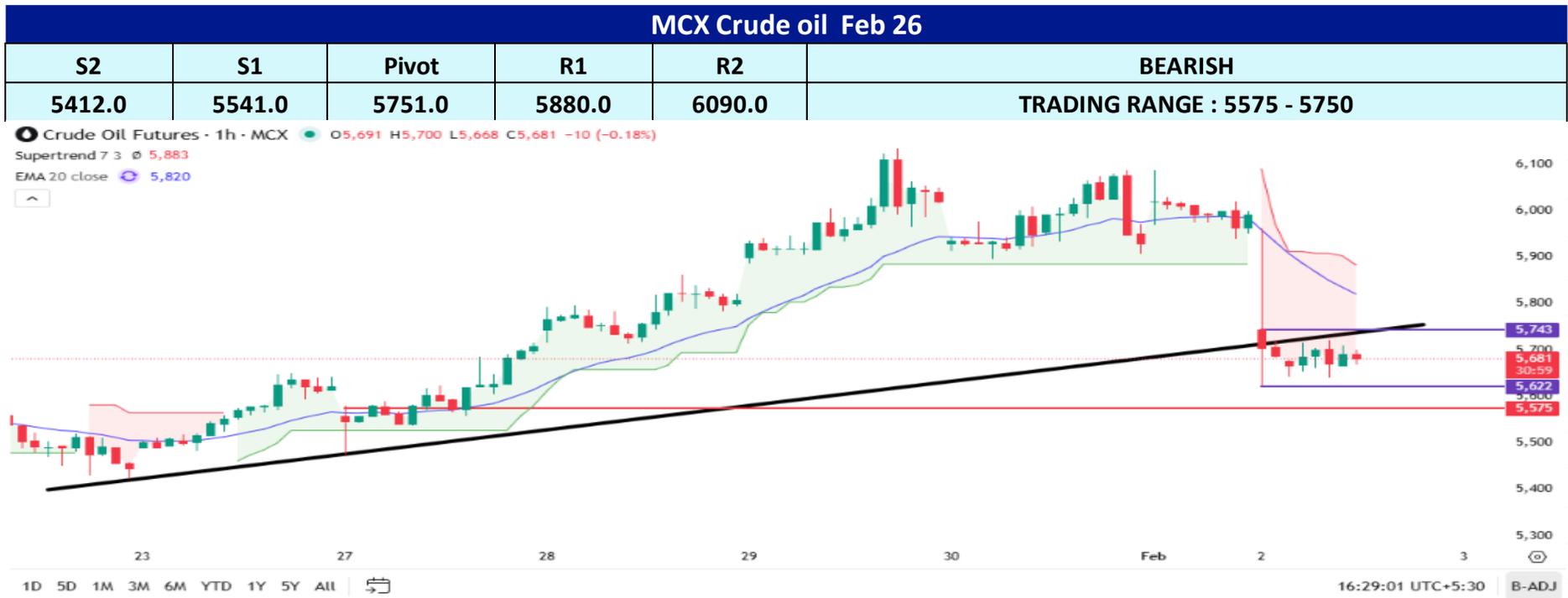


Chart Source: Trading view

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