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**GOLD** :Technically, day trend may remain down today. Gold has support at 76000 and resistance at 77700.

**SILVER** :Technically, the trend may remain down in silver today. It has support at 90000 and resistance at 93000.



### **Gold & Silver overview:**

Gold prices remained steady on Monday, nursing some losses from recent sessions as investors remained biased towards the dollar before the Federal Reserve's final meeting for the year. Gold saw some bids last week on the prospect of lower U.S. interest rates in the near-term. But this was offset by uncertainty over the long-term outlook for rates, which the Fed is likely to elaborate on this week.

Silver prices were also pressured by a strong dollar, with mixed economic readings from China doing little to inspire confidence in demand. However, it gained slightly with other industrial metals and painted a mixed picture of the Chinese economy. While industrial production grew as expected in November, retail sales growth slowed sharply, while fixed asset investment growth disappointed in Chinese economy. Traders also waiting for Fed's meeting outcome which is scheduled tomorrow late night.



**CRUDE OIL**: Technically, the day trend may remain down in crude oil today. It has support at 5900 and resistance at 6100.

**NATURAL GAS:** Prices may continue the downside move today. It has support at 260 and resistance at 285.



### <u>Crude oil & Natural gas</u> <u>overview:</u>

Oil futures dropped from their highest levels in weeks on Monday, pressured by weakness in consumer spending in China, the world's largest oil importer. Chinese industrial output growth quickened slightly in November, but retail sales were slower than expected, keeping pressure on China to ramp up stimulus for a fragile economy facing U.S. trade tariffs under a second Trump administration. The Chinese outlook contributed the decision by oil producer group OPEC+ to postpone plans for higher output until April.

Natural gas prices declined sharply by 2% yesterday as increasing supplies and rising production ramps up in anticipation of higher demand during the winter season and growing flows to liquefied natural gas exports. Weather forecasts predict mostly warmer-than-normal temperatures through December 28, except for a brief colder-than-normal period from December 21-23.



### **Technical levels:**

**COPPER:** Copper formed a Doji candle yesterday, indicating indecision in the market after a three-day decline. The 800 level is a crucial support, while resistance is expected at 824.

**ZINC:** Zinc, after a period of consolidation, broke below the range and experienced a sharp decline. The major support level is now at 282, while resistance is expected at 291.

**ALUMINUM:** Aluminum is currently trading within a narrow range of 242 to 247. A breakout from either end of this range could lead to a significant price movement.



### **Base metals overview:**

The US December S&P Global Manufacturing PMI preliminary reading came in at 48.3, lower than expected and hitting a three-month low. Although the services sector still exceeded expectations in growth, the US dollar index fell back from highs overnight, providing some support to copper prices. Additionally, the PBoC stated that it would implement appropriately accommodative monetary policies, including timely RRR cuts and interest rate cuts, which also benefited copper prices.



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