

Precious Metals: Higher \$USA Dollar, bond yields, lower crude oil pressure Gold and Silver

Gold and **Silver prices** are down in midday U.S. trading Monday, with silver prices sharply lower. U.S. Treasury yields are on the rise and at multi-year highs, the U.S. dollar index hit a fresh 6.5-month high today and crude oil prices are lower. These are all bearish daily outside market influences on the precious metals markets. **December Gold** was last down \$9.30 at \$1,936.50 and **December Silver** was down \$0.504 at \$23.34.

The metals market bulls also have a still-hawkish Federal Reserve working against them.

Traders and investors are in risk-off moods to start the trading week, amid the high potential for a U.S. government shutdown. The U.S. House and Senate return Tuesday after a long weekend in observance of Yom Kippur. The Senate will vote on a measure Tuesday to take up a short-term funding solution, called a continuing resolution. The **Gold** and **Silver** market bulls are frustrated their metals have not seen any notable safe-haven demand, despite several elements that are very worrisome

to the marketplace. ***However, don't rule out some keener safe-haven buying in gold and silver if any of the worrisome elements, mentioned above, move from a simmer to a boil.***

Technically, *December Gold* futures bears have the firm overall near-term technical advantage. A four-month-old downtrend is in place on the daily bar chart. Bulls' next upside price objective is to produce a close above solid resistance at last week's high of \$1,968.90. Bears' next near-term downside price objective is pushing futures prices below solid technical support at the August low of \$1,913.60. First resistance is seen at today's high of \$1,946.80 and then at \$1,950.00. First support is seen at last week's low of \$1,933.10 and then at the September low of \$1,921.70

December Silver futures bears have the overall near-term technical advantage. However, there are solid technical support levels just below the market that begin to suggest a market bottom is in place. Silver bulls' next upside price objective is closing prices above solid technical resistance at \$25.00. The next downside price objective

for the bears is closing prices below solid support at the September low of \$22.555. First resistance is seen at \$23.75 and then at last week's high of \$24.05. Next support is seen at last week's low of \$23.06 and then at \$23.00.