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Gold	Today	Change	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	\$1,180.60	+\$6.40	\$1196.80	\$1,189.00	\$1315.50

It was another quiet day on the global gold markets on Friday as the price of gold held steady for most of the session. Spot gold ended the day up \$1.30 an ounce to close out the week at \$1174.20 per ounce.

The Chinese stock market sold off sharply with the main Shanghai index down over 7%. The Shanghai index is now down more than 20% from the late springtime high. Traders and investors next week will keep a very close eye on Chinese markets, and any contagion effect that may develop.

China's central bank the Peoples Bank of China (PBoC) cut its benchmark lending rate to a record low and lowered reserve-requirement ratios for some lenders, after stocks plunged and local government bond sales drained liquidity.

In the fourth cut since November, the one-year lending rate will be reduced by 25 basis points to 4.85% effective June 28. The one-year deposit rate will fall by 25 basis points to 2 percent, while reserve ratios for some lenders including city commercial and rural commercial banks will be cut by 50 basis points, according to the statement.

The easing follows the biggest drop in the stock market in five months and four-week rise in money-market rates as lenders hoard cash to meet quarter-end regulatory requirements.

The Greek prime-minister, Alexis Tsipras, called a referendum on 5 July for voters to decide whether to accept a bailout deal offered by international

creditors.

On Sunday, Speaking on live TV, Alexis Tsipras told viewers that the capital controls are being imposed in Greece and that the central bank has been forced to recommend a bank holiday.

He blamed the ECB, and other institutions, for trying to obstruct the democratic referendum he has called for next Sunday. This is an "insult" that shames European democracy, he says.

Tsipras also appeals for calm, and he insists that bank deposits are secure.



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