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Gold	Today	Change	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	\$1,168.20	-\$1.60	\$1176.10	\$1,172.50	\$1313.25

Gold prices were marginally firmer on Monday after hitting a three and a half month low. August gold closed up \$8.90 an ounce at \$1,172.50 an ounce and spot gold ended the day at \$1169.80 per ounce.

The citizens of Greece rejected international creditors demand in a referendum on Sunday by an overwhelming majority.

About 61% of voters in Greece rejected a bailout package demanded by Greece's European creditors and the International Monetary Fund. The "no" vote on Sunday leaves the possibility of a "Grexit" wide open, as experts said Greek banks have just days of liquidity remaining. A "Grexit" would mean a return to the drachma for Greece or the creation of an alternative currency.

Greece Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis resigned on Monday in an attempt to give his government more leverage in negotiations, which have been heated under his tenure. Reports said Euclid Tsakalotos, a member of the Greek parliament since 2012 and the nation's bailout negotiator, will succeed Varoufakis.

Meanwhile, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose nation holds the largest amount of Greek debt, flew to Paris on Monday to meet with French President Francois Hollande to discuss how debt talks will proceed, if at all.

The European Central Bank has tightened liquidity conditions for the Greek banking system.

The central bank continued its freeze on emergency liquidity assistance (ELA) after Germany warned that the country would be cast adrift and left to go bankrupt unless it agreed to much deeper concessions than anything offered so far.

Sigmar Gabriel, the German vice-chancellor, said. "The final bankruptcy now appears imminent." The Greek leaders have been told that they have a deadline of Tuesday afternoon to come up with new proposals from Athens.

Greek banks are fast running out of money despite been propped up for months by funds provided to the nation's central bank through the ECB's Emergency Liquidity Assistance (ELA) scheme.

The ECB last month froze the ELA to the Greek central bank at 89 billion euros (80.5 billion dollars), paving the way for the introduction of cash controls in the country.



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