

ECONOMIC RELEASE

EZ

ECB Deposit Rate, Exp 2.50% Last 2.25%
ECB Refinancing Rate, Exp 2.65% Last 2.40%

US

PPI Machine Mfg, Last 199 PPI Final Demand YY, Exp 5.3% Last 4.7%
Initial Jobless Clm, Exp 205K Last 206K Existing Home Sales, Exp 3.98M Last 4.06M

UK

RICS Housing Survey, Exp -31 Last -30

Believe It Or Not!!

An Italian man is under investigation after authorities at Turin's Caselle airport discovered the head of an endangered crocodile concealed in his luggage.

Officials from Italy's financial police squad in Turin said in a statement that the man was arriving from Miami by way of Istanbul. The financial police have been cooperating with customs officials for increased checks regarding trade in protected and endangered species, the statement said. Authorities found the head during a search of the passenger's luggage.

"Specifically, the reptile's head had been dried and wrapped in ordinary wrapping paper, thus evading security in the country of departure," the statement said.

Border authorities seized the head and placed the passenger under investigation for allegedly smuggling a specimen belonging to a protected species without the proper certificate or license. If convicted, the man could face a fine of 20,000 to 200,000 euros or a prison term of six months to a year.

Crocodiles are among the animals protected by the Washington Convention, a global agreement signed in 1973 to safeguard endangered plants and animals from illegal trade.

Italy is a hub for illegal trade in exotic animals. The Guardian reported, much of it based in organized crime. However, it also noted that tourists may bring home items such as dried crocodile heads as souvenirs, unaware that they are illegal. The heads are commonly found in souvenir shops throughout Florida.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

	SUPPORT		SPOT	Δ	RESISTANCE		COMMENTS
EUR/USD	1.1460	1.1617	1.1640	0.04%	1.1874 - 1.2049		EUR/USD is trading near 1.1640, supported by hawkish ECB tone. Attention will shift to the ECB interest rate decision today that will be a focal point, with expectation of 25bps interest rate hike. Meanwhile, the ECB and FED comments along with geopolitical tensions should also be monitored for further trading cues.
USD/JPY	152.00 - 153.00		153.45	0.07%	154.00 - 155.00		USD/JPY gains some ground amid rising treasury yields. Traders will further take cues from the release of the US PPI, which, along with weekly initial jobless and Fed speak, would drive the USD some impetus to the pair. However, the ME developments, and market sentiment remain key factors to watch, as they could alter the pair direction.
GBP/USD	1.3380 - 1.3420		1.3555	0.00%	1.3653 - 1.4052		GBP/USD Mostly flat near 1.3555 level. The US economic calendar will draw interest today ahead of tomorrow's UK GDP data that could provide fresh direction for the pair. However, the ME tensions and oil prices should continue be monitoring, as they could alter the pair's direction in the near term.
USD/CHF	0.7889 - 0.8012		0.8095	0.06%	0.8143 - 0.8207		USD/CHF Is currently trading right around 0.8090 level. Traders await the US PPI data today ahead of tomorrow's US CPI that could provide some meaningful impetus to the major. Meanwhile, market players should also monitor treasury yields, FED rate expectations, and geopolitical tensions for fresh imputes.

AROUND THE WORLD

CURRENCY	COUNTRY	RATE	Δ
USD / LBP		89500.00	0.00%
AUD / USD		0.7218	-0.17%
USD / CAD		1.3808	0.28%
USD / BRL		5.1034	0.26%
USD / AED		3.6728	0.00%
USD / SAR		3.7549	0.00%
USD / KWD		0.3067	0.00%
USD / JOD		0.7090	0.00%
XAU	GOLD	4419.00	0.71%
XAG	SILVER	67.65	1.65%
WTI	OIL	96.13	2.21%

INTERBANK RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP	JPY
1 MONTH	3.66	2.13	3.85	0.85
3 MONTHS	3.98	2.57	4.04	1.23
6 MONTHS	4.20	2.77	4.28	1.40
1 YEAR	4.53	3.09	4.68	1.66

BEIRUT STOCK EXCHANGE

USD	CLOSE	Δ	VOLUME	HIGH	LOW
SOL A	70.95	-1.46%	11,268	71.00	70.00
SOL B	72.00	0.00%	3,700	72.95	72.00
Ciments Libanais	50.00	0.00%	0	-	-
AUDI GDR	1.83	0.00%	0	-	-
BLOM GDR	7.02	0.00%	0	-	-
BYBLOS	0.65	0.00%	5,000	0.65	0.65

STOCK INDICES

DOW JONES		52,380.66	-0.77%
NASDAQ		26,253.34	-0.64%
S&P 500		7,636.36	-0.48%

CAC 40		8,156.67	-1.94%
FTSE		10,670.06	-1.31%
GDAX		25,576.45	-1.66%

NIKKEI		64,861.45	-0.67%
HANG SENG		24,954.69	-1.18%
SHANGHAI		3,937.25	-0.31%

EUROBONDS

		COUPON	MATURITY	PRICE		YIELD	
				Bid	Ask	Yield-Bid	Yield-Offer
LEBANON APR 21	USD	8.250%	12-Apr-21	29.250	31.250	-	-
LEBANON OCT 22	USD	6.100%	04-Oct-22	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON JAN 23	USD	6.000%	27-Jan-23	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON MAY 23	USD	6.400%	26-May-23	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON APR 24	USD	6.650%	22-Apr-24	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON NOV 24	USD	6.250%	04-Nov-24	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON DEC 24	USD	7.000%	03-Dec-24	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON FEB 25	USD	6.200%	26-Feb-25	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON JUN 25	USD	6.250%	12-Jun-25	26.750	28.750	-	-
LEBANON NOV 26	USD	6.600%	27-Nov-26	27.000	29.000	1265.81%	1152.19%
LEBANON MAR 27	USD	6.850%	23-Mar-27	27.000	29.000	517.62%	470.71%
LEBANON NOV 27	USD	6.750%	29-Nov-27	27.250	29.250	159.24%	148.55%
LEBANON MAR 28	USD	7.000%	20-Mar-28	27.250	29.250	124.86%	116.83%
LEBANON NOV 28	USD	6.650%	03-Nov-28	27.250	29.250	87.03%	81.79%
LEBANON MAY 29	USD	6.850%	25-May-29	27.250	29.250	70.61%	66.50%
LEBANON FEB 30	USD	6.650%	26-Feb-30	27.250	29.250	57.06%	53.82%
LEBANON APR 31	USD	7.000%	22-Apr-31	27.500	29.500	46.33%	43.78%
LEBANON MAR 32	USD	7.000%	23-Mar-32	27.750	29.750	40.85%	38.62%
LEBANON MAY 33	USD	8.200%	17-May-33	29.000	31.000	38.20%	36.17%
LEBANON MAY 34	USD	8.250%	17-May-34	29.000	31.000	35.91%	33.99%
LEBANON NOV 35	USD	7.050%	02-Nov-35	28.500	30.500	30.78%	29.11%
LEBANON MAR 37	USD	7.250%	23-Mar-37	28.500	30.500	29.70%	28.06%

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