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Economic and political news

Former President, Jacob Zuma, stated that corruption charges relating to the USD2.5bn arms deal against him should be dropped because he had done nothing wrong. Meanwhile, the Durban court postponed Zuma's hearing to 27 July and added that it will be moved to the High Court in Pietermaritzburg.

According to a news report, the government has reached a three-year wage agreement with its 1.30mn workers in which public servants will be given hikes of 6.0%-7.0% for the year ended March 2019 and by as much as 1.0% point more than the consumer inflation rate for the following two years.

News reports indicated that South African police have raided offices of India's Bank of Baroda and seized documents as part of an investigation into state corruption under former President, Jacob Zuma.

President, Cyril Ramaphosa, insisted that land reform is essential and stated that if it is well handled, it will help to bind the nation together and produce benefits for everyone.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) has confirmed the election of Natasha Mazzone as the party's Deputy Federal Council Chairperson.

South Africa Market

South African markets closed lower

South African markets closed in the red on Friday, weighed down by losses in platinum mining, retail and industrial sector stocks. The JSE All Share Index fell 0.3% to close at 58,223.72.



UK Market

The FTSE 100 futures are trading in positive territory

UK markets finished lower on Friday, amid broad selloff in European equities and led by losses in financial and mining sector stocks. The FTSE 100 Index declined 0.3% to close at 7,681.07.



Key indices

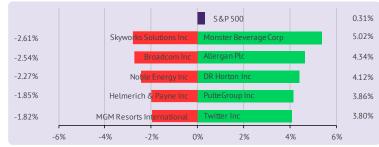
| | Last close | | 1 Day Chg | 1 D % Chg | WTD % Chg | MTD % Chg | Prev. month % Chg | YTD % Chọ |
|--------------------------|------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| JSE All Share | 58223.72 | ▼ | -167.92 | -0.29 | NA | 3.68 | -3.60 | -2.15 |
| JSE Top 40 | 51881.93 | ▼ | -155.76 | -0.30 | NA | 4.21 | -3.18 | -1.24 |
| FTSE 100 | 7681.07 | ▼ | -23.33 | -0.30 | NA | 0.04 | 2.25 | -0.09 |
| DAX 30 | 12766.55 | ▼ | -44.50 | -0.35 | NA | 1.28 | -0.06 | -1.17 |
| CAC 40 | 5450.22 | | 1.86 | 0.03 | NA | 0.96 | -2.21 | 2.59 |
| S&P 500 | 2779.03 | | 8.66 | 0.31 | NA | 2.73 | 2.16 | 3.94 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 7645.51 | | 10.44 | 0.14 | NA | 2.73 | 5.32 | 10.75 |
| DJIA | 25316.53 | | 75.12 | 0.30 | NA | 3.69 | 1.05 | 2.42 |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | 1135.39 | ▼ | -14.30 | -1.24 | NA | 1.31 | -3.75 | -1.99 |
| MSCI Developed World | 2137.74 | | 0.18 | 0.01 | NA | 2.14 | 0.31 | 1.63 |

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US Market

The S&P 500 futures are trading in the red

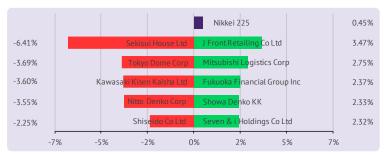
US markets closed higher on Friday, boosted by gains in consumer sector stocks. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.3% to close at 2,779.03.



Asian Market

Trading mostly higher

Asian markets are trading mostly higher this morning. The Nikkei 225 Index is trading 0.5% higher at 22,796.46.



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USD ZAR

USD trading weaker against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the US Dollar is trading marginally lower against the South African Rand at R13.0664. Amid lack of macroeconomic releases in the US today, investor sentiment will be determined by macroeconomic factors.

The US Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday.

GBP ZAR 🛛

GBP trading higher against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the British Pound climbed 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R17.5209. Later today, traders will keep an eye on UK's NEISR gross domestic product, trade balance, industrial and manufacturing production for further cues.

The British Pound advanced against the South African Rand on Friday. On the macro front, UK's consumer inflation expectations remained unchanged for the next 12 months.

EUR ZAR

EUR trading firmer against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Euro is trading 0.2% higher against the South African Rand at R15.4097. With no major economic news across the Eurozone, market sentiment will be determined by global macroeconomic news.

The Euro strengthened against the South African Rand on Friday. On the data front, Germany's trade surplus narrowed in April. Further, industrial production recorded an unexpected decline on a monthly basis in the same month.

AUD ZAR

AUD trading stronger against ZAR

At 06:00 SAST, the Australian Dollar climbed 0.1% against the South African Rand to trade at R9.9396. Meanwhile, in China, Australia's largest trading partner, the consumer price index rose annually in line with expectations in May. Further, the producer price index rose more than market forecast on an annual basis in the same month.

The Australian Dollar rose against the South African Rand on Friday.

| | | | 1 D % | WTD % | MTD % | Prev. month | YTD % |
|-----------------------|---------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | Current | | Chg | Chg | Chg | % Chg | Chg |
| USDZAR | 13.0664 | ▼ | 0.71 | NA | 2.90 | 1.91 | 5.53 |
| GBPZAR | 17.5209 | | 0.28 | NA | 3.65 | -1.58 | 4.68 |
| EURZAR | 15.4097 | | 0.31 | NA | 3.57 | -1.31 | 3.54 |
| AUDZAR | 9.9396 | | 0.19 | NA | 3.37 | 2.42 | 2.80 |
| EURUSD | 1.1793 | | -0.26 | NA | 0.65 | -3.19 | -1.97 |
| GBPUSD | 1.3410 | | -0.13 | NA | 0.80 | -3.38 | -0.80 |
| Brent (\$/barrel) | 76.5 | | -1.11 | NA | -1.42 | 3.84 | 14.34 |
| Gold (\$/oz) | 1303.5 | | -0.05 | NA | -0.15 | -1.45 | -0.86 |
| Platinum (\$/oz) | 911.3 | | 0.60 | NA | -0.48 | 0.63 | -3.05 |
| Copper (\$/MT)* | 7324.0 | ▼ | -0.09 | NA | 7.00 | 1.10 | 1.62 |
| *As of previous close | | | | | | | |

Gold 🔺

Trading in the green

At 06:00 SAST, gold prices advanced 0.4% to trade at \$1,303.50/oz.

On Friday, gold prices fell 0.1% to close at 1,298.10/oz, amid strength in the US Dollar.

Brent Crude Oil 🔺

Trading stronger

At 06:00 SAST, Brent crude oil marginally rose to trade at \$76.49/bl.

On Friday, Brent crude oil dropped 1.1% to settle at \$76.46/bl, amid growing concerns over rising US production and falling demand in China. Additionally, Baker Hughes reported that US oil rig count rose by 1 to 862 last week, notching its highest level since March 2015.

Platinum

Trading in positive territory

At 06:00 SAST, platinum prices edged 0.6% higher to trade at \$911.30/oz.

On Friday, platinum prices climbed 0.6% to close at \$905.70/oz.



Major South African corporate news

Harmony Gold Mining

The company announced that one of its employees was fatally injured in a fall of ground incident at its Bambanani mine in the Free State and has tragically succumbed to his injuries and that an investigation into the accident is underway.

Murray & Roberts Holdings Limited

The contractor expressed its disappointment regarding ATON GmbH's media statements setting out its views and assumptions on the potential combination of Murray & Roberts and Aveng Limited and added that the Board has applied to the Competition Tribunal for appropriate relief.

Major global economic news

Eurozone

In Germany, seasonally adjusted trade surplus narrowed to EUR20.40bn in April, compared to a surplus of EUR25.20bn in the previous month.

In Germany, seasonally adjusted industrial production unexpectedly eased 1.0% on a monthly basis in April, compared to a revised advance of 1.7% in the prior month.

US

In the US, on a monthly basis, the seasonally adjusted final wholesale inventories registered an unexpected rise of 0.1% in April, compared to a revised advance of 0.2% in the previous month. The preliminary figures had indicated a flat reading.

Economic calendar

| Country | SAST | Economic indicator | Relevance | Consensus/ *Actual | Previous | Frequency |
|---------------------------|-------|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Japan | 01:50 | Machinery Orders (MoM) (Apr) | \checkmark | 10.10%* | -3.90% | Monthly |
| Japan | 01:50 | Machinery Orders (YoY) (Apr) | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | 9.60%* | -2.40% | Monthly |
| Japan | 01:50 | Money Supply M3 (YoY) (May) | \checkmark | 2.70%* | 2.80% | Monthly |
| Japan | 01:50 | Money Supply M2+CD (YoY) (May) | \checkmark | 3.20%* | 3.30% | Monthly |
| Japan | 08:00 | Machine Tool Orders (YoY) (May) (P) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | - | 22.00% | Monthly |
| Italy | 10:00 | Industrial Production n.s.a. (YoY) (Apr) | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | - | -1.10% | Monthly |
| Italy | 10:00 | Industrial Production s.a. (Apr) | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | - | 117.80 | Monthly |
| Italy | 10:00 | Industrial Production s.a. (MoM) (Apr) | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | -0.50% | 1.20% | Monthly |
| Italy | 10:00 | Industrial Production w.d.a.(YoY) (Apr) | $\checkmark\checkmark$ | 3.60% | 3.60% | Monthly |
| UK UK | 10:30 | Industrial Production (YoY) (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | 2.70% | 2.90% | Monthly |
| UK | 10:30 | Manufacturing Production (MoM) (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | 0.30% | -0.10% | Monthly |
| UK UK | 10:30 | Manufacturing Production (YoY) (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | 3.10% | 2.90% | Monthly |
| UK | 10:30 | Industrial Production (MoM) (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | 0.10% | 0.10% | Monthly |
| ик | 10:30 | Construction Output s.a. (YoY) (Apr) | \checkmark | -1.40% | -4.90% | Monthly |
| UK | 10:30 | Total Trade Balance (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | -GBP2.50bn | -GBP3.09bn | Monthly |
| UK | 10:30 | Trade Balance; non-EU (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | -GBP3.20bn | -GBP3.64bn | Monthly |
| UK | 10:30 | Visible Trade Balance (Apr) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | -GBP11.40bn | -GBP12.29bn | Monthly |
| UK | 13:00 | NIESR GDP Estimate (3M) (May) | $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$ | 0.30% | 0.10% | Monthly |
| Note: 🗸 🗸 High | √√Med | lium √Low | | | | |



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40 best performers on the All Share Index

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| Company name | Last close | 1 Week % change | MTD % change | YTD % change |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Murray & Roberts Holdings Ltd | 1726 | -7.70 | -5.06 | 42.53 |
| Clover Industries Ltd | 1695 | -3.03 | -5.20 | 31.50 |
| Lewis Group Ltd | 3346 | -2.68 | 0.21 | 31.14 |
| Anglo American Plc | 32580 | 4.83 | 7.70 | 30.38 |
| BHP Billiton Plc | 30985 | 6.34 | 7.09 | 27.05 |
| Mondi Plc | 36777 | 4.70 | 4.49 | 22.73 |
| JSE Ltd | 18179 | 1.41 | 0.15 | 22.22 |
| Mondi Ltd | 36700 | 5.07 | 4.64 | 22.02 |
| Netcare Ltd | 2990 | 0.34 | 0.98 | 21.58 |
| Emira Property Fund Ltd | 1526 | -0.91 | -0.91 | 18.61 |
| RCL Foods Ltd | 1778 | -1.22 | -1.22 | 17.90 |
| Sasol Ltd | 49249 | 2.28 | 7.65 | 16.43 |
| Santam Ltd | 30482 | -0.88 | -1.67 | 16.35 |
| Octodec Investments Ltd | 2084 | 0.77 | -0.29 | 16.04 |
| South32 Ltd | 3800 | 4.11 | 7.04 | 14.91 |
| PSG Konsult Ltd | 990 | 2.17 | 3.45 | 14.75 |
| Echo Polska Properties NV | 1849 | 0.54 | -1.60 | 13.85 |
| Clicks Group Ltd | 20336 | 0.89 | 0.68 | 13.73 |
| Accelerate Property Fund Ltd | 585 | 1.74 | 2.81 | 13.59 |
| PPC Ltd | 790 | -0.63 | -2.59 | 13.34 |
| Raubex Group Ltd | 2225 | -3.26 | -1.51 | 13.23 |
| Reunert Ltd | 7760 | -1.97 | -2.63 | 13.14 |
| Hudaco Industries Ltd | 15774 | -0.79 | -0.25 | 12.22 |
| Famous Brands Ltd | 11500 | 4.55 | 4.45 | 11.66 |
| Pick n Pay Stores Ltd | 7574 | 2.02 | 2.77 | 11.10 |
| Telkom SA SOC Ltd | 5285 | 0.40 | 1.95 | 9.83 |
| Cie Financiere Richemont SA | 12258 | 5.44 | 5.12 | 9.69 |
| Nedbank Group Ltd | 27062 | -2.41 | -1.09 | 8.23 |
| Investec Plc | 9673 | 3.12 | 3.68 | 7.77 |
| AECI Ltd | 10433 | -3.40 | -3.39 | 7.58 |
| Vukile Property Fund Ltd | 2225 | 2.53 | 1.74 | 7.23 |
| Glencore Plc | 6766 | 5.32 | 8.19 | 7.16 |
| Standard Bank Group Ltd | 20462 | -3.06 | -1.34 | 7.10 |
| Hammerson Plc | 9385 | 1.22 | 1.00 | 6.94 |
| Adcock Ingram Holdings Ltd | 6150 | -3.91 | -5.95 | 6.76 |
| Investec Ltd | 9547 | 2.55 | 3.63 | 6.41 |
| Investec Property Fund Ltd | 1748 | -0.06 | 3.43 | 5.94 |
| City Lodge Hotels Ltd | 15044 | -3.27 | -3.61 | 5.83 |
| Shoprite Holdings Ltd | 23200 | 0.12 | -0.88 | 5.71 |
| Stenprop Ltd | 1985 | 4.47 | 4.47 | 5.35 |
| JSE All Share Index | 58224 | 1.64 | 3.68 | -2.15 |

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