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We are coming to you a bit later than usual in order to see the US Advance PMIs that are the last in that global series today as well as other data. As anticipated, the lighter economic data flow from early this week is over. This morning has brought other impacts that include the latest politico-economic pressure on US equities from President Trump's skepticism on the likelihood of his meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un occurring timely on June 12th. Might he just be adjusting expectations in spite of everyone else on the US and South Korean side still asserting it will occur timely? We shall see.

Yet what we know after weaker-than-expected European Advance PMIs and softer UK inflation data in spite of a hefty uptick in its industrial sales indices is that US equities have indeed sagged back to lower support (more below.) In addition to the US PMIs that were a bit stronger than expected, US New Home Sales were not quite as weak as expected in the wake of higher mortgage rates. Offsetting that is the US 10-year yield slippage back below the key 3.05% histori level.

It all highlights the continued US outperformance versus Europe, which is seeing its recent economic gains slip back to flat indications. Aside from the continued leadership of US equities, this is real reinforcement for the strength of the US dollar and relatively more elevated US yields. Of course, all of this is in front of the FOMC May 1-2 meeting minutes at 13:00 CDT today (14:00 EDT; 18:00 GMT.) And that is still a precursor for quite a bit more central bank communication and important economic data right through Friday.

This is the critical considerations:

After its test of 2,809, the June S&P 500 future failing to hold the 2,770-60 range into mid-March left it weak. It was therefore no real surprise it slipped below interim 2,700-10 and 2,660-50 areas. That entitled it to revisit the broader channel tested in the mid-2,500 area back in early February that had moved up to 2,620 in mid-March. The early April failure below it and weekly MA-41 allowed for further weakness to near lower support in the 2,550-32 range tested in early February.

As noted at that time, it was important to see if it could claw its way back above 2,600-20, which was accomplished later that week on the delay in imposing steel tariffs. That reinstated it as lower support. It finally pushed back above 2,650-60 in mid-April as well to test 2,700-10 area prior to weakening again late that week.

Back below 2,650-60 in late April and again after the May 2nd FOMC statement left lower 2,600-20 support more important again. That held late week three weeks ago, and finishing that week back above 2,650-60 was a very strong sign. Holding it two weeks ago despite US Iran nuclear deal withdrawal was a key indication. Above 2,700-10 again early this month left it support that was extensively retested and held all of last week, and is being retested now on the Trump NOKO meeting skepticism. Higher resistances remain back up at 2,760-70 and 2,810 area.

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