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Bitcoin Pulls Back After Record Surge, Market Sees Broad Correction

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Bitcoin, the world's largest cryptocurrency, took a noticeable step back Tuesday after a meteoric rise the previous day. Dropping by 3.57%, Bitcoin fell to roughly \$117,300 by midday GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), down from Monday's historic high above \$123,000. The dip reflects a broader market correction that has affected digital assets across the board.

Data from CoinMarketCap, a cryptocurrency market data aggregator, shows that the entire crypto market shed approximately 3.38% of its value over the past 24 hours, bringing the

total market capitalization to around \$3.67 trillion. The downturn affected most major tokens, including Ethereum (ETH), which lost 2.42% and fell just under the \$3,000 mark, closing at \$2,978.

This kind of volatility is not new in the digital asset space, where swift price swings are routine. What makes this correction notable is how it follows an aggressive rally that saw Bitcoin gain nearly 25% since the beginning of the year. Despite the pullback, market analysts remain largely optimistic, pointing to strong demand and limited supply as drivers of the cryptocurrency's longer-term bullish momentum.

"Corrections like these are healthy," said Marcus Thorne, a market strategist at Veritas Crypto. "Bitcoin's fundamentals remain solid, and investor confidence hasn't wavered. It's natural to see some profit-taking after such a rapid climb."

Ethereum, the second-largest cryptocurrency by market capitalization, experienced a more modest decline. Still, it has struggled to match Bitcoin's pace in recent weeks. Analysts point to lingering questions about its network upgrades and regulatory scrutiny under the current U.S. administration, which continues to push policies viewed by many in the tech and finance sectors as unfriendly to innovation and private enterprise.

The retreat in prices may also be linked to increasing speculation over the Federal Reserve's next moves on interest rates. A higher interest rate environment tends to cool enthusiasm for riskier assets like cryptocurrencies. With inflation remaining sticky and economic signals mixed, the Fed's path forward remains uncertain, a factor that continues to cast a shadow over financial markets broadly.

It's worth noting that while cryptocurrencies have been gaining traction as a hedge against centralized financial systems, they remain subject to global policy shifts and sentiment changes. Many industry voices have raised concerns about the regulatory posture of Western governments, especially under leadership that seems more focused on expanding control rather than encouraging innovation.

Still, the correction hasn't dented long-term optimism. As Bitcoin continues to gain acceptance in traditional financial circles and new investors enter the market, many believe this current dip is more of a breather than a reversal.