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police & militia to front

Regime sends police, militia to front

AA resumes Kyaukphyu assault



AA resumes Kyaukphyu-Sittwe push

POLITICS

- Junta propaganda claims full recapture of Tantlan town from Chin forces (July 16); a Chin spokesman dismisses it, saying troops only emerge for staged photos in the ruined, deserted town.
- Signs mount that the military is again running short of manpower despite a two-year forced-recruitment drive that has seized ~120,000 men at ~5,000/month.
- The regime continues to lose ground on the Arakan and Ayeyarwady fronts as new conscripts desert in double-digit groups.
- The post-June-16 Beijing summit keeps shaping the regime's positioning toward China, Russia and ASEAN.

ECONOMY

- The Rakhine blockade keeps basic-goods prices roughly five times central-Myanmar levels as shortages deepen.
- The parallel-market kyat weakens further toward ~4,560/USD against the pegged official 2,100.
- China-Myanmar trade near \$20 bn/year underpins Beijing's push to protect transit corridors and Kyaukphyu.
- The AA extends its parallel administration — taxes, courts and a nascent banking system — across Rakhine.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- The regime leans on China and Russia for diplomatic and material support amid ASEAN friction.
- Bangladesh's border-fence plans draw AA warnings that security needs engagement with Rakhine's de facto authorities.
- China-India corridor competition over Rakhine sharpens as the AA consolidates control.
- The junta continues efforts to re-engage ASEAN neighbours ahead of planned elections.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- The regime sends police and civilian militia into battle to offset acute troop shortages.
- New conscripts are pushed to the front lines untrained, many without weapons or the will to fight.
- Crime thrives along the China border even as the regime urges Chinese expats to vouch for tourist-site safety.
- Forced-recruitment fears persist across contested regions.

DEFENCE

- After a one-week rain-and-flood lull, the Arakan Army resumes its assault on the Kyaukphyu and Sittwe coastal enclaves.
- Undercover Chin defense operatives assassinate a junta police commander and two officers on a motorcycle in Hakha (July 17).
- The junta keeps up airstrikes on civilian targets in northern Rakhine as its map shrinks.
- The military presses its Chin/Magwe corridor campaign toward Hakha and key India-border trade routes.

HEALTH

- The Rakhine blockade keeps over two million people at risk of severe food insecurity, with prices multiples of central-Myanmar levels.
- Sustained attacks on healthcare continue against a backdrop of intensifying airstrikes.

EDUCATION

- Violence and poverty keep nearly half of school-age children out of school as the regime continues air raids on schools.
- Conscription drives pull youth out of education and into combat.

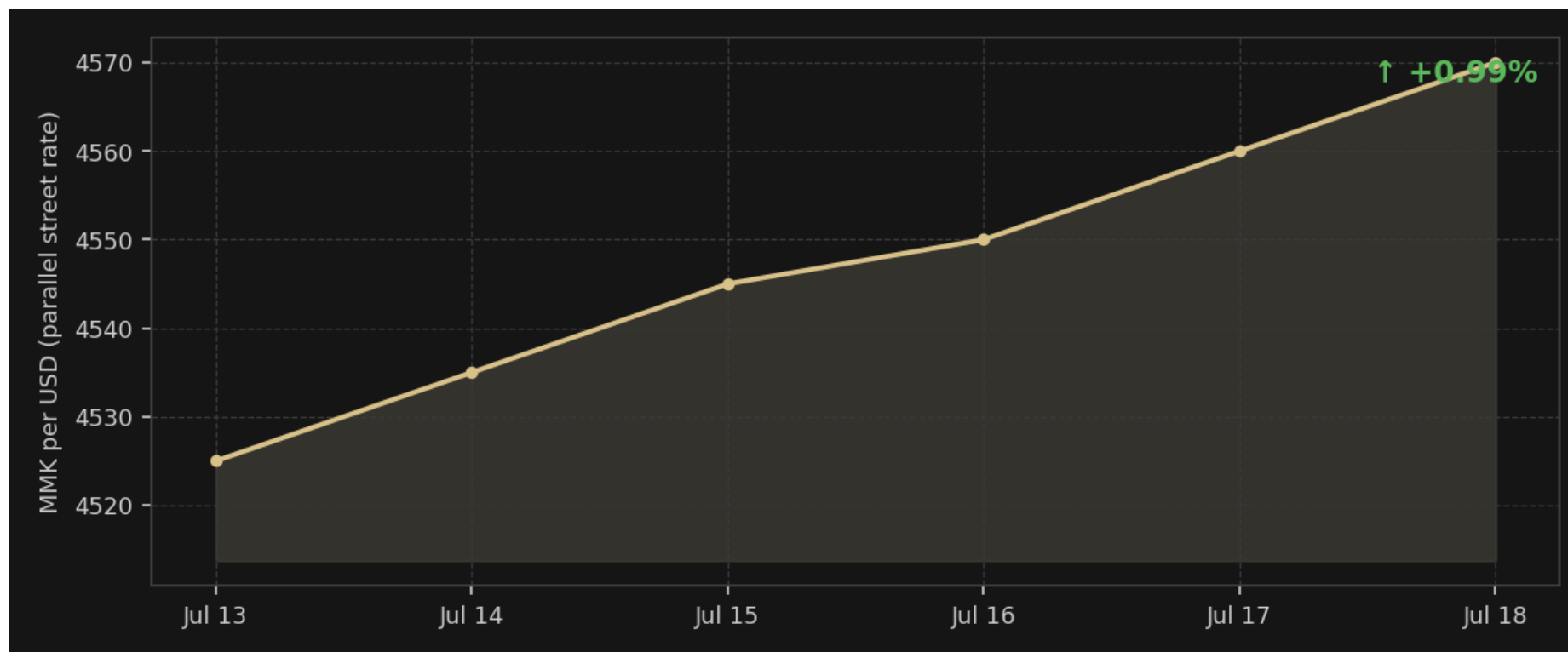
SOCIETY

- Tantlan lies in ruins and fully depopulated after years of junta bombing and arson.
- Displacement mounts across the Arakan and Ayeyarwady fronts as villagers flee raids and airstrikes.
- The AA's ceremonial 'Laong Pao' lottery signals a maturing Rakhine administration.
- Statue removals and symbol changes continue as the regime reshapes public space.

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1	13 Jul 2026	Defence	AA resumes its Kyaukphyu-Sittwe assault after a one-week rain-and-flood lull	Burma Coup Resistance Notes
2	14 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Regime sends police and civilian militia into battle to offset troop shortages	Burma Coup Resistance Notes
3	15 Jul 2026	Economy	Parallel-market kyat weakens toward ~4,560/USD against the pegged official 2,100	The Irrawaddy
4	16 Jul 2026	Politics	Junta claims full recapture of Tantlan; Chin spokesman dismisses it as staged	Burma Coup Resistance Notes
5	16 Jul 2026	Politics	Signs mount the military is again short of manpower despite mass conscription	Burma Coup Resistance Notes
6	16 Jul 2026	Society	Tantlan lies in ruins and fully depopulated after years of bombing and arson	The Irrawaddy
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12	18 Jul 2026	Defence	Military presses its Chin and Magwe corridor campaign toward Hakha	The Irrawaddy
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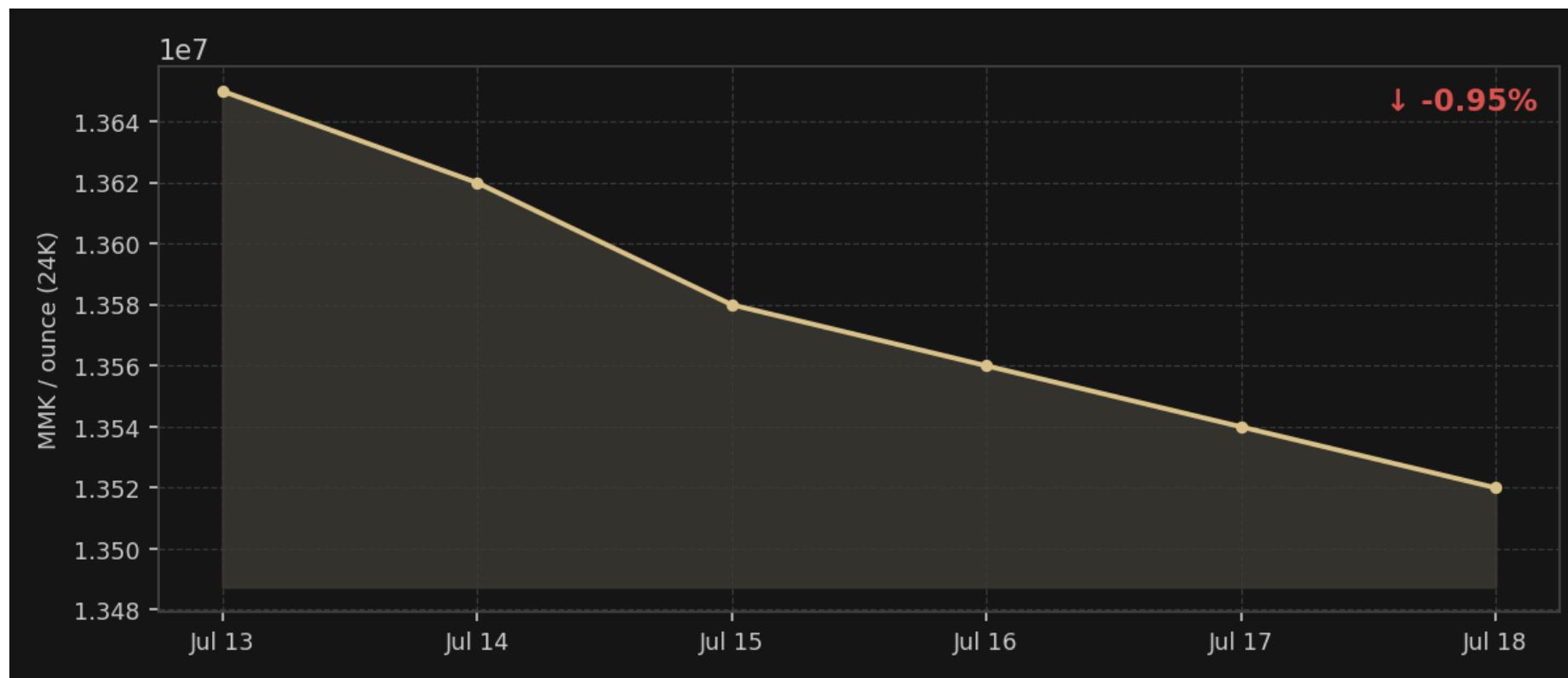
USD/MMK Exchange Rate (Parallel Street Rate)



The street rate weakened toward ~4,560/USD; the official CBM rate stays pegged far stronger at 2,100.

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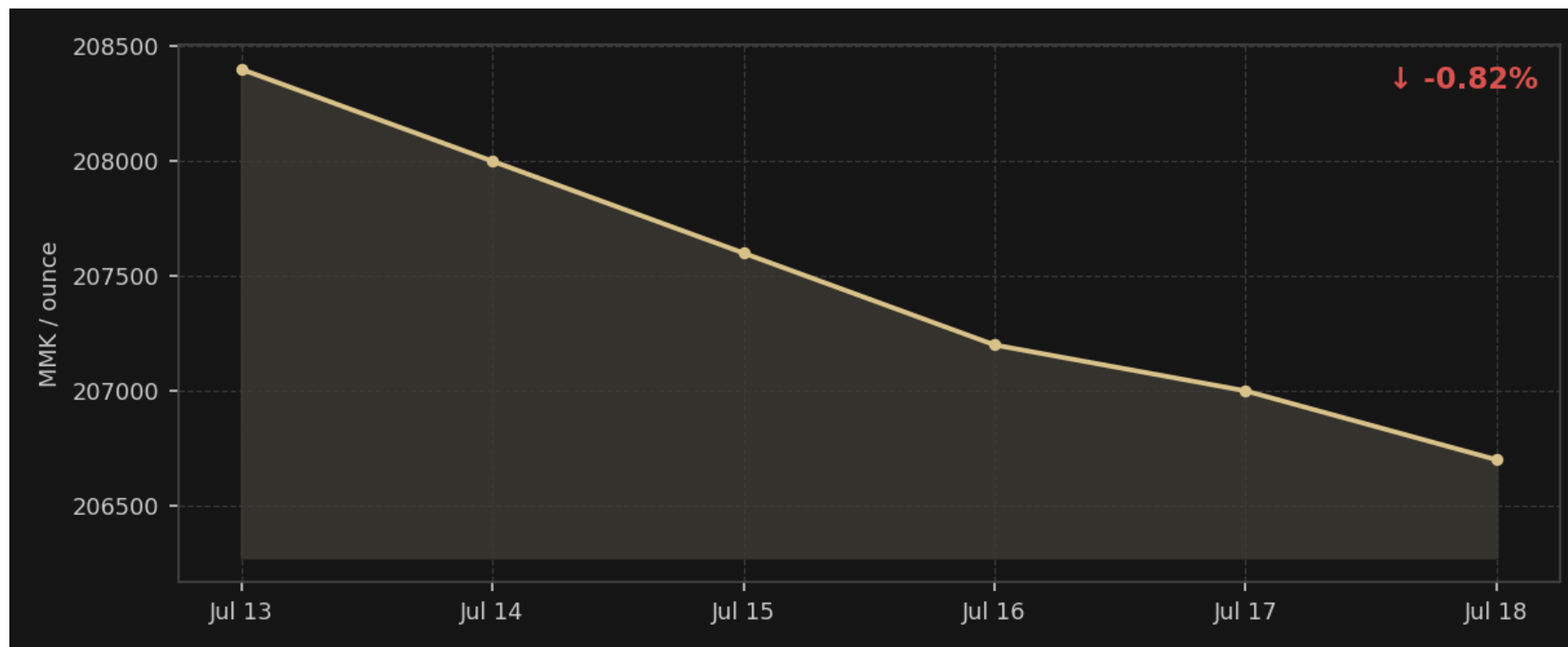
Gold Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Kyat gold eased with softer world prices (24K, $\approx$ market quotes).

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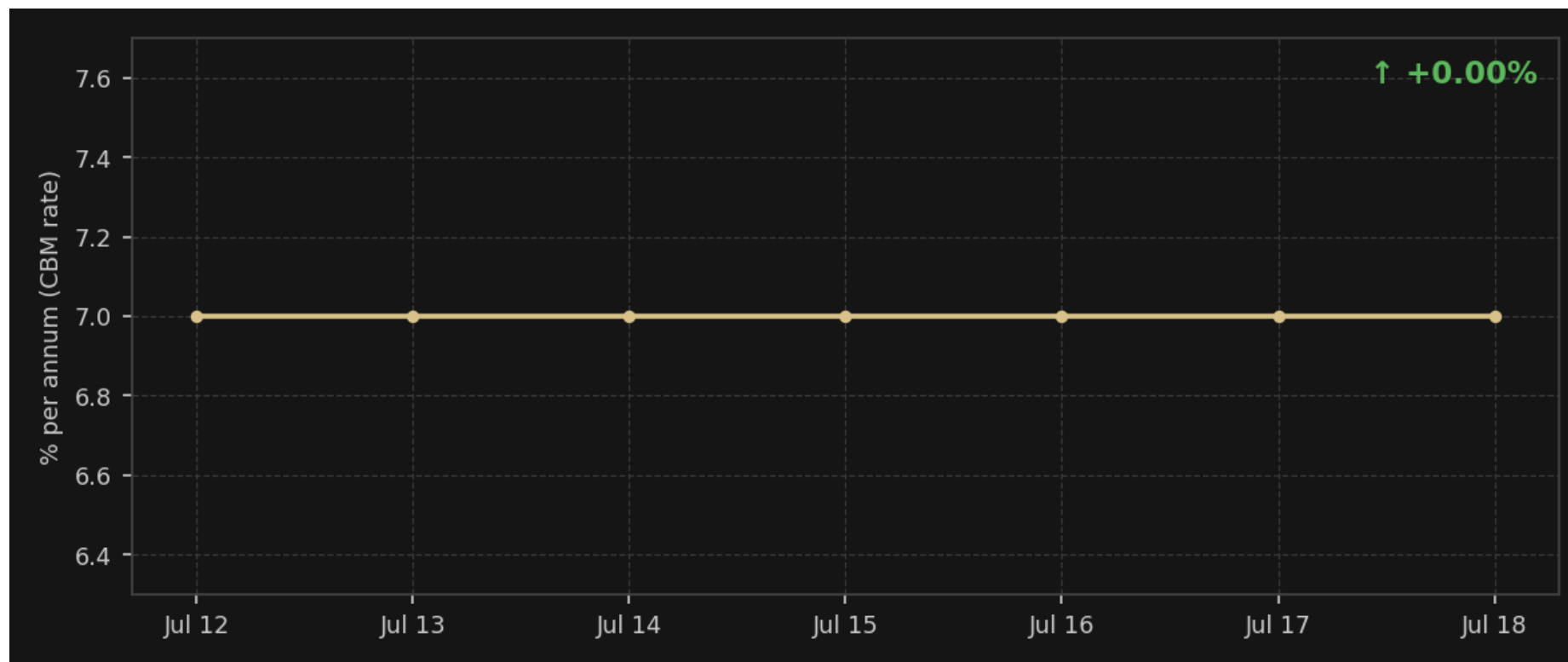
Silver Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Spot-derived silver slipped in kyat terms.

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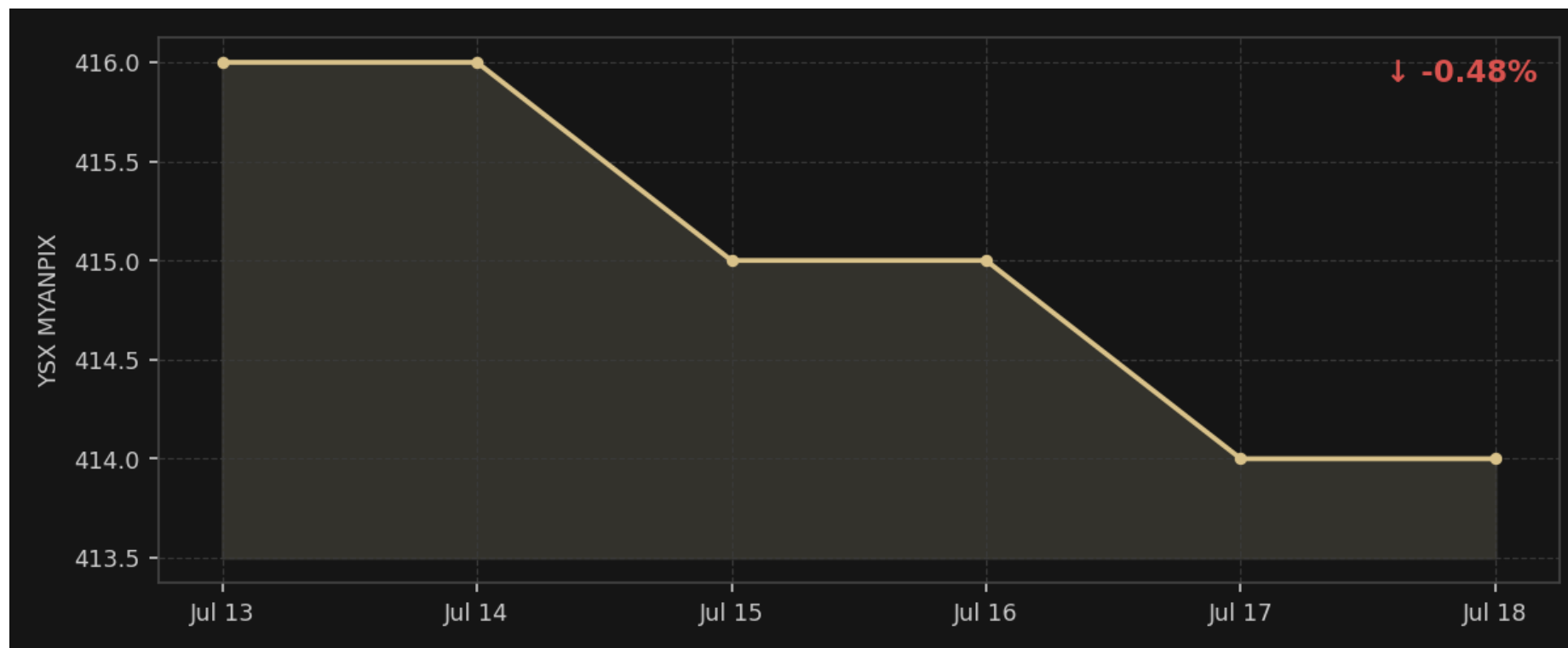
Central Bank of Myanmar — Central Bank Rate



The CBM's key rate was unchanged at 7.0% through the week.

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Yangon Stock Exchange — MYANPIX Index



The thinly traded MYANPIX drifted marginally lower amid minimal turnover.

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