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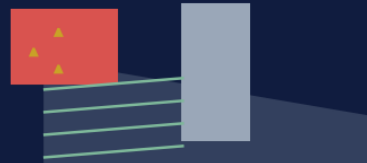
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ASEAN denied access

Regime denies ASEAN envoy Suu Kyi visit

Myitsone dam revived



China-backed Myitsone dam back on table



ACLED marks grim 5-year milestone

POLITICS

- Aftermath of the June 16 Xi-Min Aung Hlaing summit dominates: a spokeswoman confirms the China-backed Myitsone mega-dam was raised in Beijing, despite deep displacement and environmental concerns.
- The regime rejects an ASEAN special envoy's request to meet detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi, underscoring bloc tensions; her whereabouts remain unknown.
- The junta accuses the 'unpleasant' UN special envoy of ethical misconduct after she said conditions had worsened since the widely rejected elections.
- Independent monitor ACLED marks a grim five-year milestone since the 2021 coup plunged the country into civil war.

ECONOMY

- Reviving the China-backed Myitsone dam would hand Beijing a major hand in shaping Myanmar's future, analysts warn.
- The regime expands military schools and youth-training programs to rebuild ranks amid collapsing cadet enrolment.
- The parallel-market kyat weakens further past ~4,500/USD against the pegged official 2,100.
- Forced conscription and economic hardship drive more Myanmar nationals to seek work in Thailand.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- China-India-Bangladesh dynamics sharpen: the AA's Aung Marm Oo argues real border security requires engaging the Arakan Army, not just Dhaka's fence.
- Beijing's growing reliance on private hacker groups to target diaspora activists draws fresh scrutiny.
- ASEAN-junta friction deepens after the Suu Kyi access denial.
- US policy toward Myanmar remains a muddle of competing agency agendas, analysts note.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- The regime removes at least 12 public statues since 2021 — eight dismantled in June alone — as it reshapes symbols of authority.
- A crackdown leaves thousands of deportees and would-be migrants stranded in the border town of Muse.
- A Singapore-based firm is accused of undermining sanctions by supplying the regime with domestically produced oil.
- Junta troops shell a funeral in Mandalay's Kyaukpadaung as raids and reprisals continue.

DEFENCE

- The Arakan Army and allies resume attacks on the junta's hilltop Nat Yay Kan base in Magwe's Padan Township, drawing heavy artillery and airstrikes on nearby villages.
- A junta airstrike kills six civilians, including three children, in Palaw Township, Tanintharyi, the KNU says.
- The AA controls 14 of Rakhine's 17 townships plus Paletwa while pressing Sittwe and Kyaukphyu; random airstrikes on civilians persist.
- The military presses its Chin/Magwe corridor campaign to secure India-border trade routes.

HEALTH

- Fleeing marauding troops and intensifying battles, villagers urgently need food, medicine and shelter, aid groups say.
- The Rakhine blockade keeps over two million people at risk of severe food insecurity, with prices multiples of central-Myanmar levels.

EDUCATION

- The regime expands military schools and youth-training programs to recruit amid collapsing cadet enrolment since the coup.
- Conflict and conscription keep schools shut and disrupt learning across contested states.

SOCIETY

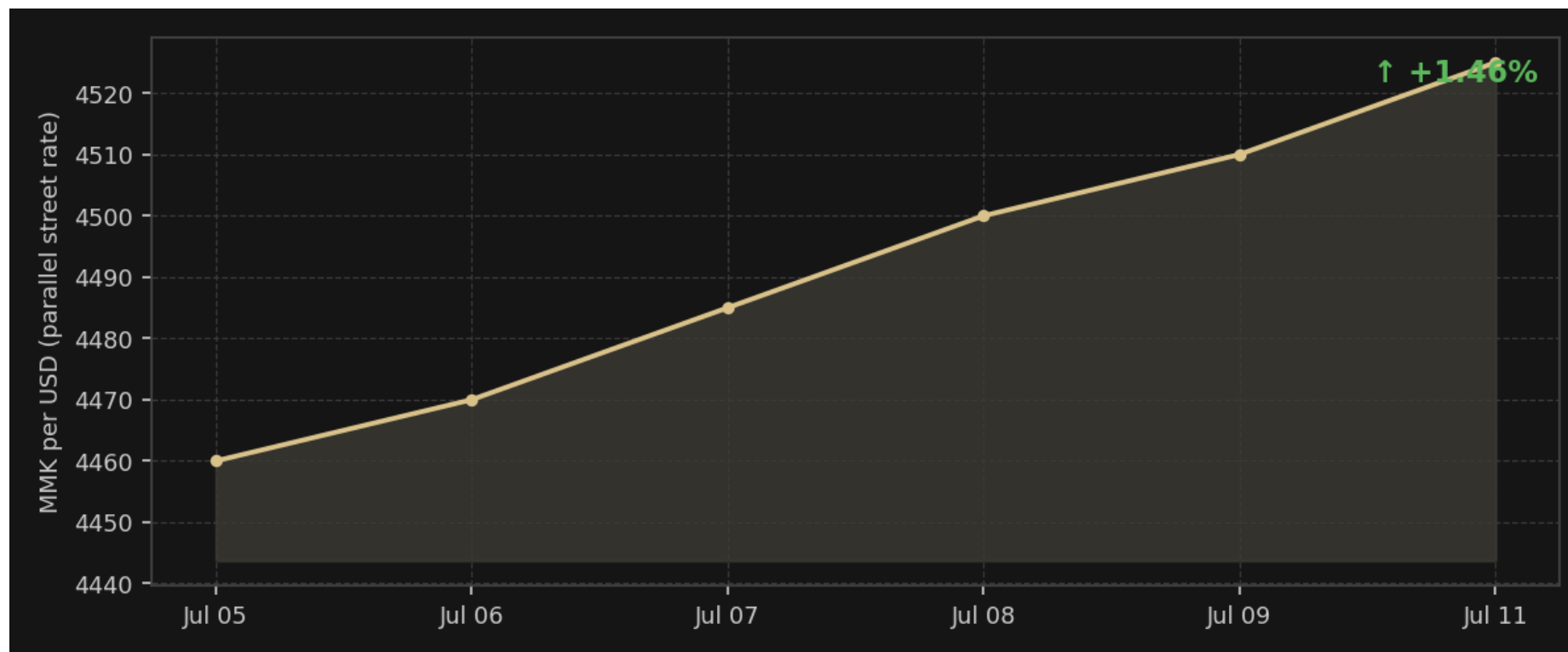
- A generation of Myanmar women writers forges a 'poetry of courage' even as poet-soldiers make headlines.
- Propaganda and prejudice continue to strip the Rohingya and other minorities of their humanity, commentators warn.
- Displacement mounts along multiple fronts as villagers flee raids and airstrikes.
- Statue removals and symbol changes signal the regime's tightening grip on public space.

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1	5 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	China-backed Myitsone dam was raised during Min Aung Hlaing's Beijing trip, spokeswoman confirms	The Irrawaddy
2	6 Jul 2026	Politics	Regime rejects ASEAN envoy's request to meet detained leader Aung San Suu Kyi	The Irrawaddy
3	6 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Regime has removed at least 12 public statues since 2021, eight of them in June	Myanmar Now
4	7 Jul 2026	Politics	Junta accuses UN special envoy of misconduct after she flags worsening conditions	The Irrawaddy
5	7 Jul 2026	Defence	AA and allies resume attacks on the junta's Nat Yay Kan base in Magwe's Padan Township	Liveuamap
6	8 Jul 2026	Politics	ACLED marks a grim five-year milestone since the 2021 coup plunged the country into war	The Irrawaddy
7	8 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Border crackdown strands thousands of deportees and would-be migrants in Muse	Myanmar Now
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11	9 Jul 2026	Economy	Regime expands military schools and youth-training programs amid collapsing enrolment	The Irrawaddy
12	10 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Beijing's reliance on private hacker groups to target diaspora activists draws scrutiny	The Irrawaddy
13	10 Jul 2026	Economy	Reviving the China-backed Myitsone dam would give Beijing a major hand in Myanmar's future	The Irrawaddy
14	10 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Junta troops shell a funeral in Mandalay's Kyaukpadaung amid continued raids	Liveuamap
15	11 Jul 2026	Economy	Parallel-market kyat weakens past ~4,500/USD against the pegged official 2,100	Myanmar Now
16	11 Jul 2026	Health	Villagers fleeing raids and battles urgently need food, medicine and shelter, aid groups say	The Irrawaddy

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17	11 Jul 2026	Society	A generation of Myanmar women writers forges a 'poetry of courage'	Myanmar Now

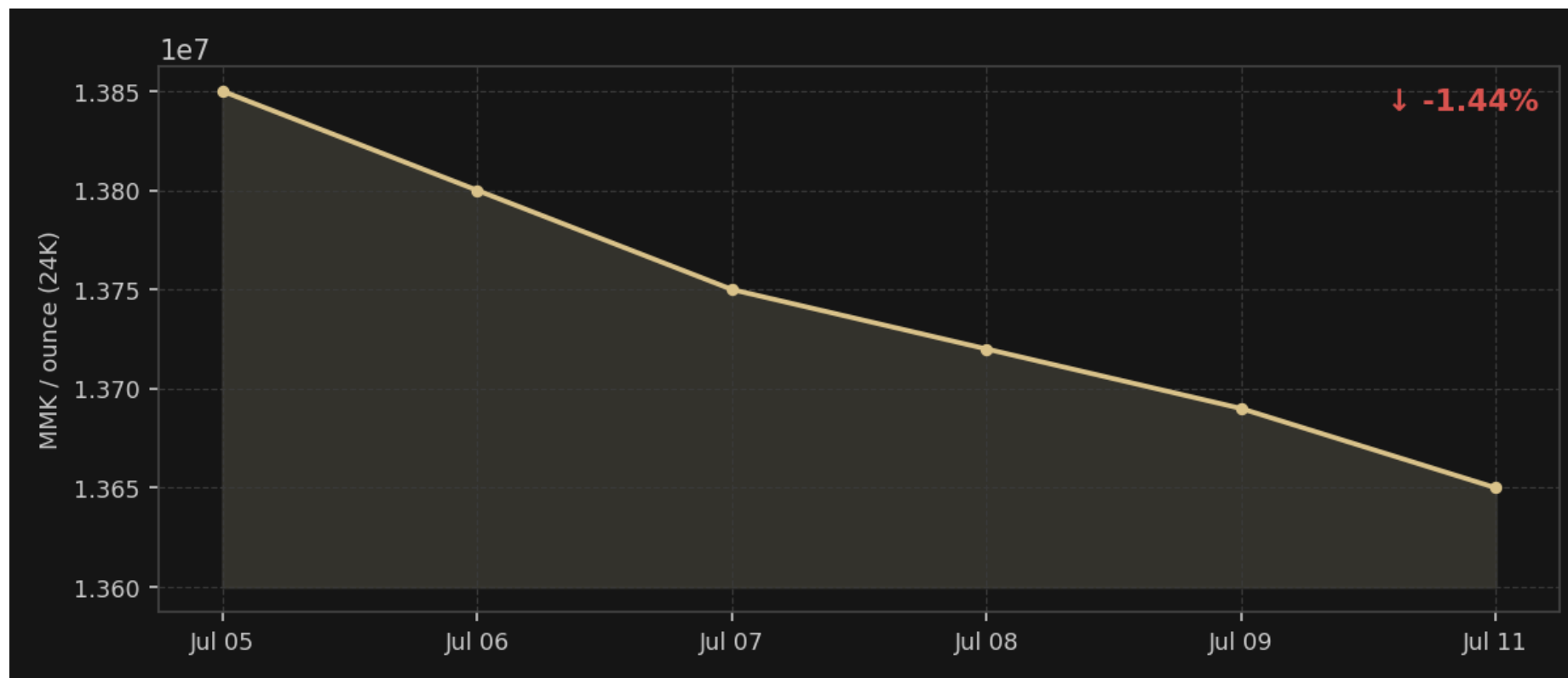
USD/MMK Exchange Rate (Parallel Street Rate)



The street rate weakened past ~4,500/USD; the official CBM rate stays pegged far stronger at 2,100.

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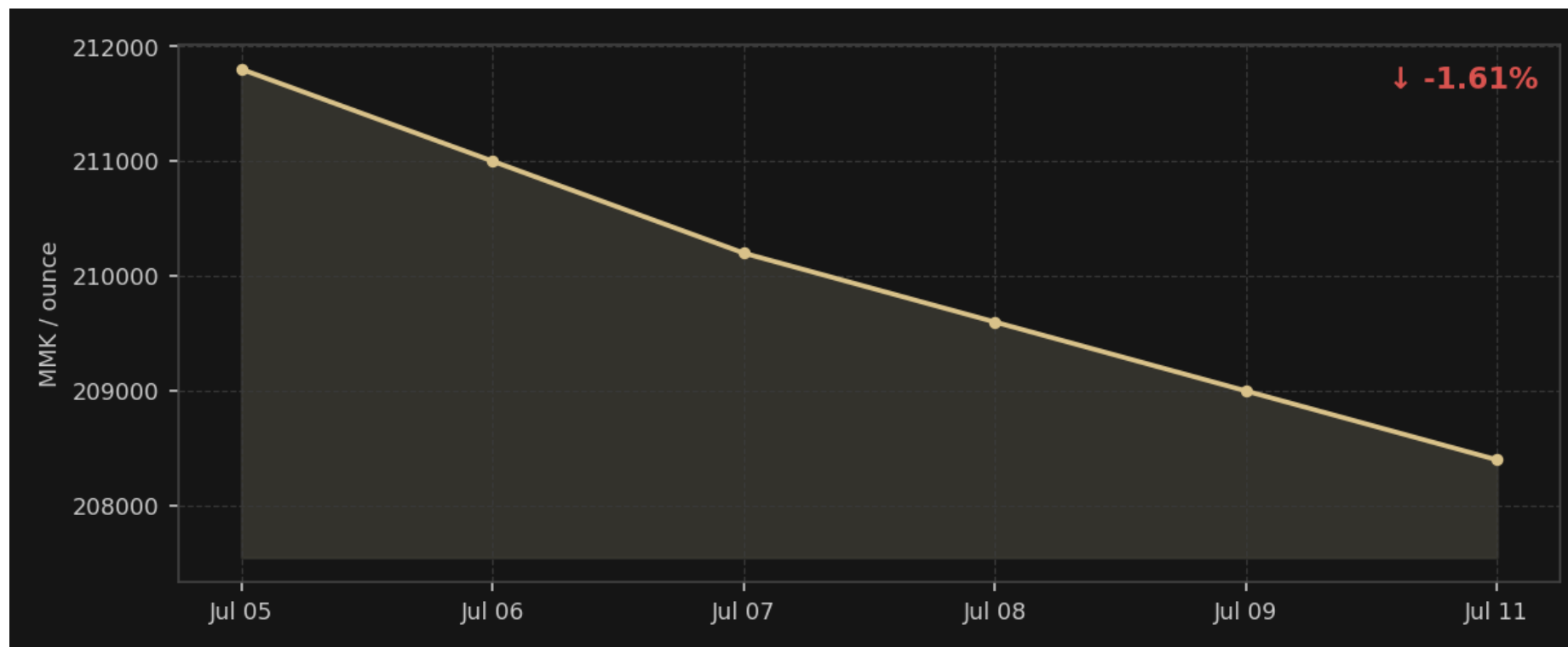
Gold Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Kyat gold eased with softer world prices (24K, ≈market quotes).

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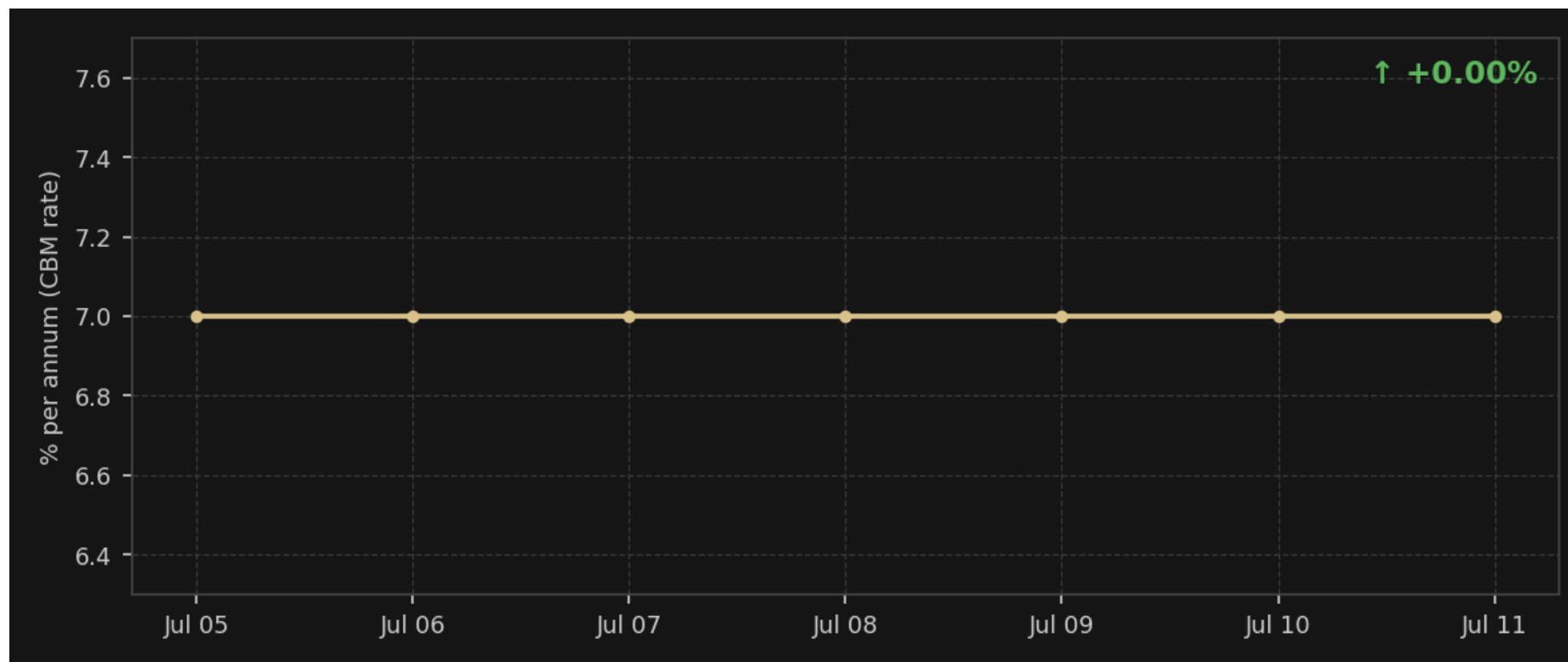
Silver Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Spot-derived silver slipped in kyat terms, tracking the world pullback.

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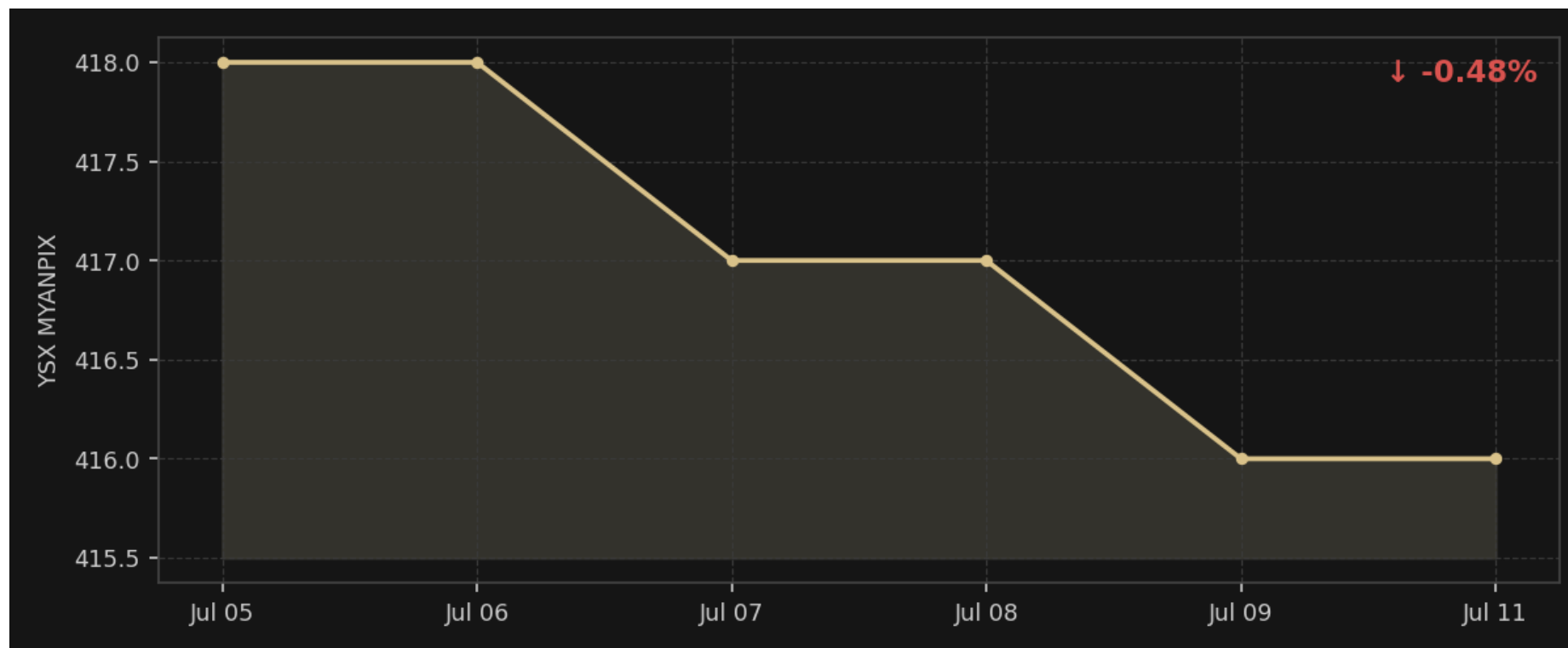
Central Bank of Myanmar — Central Bank Rate



The CBM's key rate was unchanged at 7.0% through the week, where it has stood since 2020.

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Yangon Stock Exchange — MYANPIX Index



The thinly traded MYANPIX drifted marginally lower amid minimal turnover.

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