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9-point joint statement

Xi anoints Min Aung Hlaing in Beijing



into Ayeyarwady

AA pushes east into Ayeyarwady



Siege tightens on Kyaukphyu port

POLITICS

- Xi Jinping hosts Min Aung Hlaing with a full state ceremony at the Great Hall of the People (June 16); a nine-point joint statement gives Beijing's most comprehensive backing since the 2021 coup.
- The statement rejects 'politicisation' of human rights, demands Myanmar's 'full participation' in ASEAN and UN bodies, and reaffirms BRI/CMEC, Kyaukphyu and the Muse–Mandalay railway.
- Min Aung Hlaing offers explicit loyalty on the One-China policy and Taiwan; analysts call the new administration consolidation, not transition.
- The regime seeks a return to ASEAN summits by November; the bloc insists on 'meaningful progress' on its peace plan first.

ECONOMY

- Beijing presses for BRI cooperation-plan signing 'as soon as possible' and security guarantees for Chinese personnel and projects.
- China–Myanmar trade near \$20 bn/year anchors the relationship; the regime allowed the yuan as an investment currency in March.
- The street kyat weakens past $\approx 4,300/\text{USD}$ against the pegged official 2,100; Yangon's Kings Rich Fashion closes for lack of global orders.
- Kyaukphyu deep-sea port and the Muse–Mandalay railway both sit in AA-contested terrain, clouding investment viability.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- The Beijing summit dominates the week, cementing the regime's anchorage in China's orbit.
- Parallel China–India corridor competition plays out as the AA reshapes control on the ground.
- ASEAN holds the line: Min Aung Hlaing stays barred from summits pending Five-Point Consensus progress.
- Timor-Leste and Indonesia pursue war-crimes/genocide proceedings against the junta chief.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Chinese embassy urges its citizens to flee Laukkai as ethnic armies prepare to drive junta troops from Kokang's capital.
- Conscription strains persist: 85% of 2025's 60,000+ draftees reportedly sent to combat with no real training.
- Regime steps up scam-centre crackdown commitments to Beijing along the border.
- Min Aung Hlaing hands out 147 medals, seen as a bid to distract from battlefield defeats.

DEFENCE

- The Arakan Army pushes east into Ayeyarwady Region (Lemyethna, Yegyi, Thabaung) in coordination with PDFs, pre-empting a regime counter-offensive into Rakhine.
- The AA fully controls 14 of Rakhine's 17 townships plus Paletwa while besieging Sittwe and the Chinese-invested Kyaukphyu port.
- Regime reinforces from Patheingyi-based Western Command and IB 36; up to 10 truckloads of troops a day reported on the Yegyi–Thabaung border.
- Regime intensifies random airstrikes on civilian targets in Rakhine, with rising casualties.

HEALTH

- Sustained attacks on healthcare continue against the backdrop of intensifying Rakhine airstrikes.
- Mass displacement in Ayeyarwady border townships compounds humanitarian and health strain.

EDUCATION

- Conflict across Rakhine and the Ayeyarwady frontier keeps schools shut and disrupts learning.
- Forced conscription continues to pull youth out of education and into combat.

SOCIETY

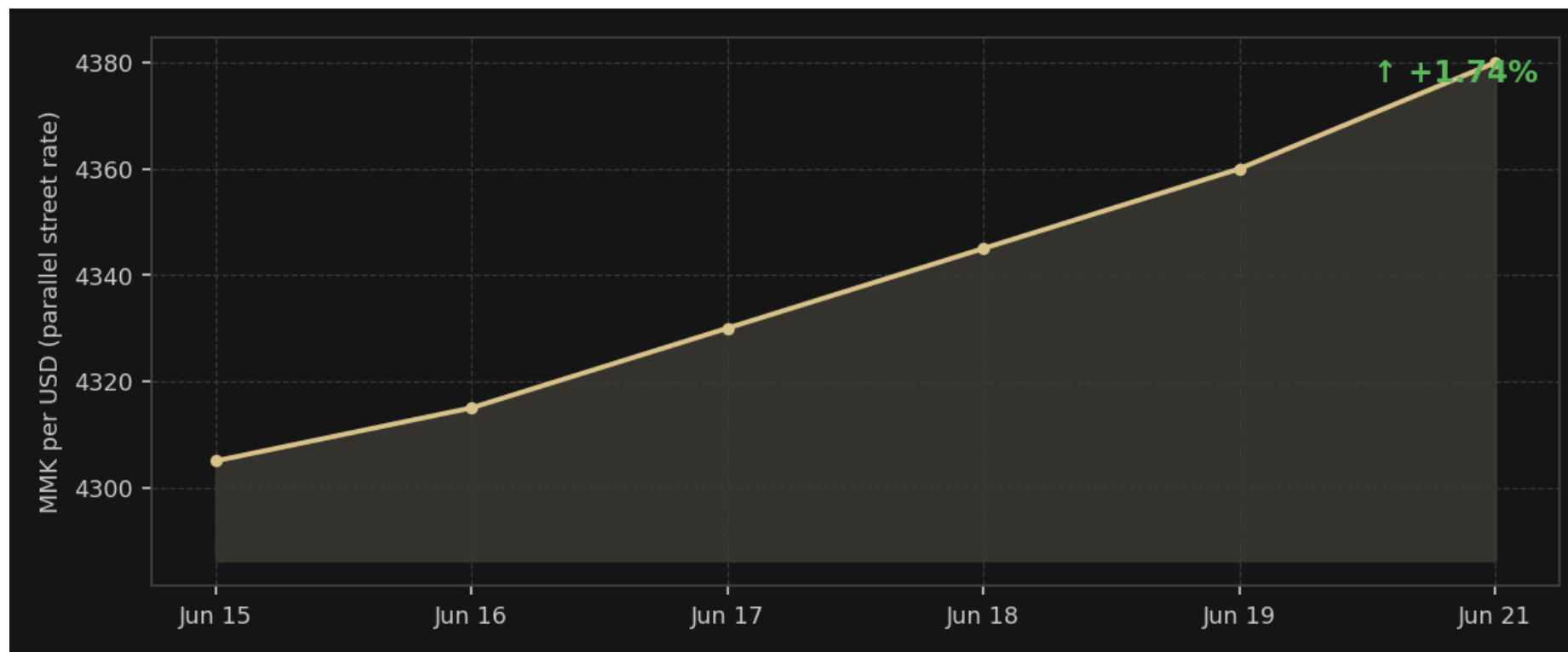
- Garment distress deepens: Yangon's Kings Rich Fashion closes, citing a lack of orders from global brands.
- Thousands of civilians displaced along the Yegyi–Thabaung front since last year.
- Analysts urge the anti-coup movement to move from moral outrage to hard strategy after the regime's diplomatic gains.
- Min Aung Hlaing's medal ceremony for 147 officers draws ridicule amid military reverses.

Sr No	Date	Sector	News Headlines	Source
1	15 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Beijing for his first state visit as president, hosted by Xi	The Irrawaddy
2	16 Jun 2026	Politics	Xi anoints Min Aung Hlaing with a lavish state ceremony at the Great Hall of the People	The Irrawaddy
3	16 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Nine-point China-Myanmar joint statement offers Beijing's fullest backing since the coup	The Irrawaddy
4	16 Jun 2026	Economy	Xi presses BRI/CMEC, Kyaukphyu port and the Muse-Mandalay railway; seeks security guarantees	The Irrawaddy
5	16 Jun 2026	Politics	Min Aung Hlaing pledges explicit One-China loyalty and opposes 'Taiwan independence'	The Irrawaddy
6	17 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Joint statement demands Myanmar's 'full participation' in ASEAN and UN mechanisms	The Irrawaddy
7	17 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Chinese embassy urges citizens to flee Laukkai as ethnic armies press Kokang's capital	The Irrawaddy
8	18 Jun 2026	Defence	Battle intensifies as the Arakan Army pushes into Ayeyarwady's Yegyi and Thabaung townships	The Irrawaddy

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10	18 Jun 2026	Politics	Regime seeks return to ASEAN summits by November; bloc insists on peace-plan progress	The Irrawaddy
11	19 Jun 2026	Society	Yangon's Kings Rich Fashion to close, citing a lack of orders from global brands	The Irrawaddy
12	19 Jun 2026	Economy	Street kyat weakens past 4,300/USD against the pegged official 2,100	Mekong Memo
13	19 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Min Aung Hlaing hands out 147 medals, seen as a bid to distract from battlefield losses	The Irrawaddy
14	20 Jun 2026	Defence	AA tightens its siege of Sittwe and Kyaukphyu amid heavy fortifications and human shields	The Irrawaddy
15	20 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	China-India corridor competition intensifies as the AA reshapes control on the ground	The Irrawaddy
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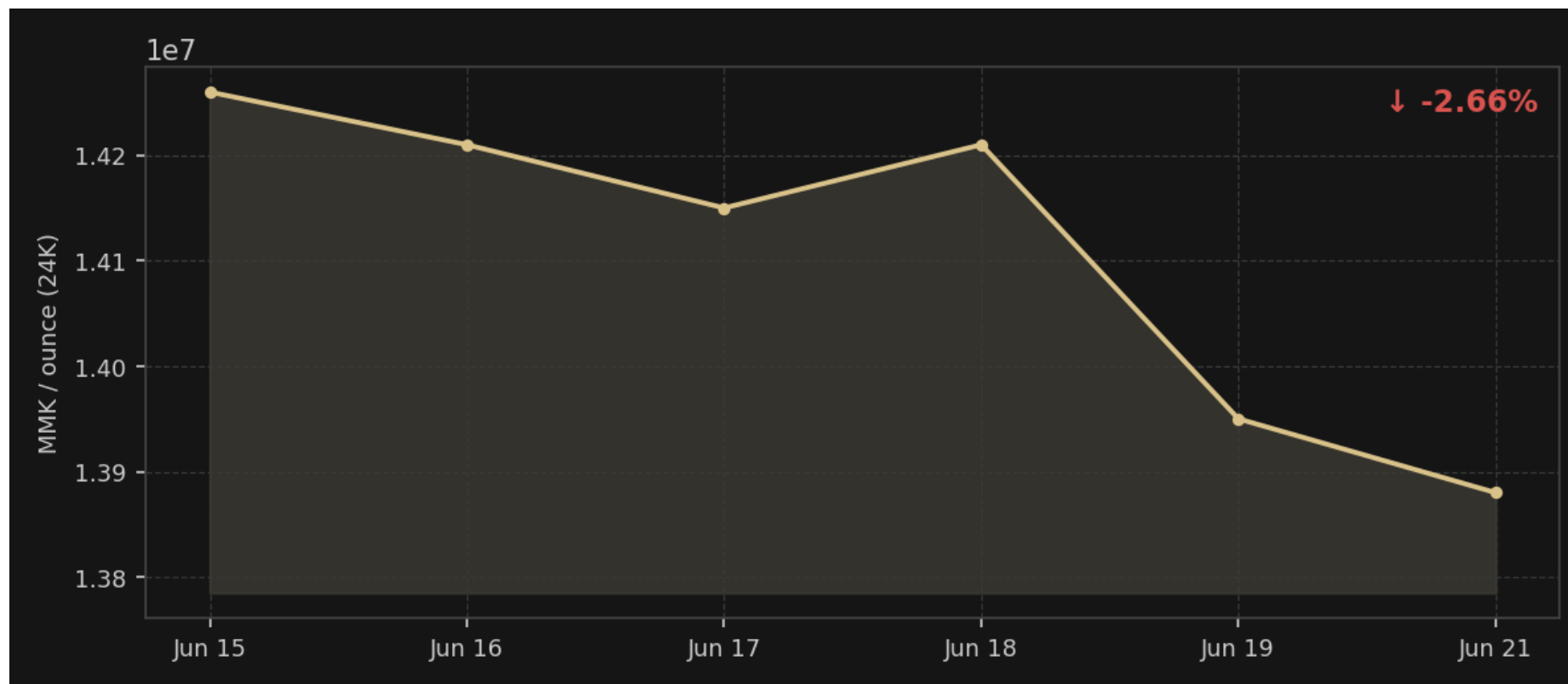
USD/MMK Exchange Rate (Parallel Street Rate)



The street rate weakened past $\approx 4,300/\text{USD}$; the official CBM rate stays pegged far stronger at 2,100.

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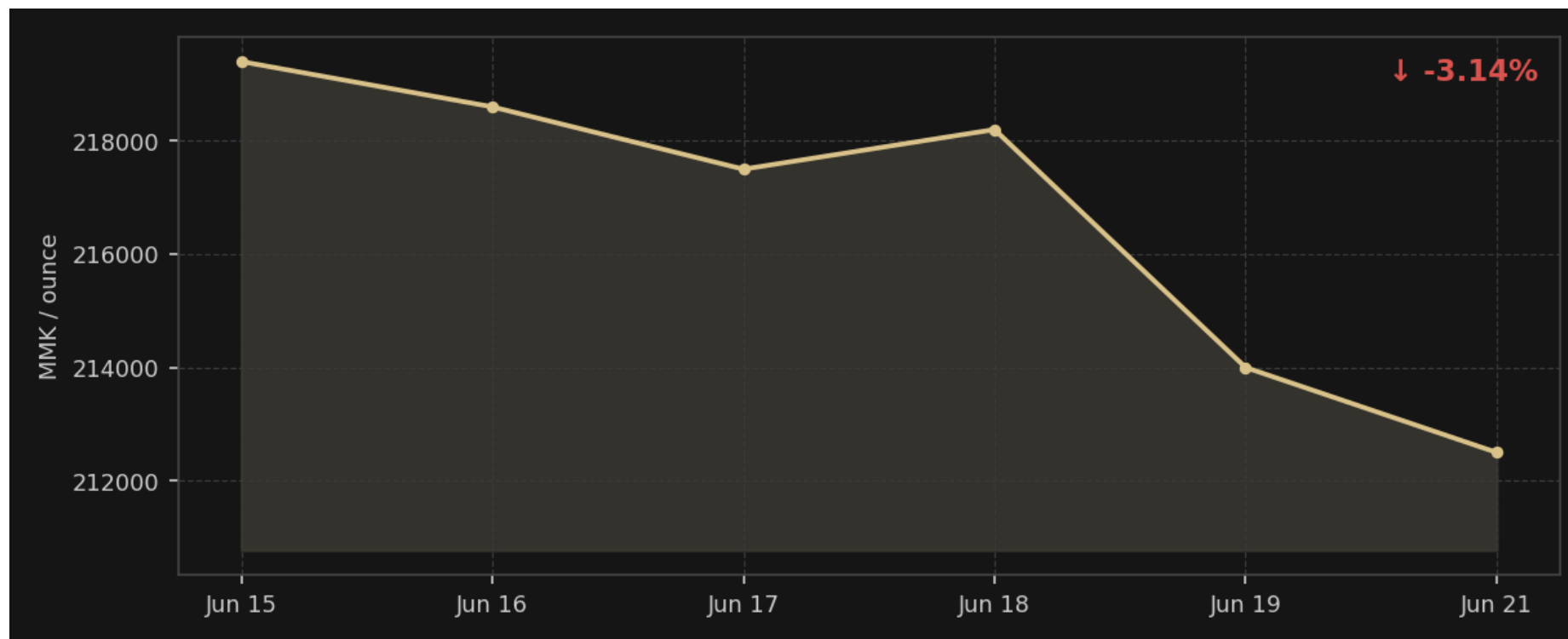
Gold Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Kyat gold fell with the global retreat late in the week (24K, ≈market quotes).

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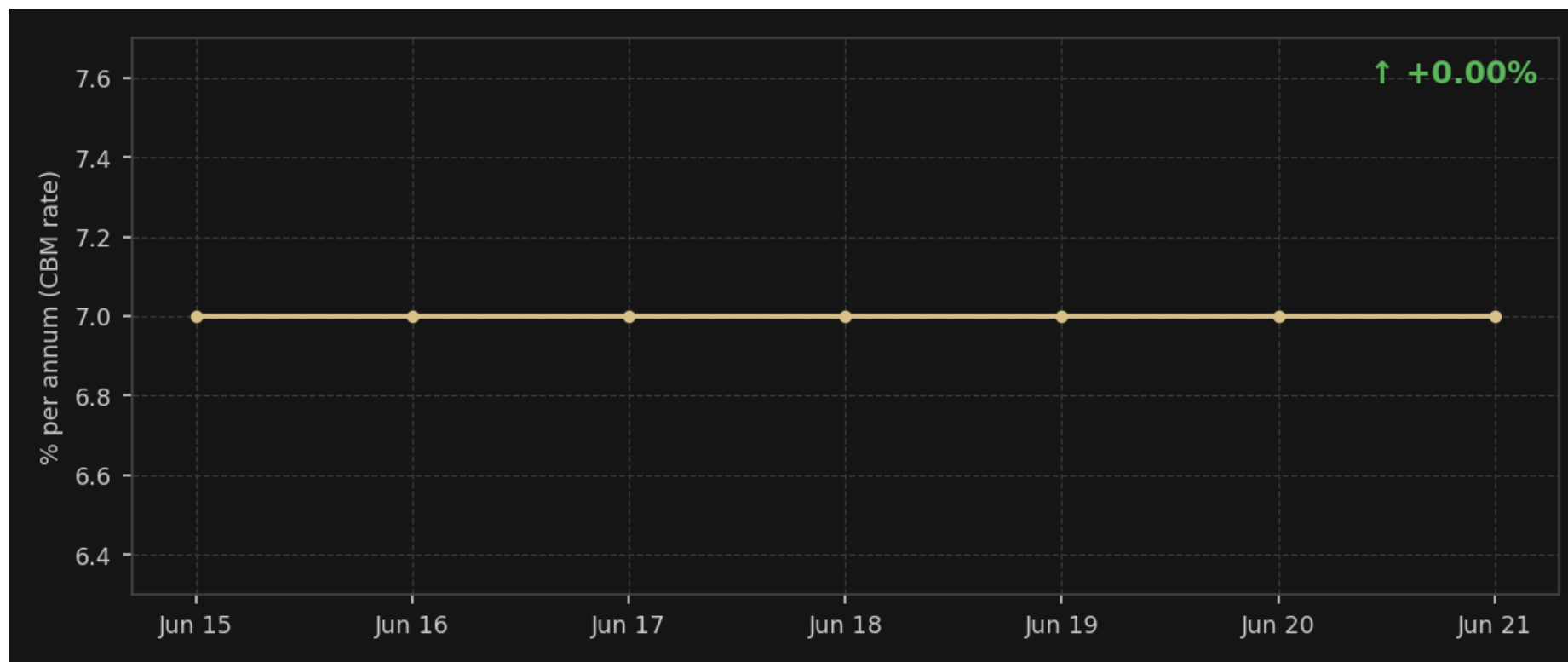
Silver Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



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

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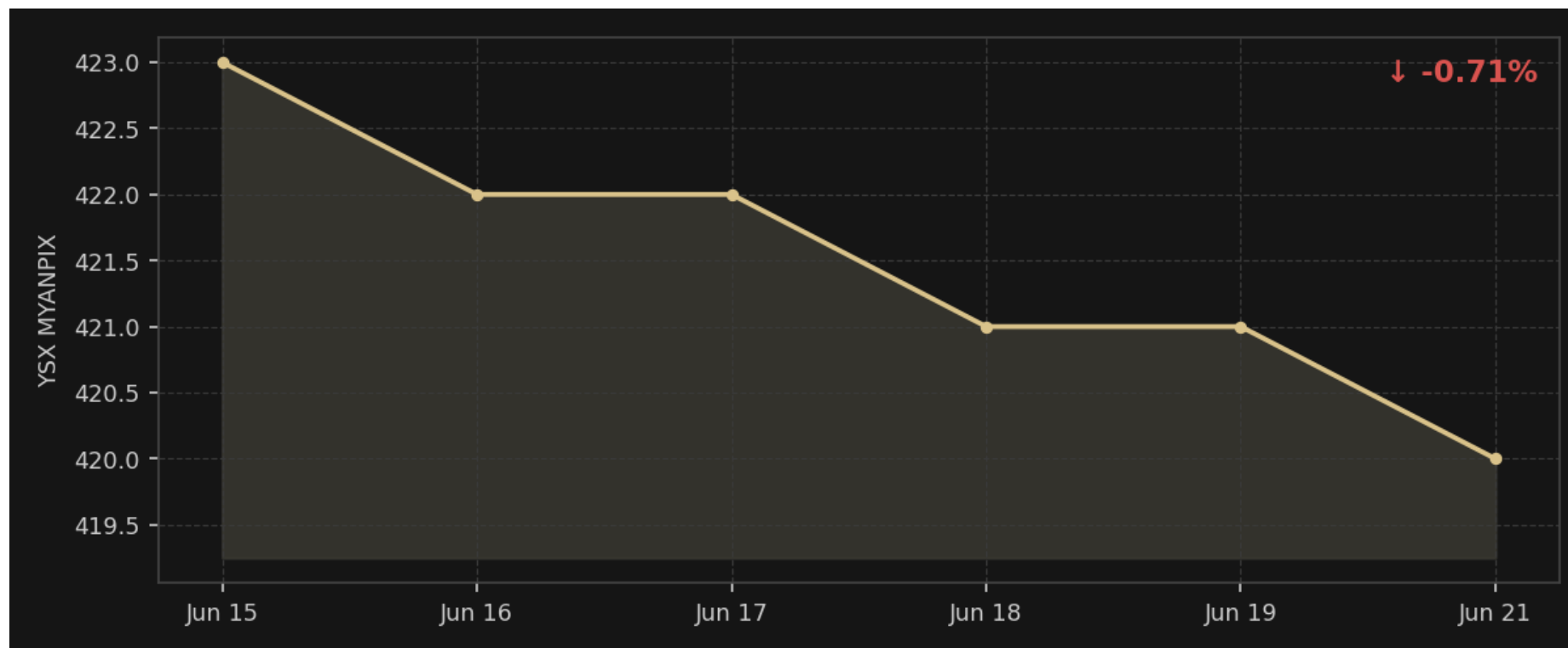
Central Bank of Myanmar — Central Bank Rate



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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