



MYANMAR WEEKLY

22 June – 28 June 2026

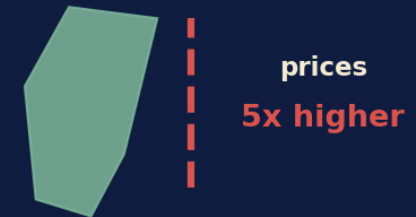
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Chinese border markers creep inward



Drones down a regime Mi-17 at Twinma



Blockade drives Rakhine prices 5x up

POLITICS

- Fallout from the June 16 Xi-Min Aung Hlaing summit continues: Beijing's backing is paired with fresh friction as residents report Chinese border markers reaching the edge of a shopping complex in northern Myanmar.
- The regime urges Chinese expatriates to vouch for the safety of tourist destinations even as cross-border crime thrives.
- A business partner of the coup leader's daughter — who with her brother dominates Myanmar's EV sector — tours manufacturing sites in China.
- Analysts read the post-election administration as continued military consolidation behind a civilian façade.

ECONOMY

- The regime trains focus on the restive deep south, where Russia has pledged to invest in a deep-sea port and energy infrastructure.
- China-Myanmar trade near \$20 bn/year anchors Beijing's push to protect transit corridors and the Kyaukphyu project.
- The street kyat weakens further past ~4,400/USD against the pegged official 2,100.
- Rakhine's blockade drives basic-goods prices to roughly five times central-Myanmar levels as shortages deepen.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- China-India corridor competition intensifies as the Arakan Army reshapes control on the ground.
- As India pursues trade and infrastructure ties, the regime wages a brutal campaign to secure border corridors — killing, detaining and displacing villagers.
- Russia's deep-south port and energy pledges signal a widening Moscow-Naypyitaw axis.
- ASEAN holds Min Aung Hlaing barred from summits pending Five-Point Consensus progress.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Alleged Chinese border encroachments spread across northern Myanmar, stoking sovereignty concerns.
- Crime surges along the shared border despite the regime's safety assurances to Beijing.
- Conscription strains persist as the military remains short of troops across multiple fronts.
- Rakhine's siege economy fuels lawlessness in encircled Sittwe.

DEFENCE

- Resistance fighters down a Russian-made regime Mi-17 with suicide drones at a base in Twinma just after it offloaded reinforcements and supplies.
- The Arakan Army presses its Ayeyarwady push (Yegyi-Thabaung) as the regime reinforces from Western Command with up to 10 truckloads of troops a day.
- The AA controls 14 of Rakhine's 17 townships plus Paletwa while besieging Sittwe and Kyaukphyu; the regime leans on random airstrikes.
- The military intensifies its Chin/Magwe corridor campaign to secure India-border trade routes.

HEALTH

- The Rakhine blockade pushes over two million people toward severe food insecurity, with prices up fivefold.
- Sustained attacks on healthcare continue amid intensifying airstrikes across contested states.

EDUCATION

- A government-backed pilot to screen Yangon's ageing buildings for structural safety launches next month.
- Conflict and conscription keep schools shut and disrupt learning across Rakhine and the Ayeyarwady frontier.

SOCIETY

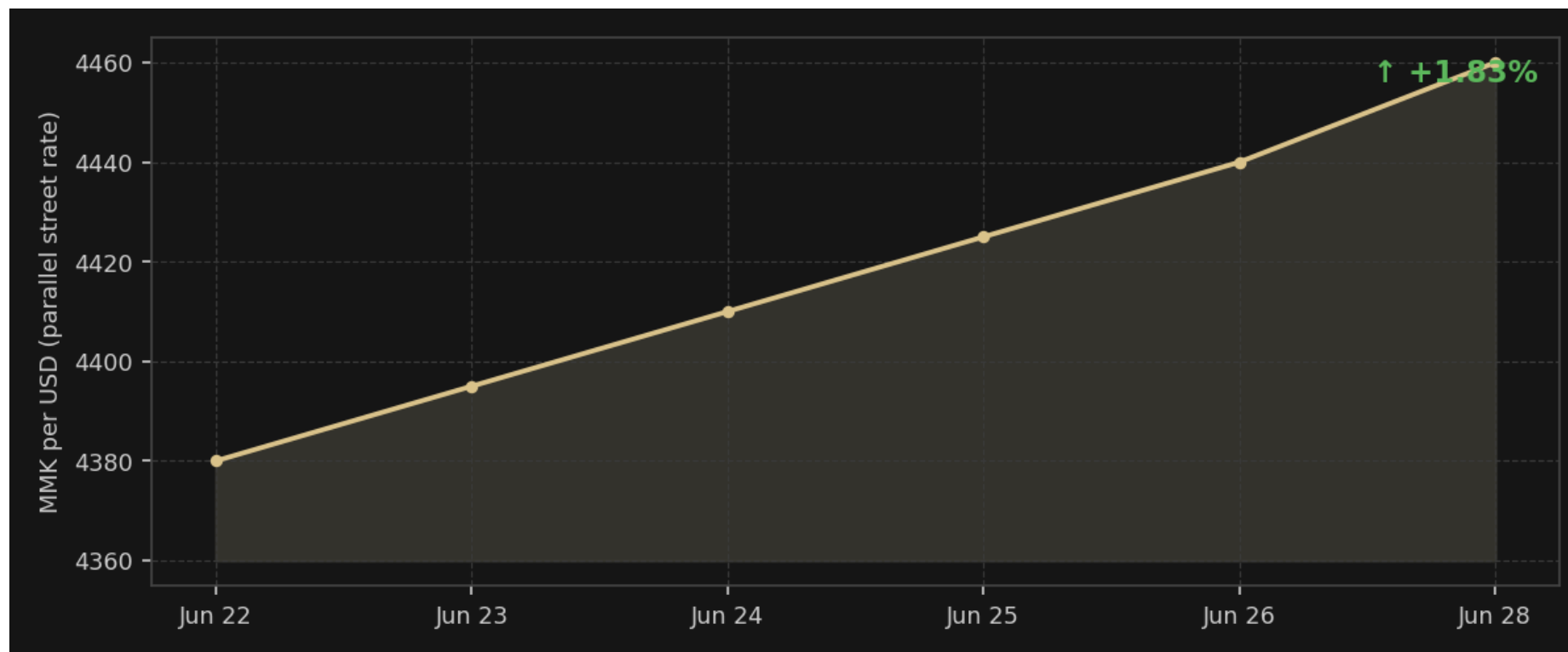
- Displacement mounts along the Yegyi-Thabaung front and around besieged Sittwe, where crime and desperation rise.
- Reports describe gangsters breaking into homes in broad daylight in encircled Sittwe.
- The coup leader's family tightens its grip on the lucrative EV sector through China ties.
- Yangon's building-safety pilot responds to fears over decaying urban infrastructure.

Sr No	Date	Sector	News Headlines	Source
1	22 Jun 2026	Defence	Resistance fighters down a regime Mi-17 with suicide drones at a base in Twinma	The Irrawaddy
2	23 Jun 2026	Defence	Arakan Army presses its Ayeyarwady push as the regime reinforces the Yegyi-Thabaung front	The Irrawaddy
3	24 Jun 2026	Economy	Regime turns focus to the deep south as Russia pledges a deep-sea port and energy investment	The Irrawaddy
4	24 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	As India pursues trade ties, the regime's border campaign kills, detains and displaces villagers	The Irrawaddy
5	25 Jun 2026	Economy	Coup leader's daughter's business partner tours China EV manufacturing facilities	The Irrawaddy
6	25 Jun 2026	Health	Rakhine blockade drives basic-goods prices to roughly five times central-Myanmar levels	The Irrawaddy
7	26 Jun 2026	Politics	Residents say Chinese border markers have reached the edge of a shopping complex	The Irrawaddy
8	26 Jun 2026	Education	Government-backed pilot to screen Yangon's ageing buildings for structural safety	The Irrawaddy

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9	26 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Regime urges Chinese expats to vouch for tourist-site safety as border crime thrives	The Irrawaddy
10	26 Jun 2026	Defence	Junta steps up random airstrikes on civilian targets across northern Rakhine	The Irrawaddy
11	27 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	China-India corridor competition intensifies as the AA reshapes control on the ground	The Irrawaddy
12	27 Jun 2026	Society	Reports describe daylight home break-ins as law and order collapse in besieged Sittwe	The Irrawaddy
13	28 Jun 2026	Defence	Military intensifies its Chin and Magwe corridor campaign to secure India-border routes	The Irrawaddy
14	28 Jun 2026	Economy	Street kyat weakens past ~4,400/USD against the pegged official 2,100	Mekong Memo
15	28 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Alleged Chinese border encroachments spread across northern Myanmar	The Irrawaddy
16	28 Jun 2026	Health	Over two million in blockaded Rakhine face severe food insecurity	The Irrawaddy

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17	28 Jun 2026	Society	Coup leader's family tightens its grip on Myanmar's lucrative EV sector via China ties	The Irrawaddy

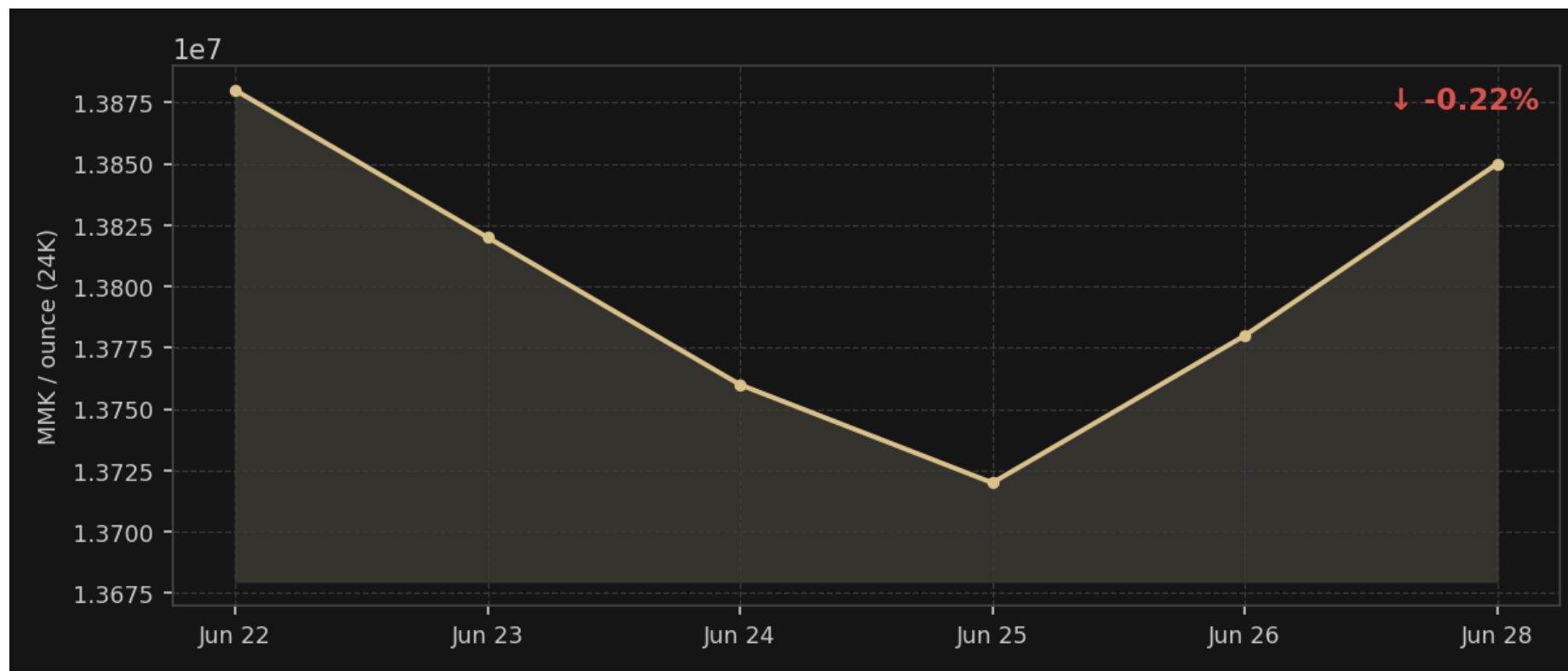
USD/MMK Exchange Rate (Parallel Street Rate)



The street rate weakened past ~4,400/USD; the official CBM rate stays pegged far stronger at 2,100.

Indicative weekly series compiled from reported market data; interim points are approximations where official daily closes were unavailable.

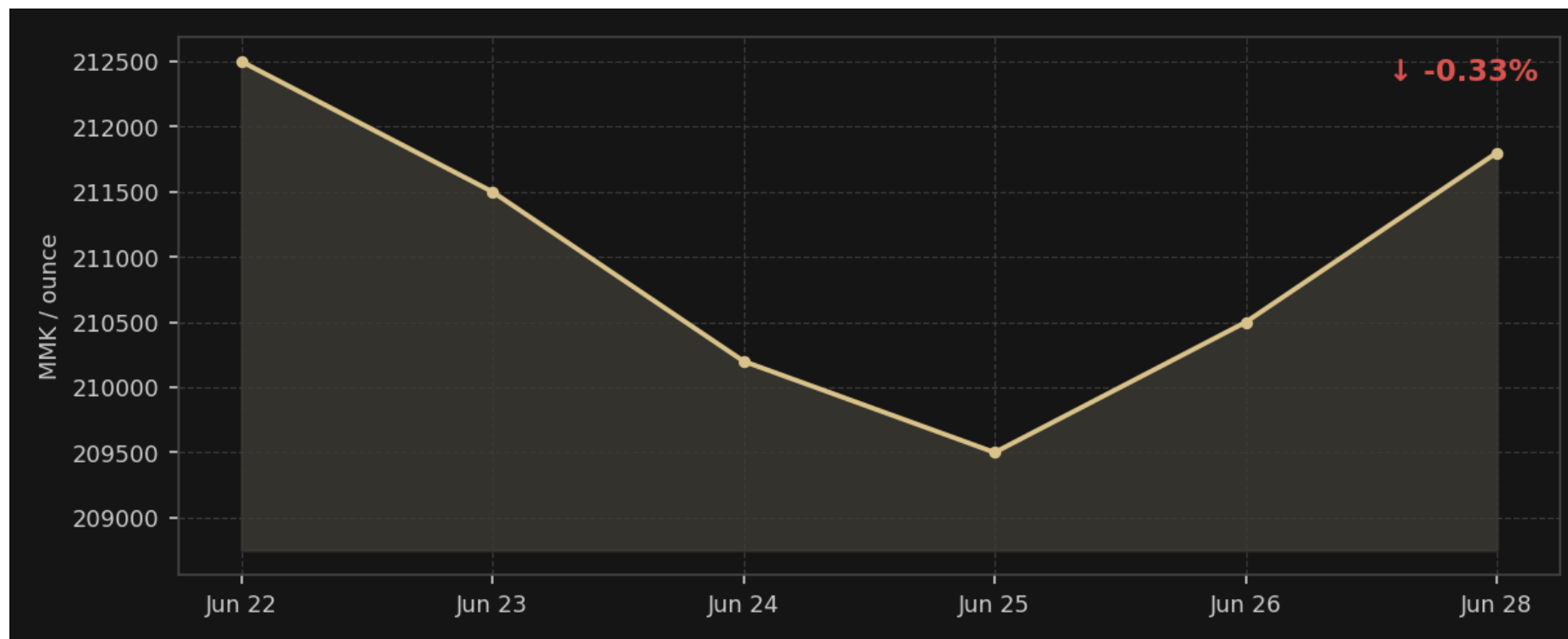
Gold Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Kyat gold eased with softer world prices before a modest late-week recovery (24K, ≈market quotes).

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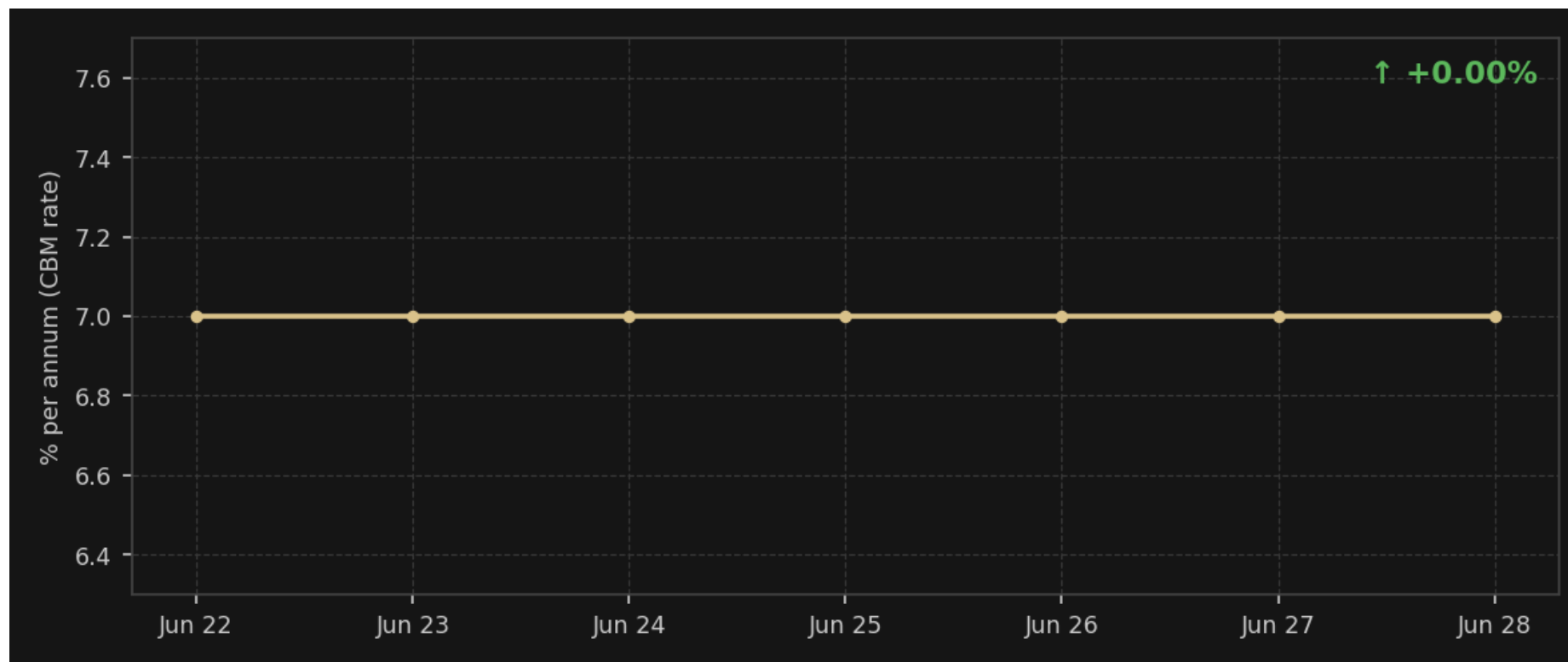
Silver Prices (in Myanmar Kyat/Ounce)



Spot-derived silver dipped then firmed slightly in kyat terms.

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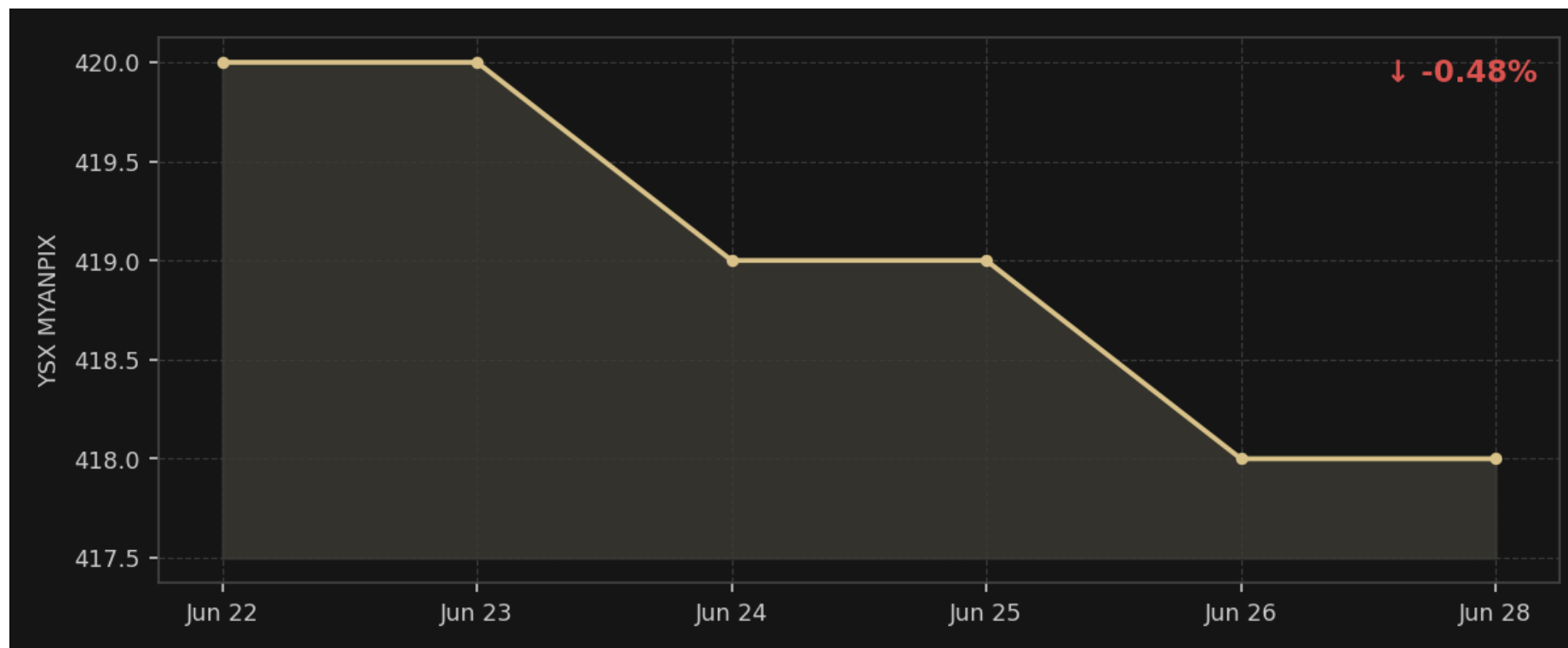
Central Bank of Myanmar — Central Bank Rate



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