



NEPAL WEEKLY

05 July – 11 July 2026

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\$165m loan signed

ADB chief Kanda visits; \$165m signed

4.25%



policy rate held

NRB holds policy corridor again



Cannes: 'Elephants in the Fog'

Nepali film honoured at Cannes

POLITICS

- The Shah government marks 100 days in office; the opposition is scathing — NC's Gagan Thapa likens its style to the 2018 Oli government and flags demolition of squatter settlements, while Maoist chief Prachanda accuses it of pushing toward authoritarianism.
- PM Balendra Shah holds his first solo meeting with a foreign dignitary, hosting ADB President Masato Kanda (July 7) after avoiding one-on-ones with US and Indian envoys.
- The government touts 100-day wins: 15 obsolete laws repealed, the Department of Revenue Investigation abolished, and partial FATF grey-list progress (3 of 15 tasks done).
- Provincial budgets advance — Koshi passes its Appropriation and Finance Bills; Sudurpaschim tables its Rs 37.7 bn budget 22 days late amid political disputes.

ECONOMY

- NRB holds its policy-rate corridor unchanged for a second year (policy rate 4.25%, bank rate 5.75%) to support the record Rs 2,124.3 bn budget; gross NPLs rise to 5.6% and watchlist loans to 11.1%.
- ADB signs a Rs 25 bn (USD 165 m) concessional loan and commits USD 2.4 bn in cumulative assistance through 2029; active ADB projects total USD 3.9 bn.
- NRB invites bids for a Rs 20 bn 'Bond 2084 Cha' and projects 7% growth in FY 2026/27; FX reserves cover 19.2 months of imports.
- NEPSE swings — up 24.57 to 2,651.68 (July 7), then down 30.09 to 2,621.59 (July 8); hallmark gold eases toward Rs 288,000/tola.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- ADB President Kanda's visit anchors the week, with bilateral talks and a welcome dinner reinforcing the six-decade partnership.
- An IMF delegation led by Sonali Jain-Chandra concludes an Extended Credit Facility review, reaffirming partnership on growth and reforms.
- Chinese Ambassador Zhang Maoming proposes a four-point plan to deepen ties at a CPC 105th-anniversary seminar; Nepal-Saudi Arabia parliamentary and labour ties advance.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- The CIB gets three-day custody of Abhishek Giri in Biratnagar over fraud, extortion and asset-laundering probes, hours after an Ilam High Court release order.
- Makwanpur suspends passport processing July 8-12 for a system upgrade; five are arrested in a foreign-job fraud case.
- Traffic fines top Rs 2.14 m in a single day across Kathmandu; an investigation opens into stolen NOC petrol.

DEFENCE

- No major domestic military operations reported; security agencies focus on monsoon-disaster readiness with units and helicopters on standby.
- APF and police continue monsoon deployments as heavy-rain and flood risks rise nationwide.

HEALTH

- Health officials warn dengue risk will rise with the monsoon and urge precautions; bird flu is brought under control in seven districts but stays active in the Kathmandu Valley.
- The Marsyangdi Corridor 220 kV line testing (from July 7) prompts NEA public-safety warnings across Gorkha, Tanahun and Chitwan.

EDUCATION

- The National Examination Board publishes SEE 2026 supplementary results with a 64.68% pass rate; retotalling and re-exam applications open July 9-15.
- Kathmandu University's 31st convocation graduates 1,527 students, including 21 PhDs and 179 international students.

SOCIETY

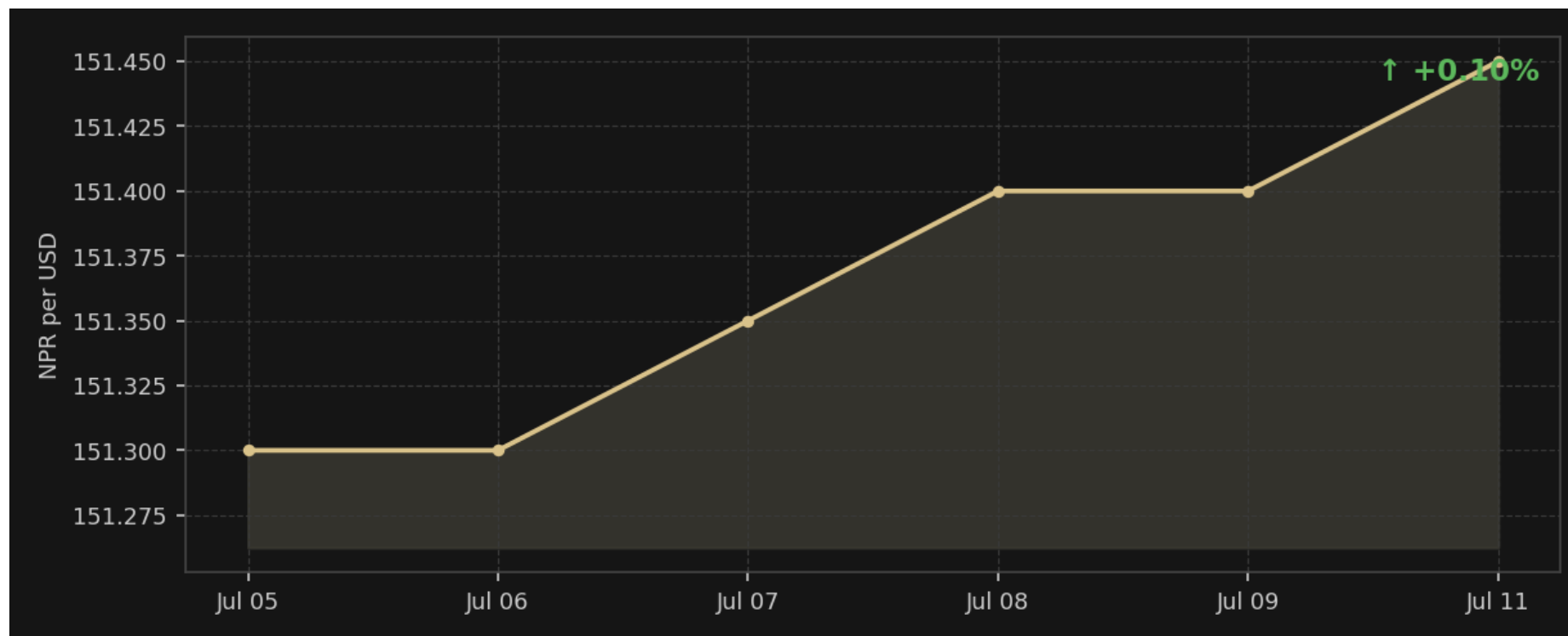
- Nepali film 'Elephants in the Fog' is feted after winning Best Sound Creation and the Un Certain Regard Jury Prize at the 79th Cannes Film Festival.
- The second Nepali Roots Summit 2026 in Munich gathers 96 diaspora professionals to strengthen networks and knowledge exchange.
- Kathmandu Metropolitan City unveils a co-investment plan with neighbouring municipalities to extend the Bancharedanda landfill's lifespan.
- Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's Madison Square Garden wedding features prominently in global coverage.

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1	5 Jul 2026	Politics	NC's Gagan Thapa likens the 100-day-old government's style to the 2018 Oli administration	Nepal News
2	5 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	IMF delegation concludes Nepal visit after economic-reform and ECF-review talks	Nepal News
3	5 Jul 2026	Politics	Prachanda accuses the government of pushing the country toward authoritarianism	Nepal News
4	5 Jul 2026	Economy	Hallmark gold slips Rs 400 to Rs 290,300/tola as precious metals ease	Nepal News
5	5 Jul 2026	Health	Health officials warn dengue risk will climb with the monsoon and urge precautions	Nepal News
6	6 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	PM Shah to hold his first solo meeting with a foreign dignitary, hosting ADB's Kanda	Nepal News
7	7 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	PM Shah meets ADB President Masato Kanda; USD 165 m concessional loan signed	Nepal News
8	7 Jul 2026	Economy	NRB releases FY 2025/26 monetary review; broad money up 15.2%, reserves cover 19.2 months	Nepal News

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9	7 Jul 2026	Economy	ADB commits USD 2.4 bn cumulative assistance through 2029 under a new partnership strategy	Nepal News
10	7 Jul 2026	Economy	NEPSE rebounds 24.57 points to 2,651.68, recovering from Monday's decline	Nepal News
11	7 Jul 2026	Internal Security	CIB gets three-day custody of Abhishek Giri over fraud and asset-laundering probes	Nepal News
12	7 Jul 2026	Education	NEB publishes SEE 2026 supplementary results with a 64.68% pass rate	Nepal News
13	7 Jul 2026	Society	Oscar College honours the 'Elephants in the Fog' team after its Cannes success	Nepal News
14	7 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Makwanpur suspends passport processing July 8-12 for a new system rollout	Nepal News
15	8 Jul 2026	Economy	NRB holds policy corridor unchanged for a second year to back the record budget	Nepal News
16	8 Jul 2026	Economy	NEPSE falls 30.09 points to 2,621.59, reversing the previous day's gains	Nepal News

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17	8 Jul 2026	Politics	PM Shah meets private-sector heads to accelerate economic reforms	Nepal News
18	8 Jul 2026	Economy	Koshi Province Assembly passes its FY 2026/27 Appropriation and Finance Bills	Nepal News
19	8 Jul 2026	Economy	Dharan Industrial Estate approves five new plants worth Rs 350 m after lease cancellations	Nepal News
20	9 Jul 2026	Health	Bird flu contained in seven districts but stays active in the Kathmandu Valley	Nepal News
21	9 Jul 2026	Society	Second Nepali Roots Summit 2026 concludes in Munich with 96 diaspora participants	Khabarhub
22	11 Jul 2026	Economy	Hallmark gold eases toward Rs 288,000/tola as global prices soften	Hamro Patro

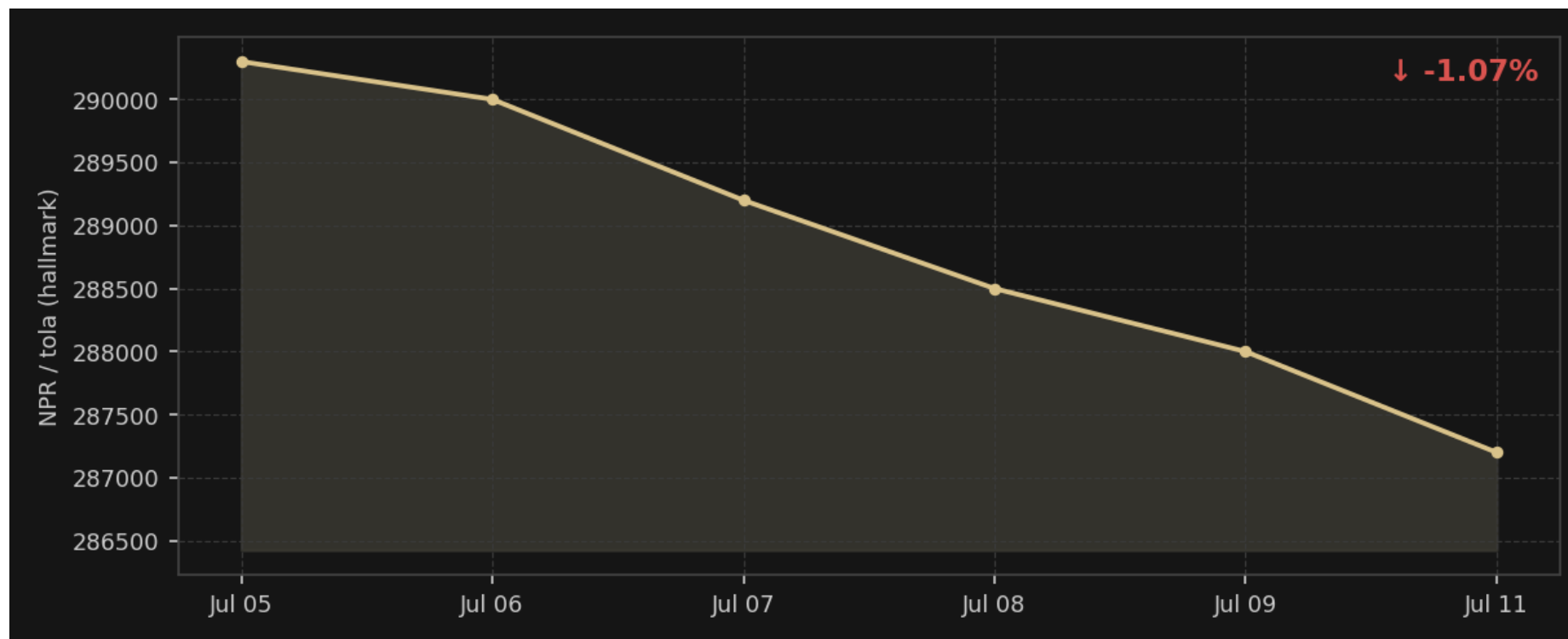
USD/NPR Exchange Rate



The rupee held near 151/USD, tracking its peg to the Indian rupee.

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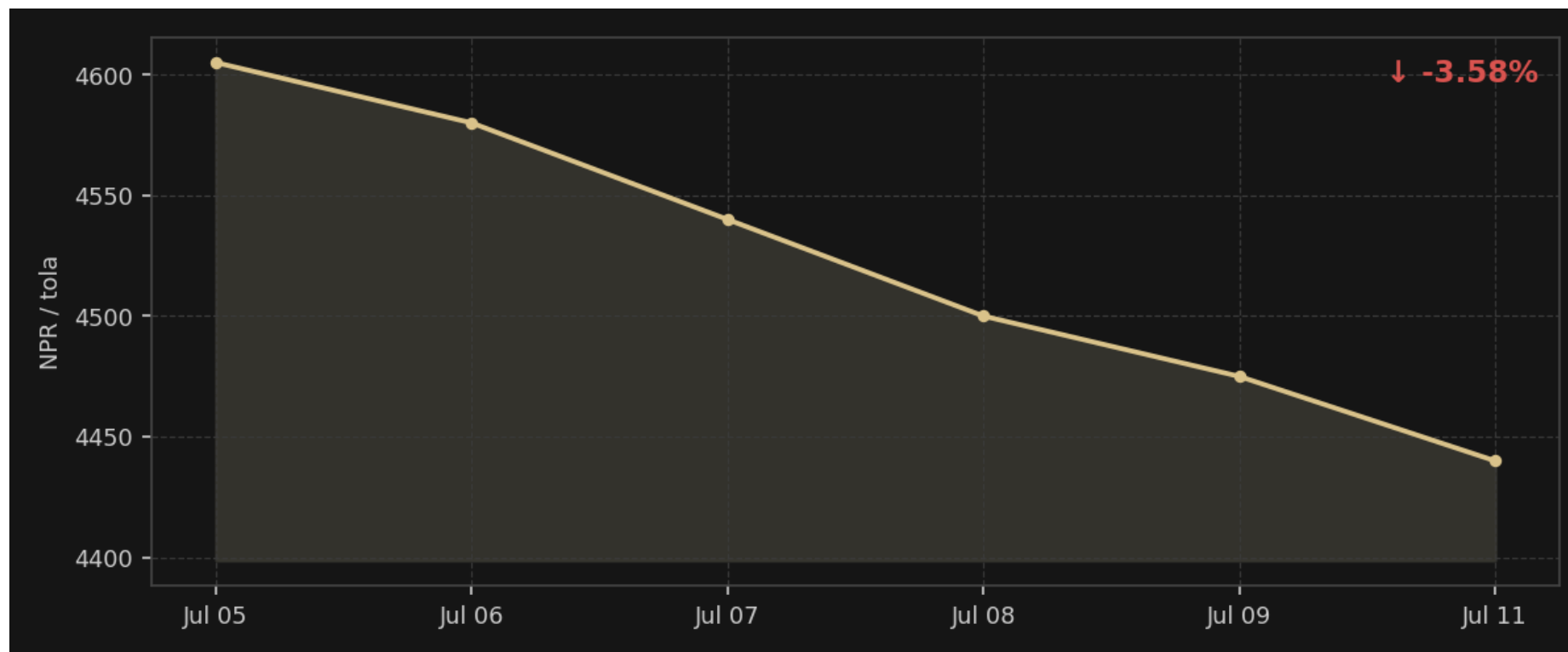
Gold Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola — Hallmark)



FENEGOSIDA hallmark gold drifted lower through the week from ≈Rs 290,300 toward Rs 288,000/tola.

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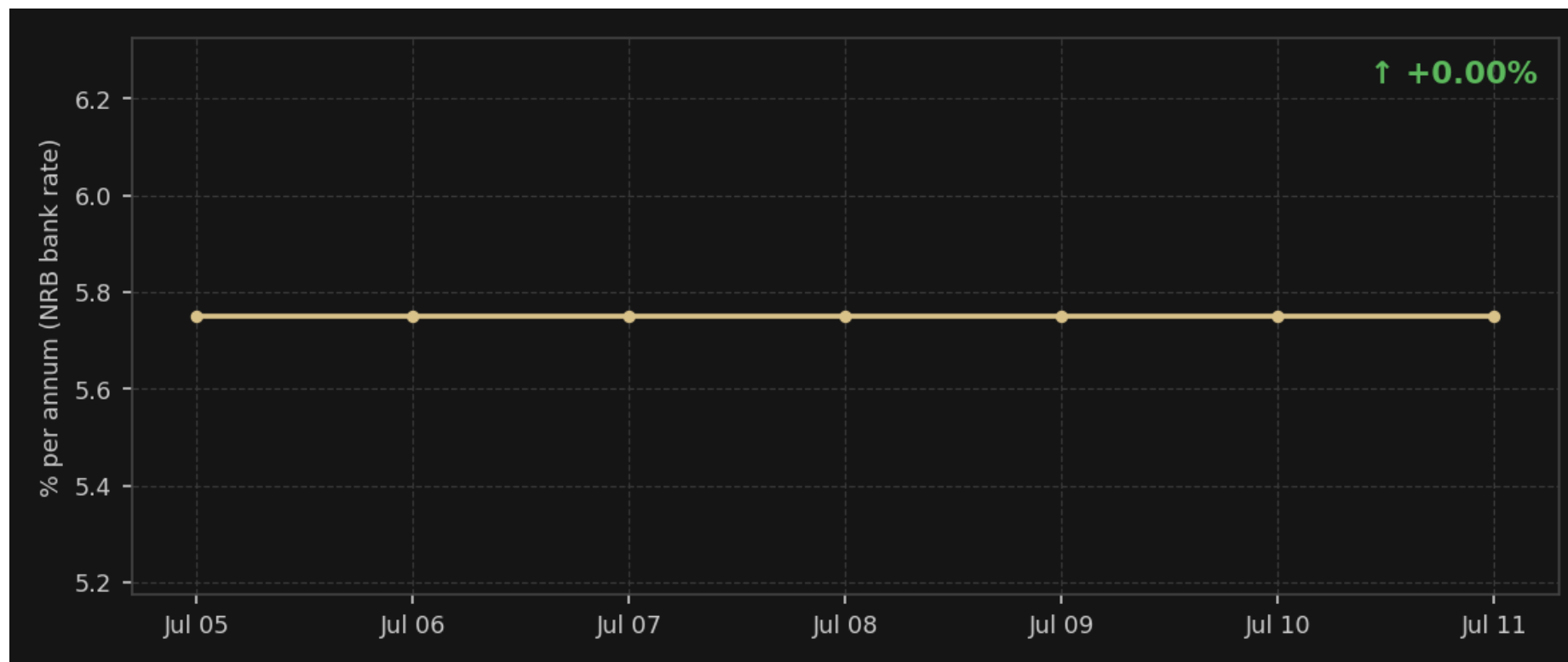
Silver Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola)



Silver eased with gold, slipping toward Rs 4,475/tola.

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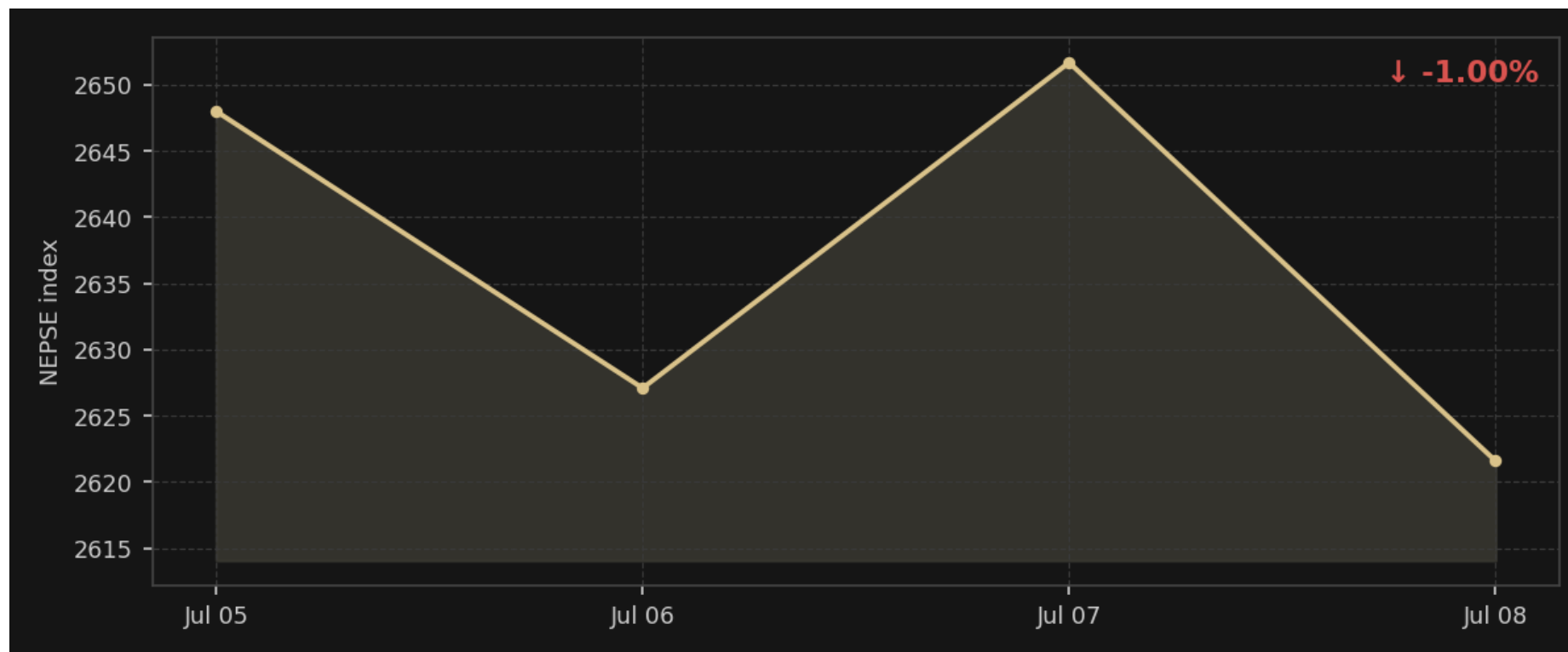
Nepal Rastra Bank — Bank Rate



NRB held its bank rate at 5.75% (policy rate 4.25%), unchanged for a second consecutive year.

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NEPSE Index



NEPSE swung from 2,651.68 (July 7) to 2,621.59 (July 8) amid the record-budget backdrop.

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