



NEPAL WEEKLY

15 June – 21 June 2026

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Parliament clears four key ordinances

budget debate



Near-empty chamber in budget debate



Bullion slides; gold off 3.5% in a day

POLITICS

- Budget logjam breaks then drags: after FM Khanal's June 10 clarification ended the walkout, ministry-wise debate on the FY 2026/27 Appropriation Bill proceeds to a near-empty chamber by June 18.
- National Assembly and HoR clear four ordinances on June 19 (Public Procurement, Money Laundering Prevention, Cooperative, Health Science Academies); HoR also takes up the National Debt Recovery Bill, with public debt at ≈Rs 3,000 bn.
- Cabinet appoints Gopal Prasad Bhatta SEBON chair and makes 150 earlier decisions public; courts drop all charges against RSP's Lamichhane except cooperative fraud.
- RSP holds its first general convention in Bharatpur (June 21–23); Rana–Prasai set a July 6 Madhesh launch for their pro-monarchy party.

ECONOMY

- FM Wagle defends fiscal discipline as the Debt Recovery Bill advances; share-market tax revenue is reported down 37% over 11 months.
- NRB Governor Biswo Poudel asks parliament for greater powers to manage financial risk and protect depositors; draft laws on consumer protection, banking offences and FX management submitted.
- Hallmark gold tumbles — down Rs 10,500/tola (–3.53%) on June 19 alone to ≈Rs 286,700 — as global prices retreat on Middle East de-escalation.
- Speaker Aryal threatens Rs 10 m/day penalties on contractors delaying the new federal parliament building.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- FM Khanal's China visit (June 14–17): meets Wang Yi and CPPCC chair Wang Huning; Beijing reaffirms BRI support for land-linked Nepal across infrastructure, energy and aviation.
- Nepal and Germany open two-day G2G development-cooperation talks in Kathmandu.
- Speaker Aryal hosts the UAE envoy, pushing daily Pokhara–Dubai flights from September 23 and easing of UAE visa police-report rules.
- Lawmakers press the government on an alleged Indian Army helicopter flight over Darchula and SSB activity in Susta.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Special Court extends custody of four passport-printing-fraud suspects for five more days.
- Dispute erupts over a police deployment near the Koshi internal-affairs minister's Biratnagar residence; ministry calls it a raid, police say it targeted a murder fugitive.
- Congress and opposition allege CIAA officials were held nine hours at the PMO and pressured to issue arrest warrants.
- Class 12 results published: 64.31% overall pass rate; 40 candidates' papers voided for cheating.

DEFENCE

- Parliament repeatedly presses the government on border posture — the alleged Darchula airspace violation and SSB presence in Susta — demanding clarity on army mobilisation.
- Home Minister Gurung says monsoon-response preparations are complete, with security agencies in high-risk zones and helicopters on standby.

HEALTH

- Central Zoo in Jawalakhel shut indefinitely after avian influenza (bird flu) is detected among its animals and birds.
- Home Minister Gurung tells the NA a probe found no evidence of custodial assault in the Sindhuli death of Shreekrishna Bishwokarma; a Police Dalit Cell is operationalised.
- Monsoon onset forecast to be delayed by about a week even as a Terai heat advisory persists.

EDUCATION

- National Examination Board publishes Class 12 results (64.31% pass); RPP's Khushbu Oli decries the 0.18% science-and-technology budget allocation.
- Switzerland unveils an Inclusion Fellowship at the Southasia Institute; Mid-West University holds its fourth convocation for 1,928 graduates.

SOCIETY

- Veteran actor Madan Krishna Shrestha receives the Film Lifetime Achievement Award from President Paudel.
- 46th National Athletics Championship opens in Surkhet — a Karnali first — with 240 athletes; Kathmandu wins the Bagmati women's cricket title.
- Nepali taekwondo athletes take three medals at the Gold Coast G-3 President's Cup; National ID department launches digital-card downloads.
- Jitu Nepal's 'I Am Jit Bahadur' opens nationwide as the week's sole domestic release.

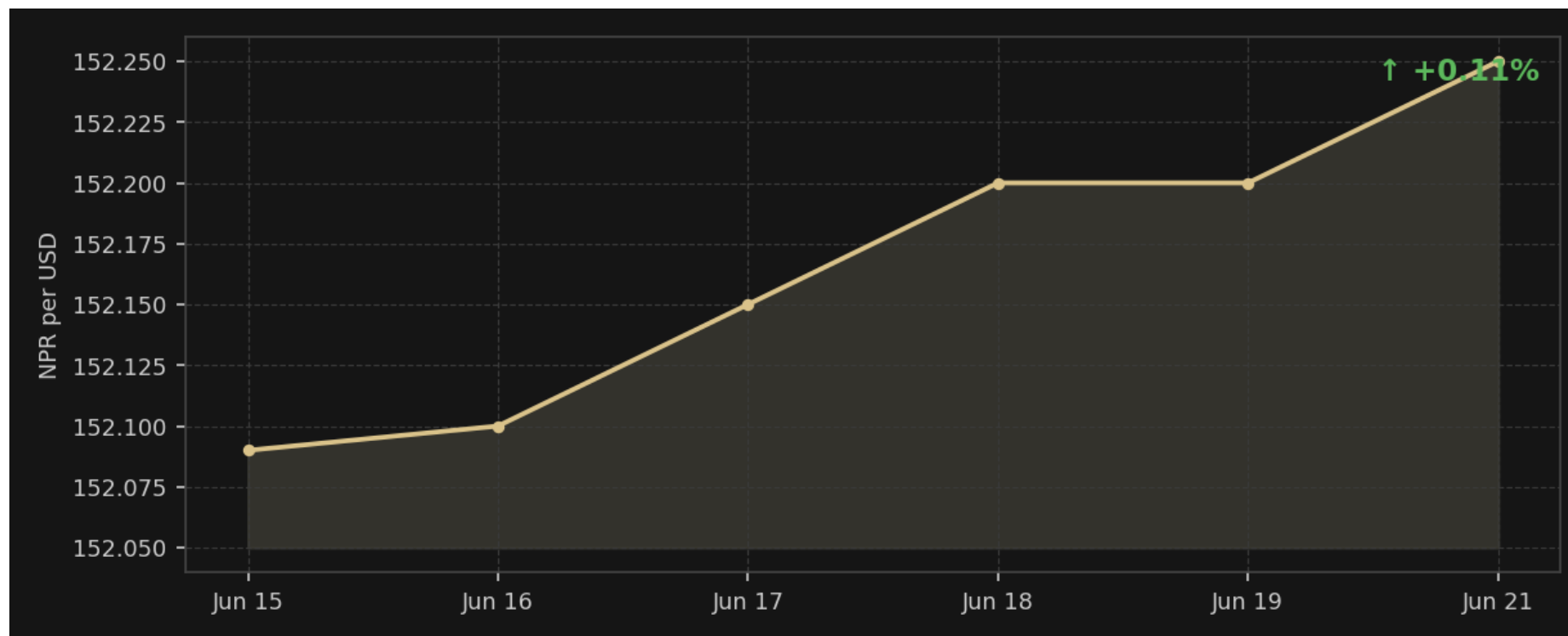
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1	15 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	FM Khanal visits the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Tibetan Plateau institute ahead of Wang Yi talks	Nepal News
2	15 Jun 2026	Politics	Parliament presses government on Darchula airspace, Susta SSB activity and financial probes	Nepal News
3	15 Jun 2026	Economy	Speaker Aryal threatens Rs 10 m/day penalty over delays at the new federal parliament building	Nepal News
4	15 Jun 2026	Health	German development delegation pays a courtesy call on Health Minister Nisha Mehta	Nepal News
5	16 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	FM Khanal meets Wang Yi and CPPCC chair Wang Huning in Beijing; China reaffirms BRI support	Nepal News
6	16 Jun 2026	Politics	RPP chief whip Khushbu Oli slams two-day budget-review window and 0.18% science allocation	Nepal News
7	16 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Nepal and Germany begin two-day G2G development-cooperation negotiations in Kathmandu	Nepal News
8	16 Jun 2026	Politics	Opposition demands PM Shah's border remarks be expunged from the parliamentary record	Nepal News

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9	16 Jun 2026	Economy	NC whip Nishkal Rai warns of a deepening crisis in Ilam's eastern tea industry	Nepal News
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11	18 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Speaker Aryal hosts UAE envoy; pushes daily Pokhara-Dubai flights from September 23	Nepal News
12	18 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	FM Khanal tells House foreign policy is aligned to prosperity; plans Diaspora Global Network	Nepal News
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21	19 Jun 2026	Education	National Examination Board publishes Class 12 results with a 64.31% overall pass rate	Nepal News
22	19 Jun 2026	Politics	RSP first general convention opens in Bharatpur (June 21-23); 300,000 expected at the launch	Nepal News
23	19 Jun 2026	Society	Veteran actor Madan Krishna Shrestha honoured with the Film Lifetime Achievement Award	Nepal News
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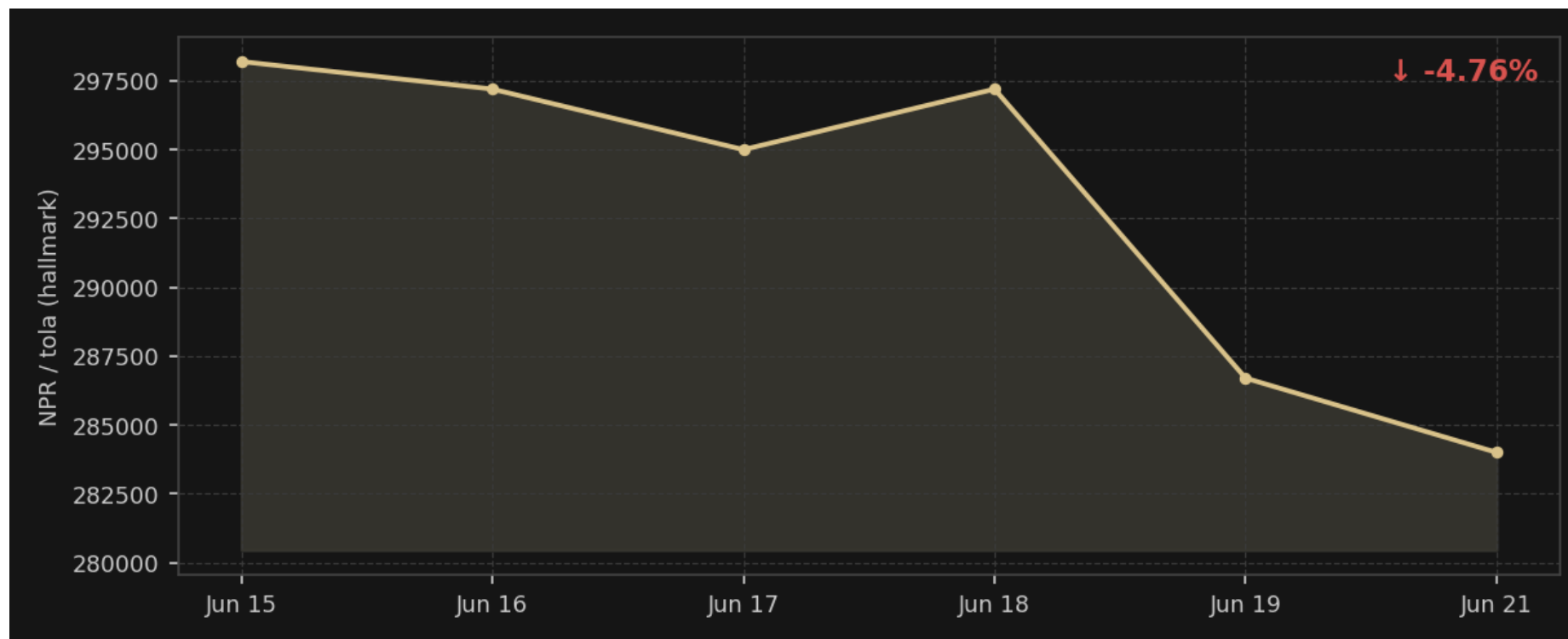
USD/NPR Exchange Rate



The rupee held near 152/USD, tracking its peg to the Indian rupee.

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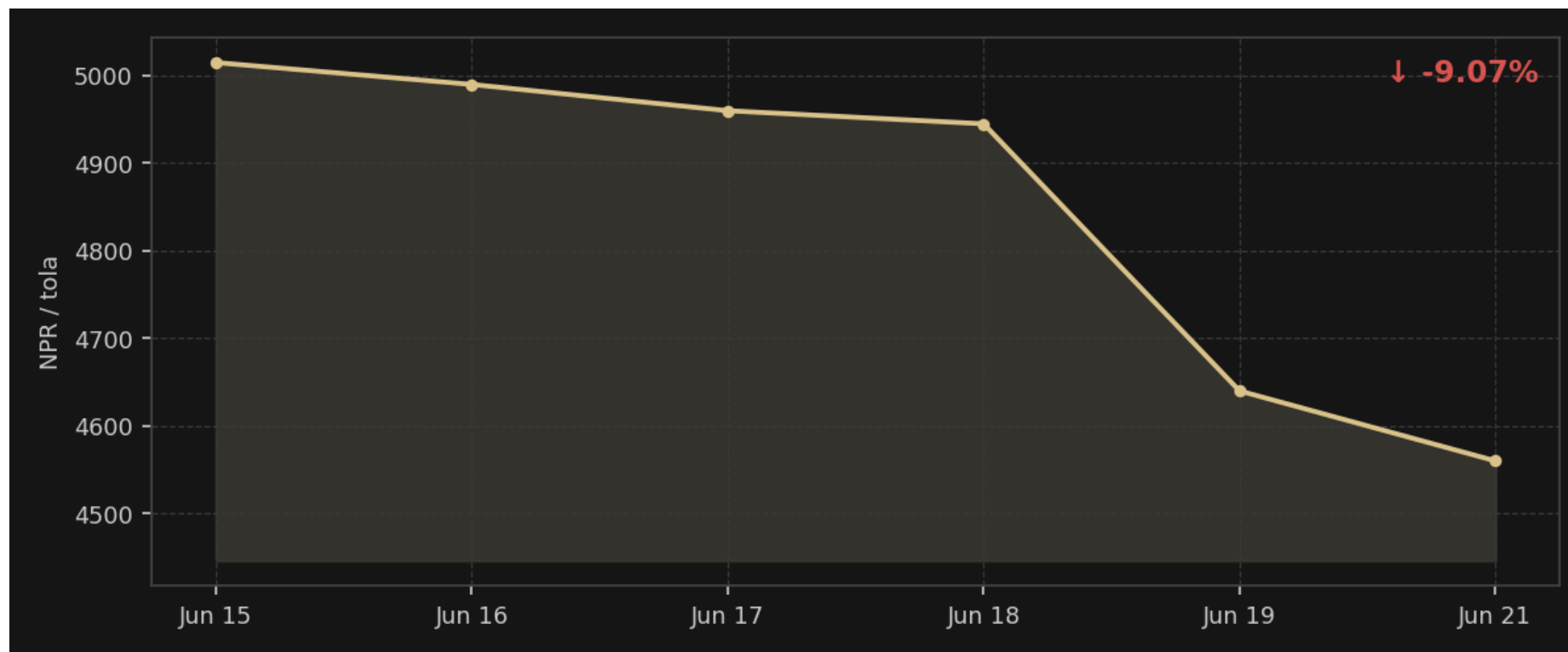
Gold Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola — Hallmark)



FENEGOSIDA hallmark gold fell sharply, dropping Rs 10,500/tola (–3.53%) on June 19 to ≈Rs 286,700 as world prices retreated.

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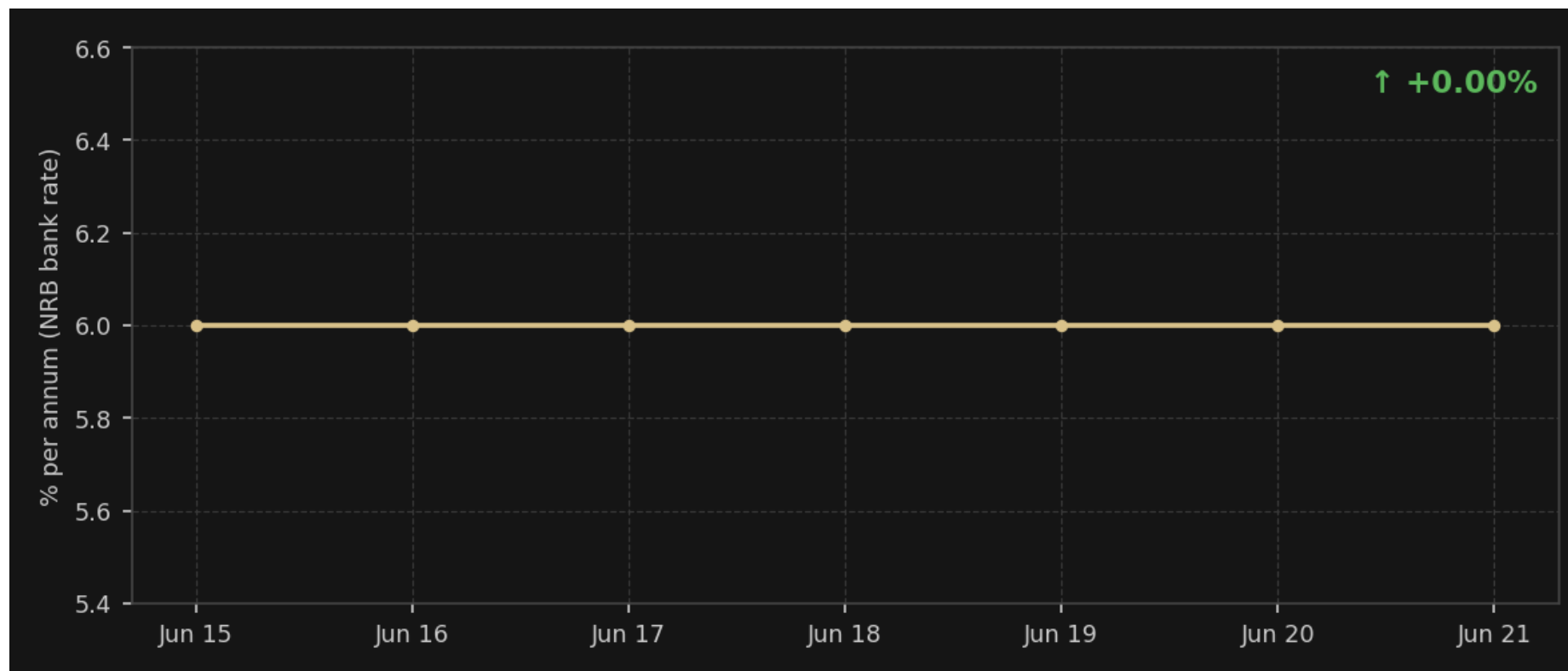
Silver Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola)



Silver slid with gold, off about 6% on June 19 to ≈Rs 4,640/tola.

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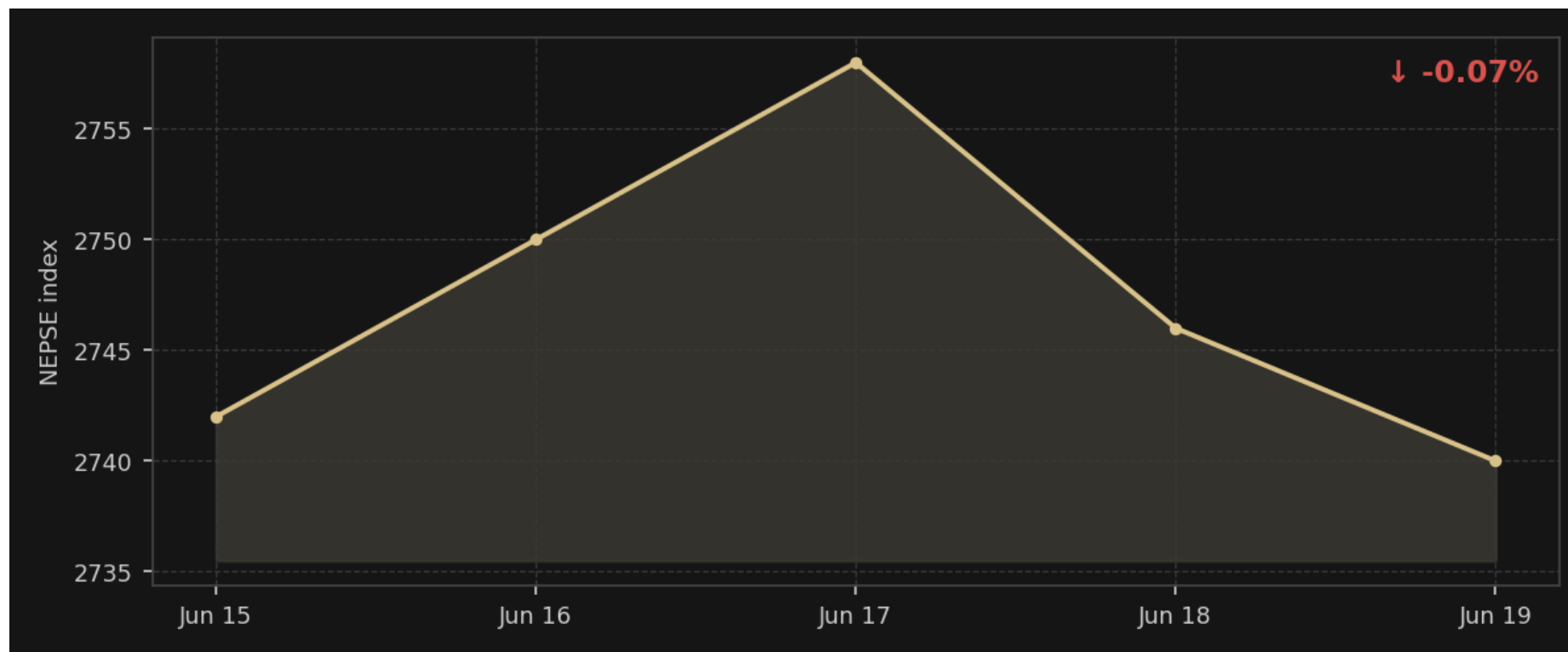
Nepal Rastra Bank — Bank Rate



NRB's bank rate (upper bound of the corridor) was unchanged at 6.0% through the week.

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NEPSE Index



NEPSE traded around 2,740–2,760 through the week amid the prolonged budget debate.

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