



NEPAL WEEKLY

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FIFA suspends ANFA over interference

SUSPENDED



RSP e-vote: Lamichhane camp prevails

80 EVMs



Bullion bottoms mid-week, edges up

POLITICS

- RSP holds its first general convention in Chitwan (extended from 3 to 6 days): Rabi Lamichhane re-elected chair unopposed; his loyalist Bipin Acharya wins general secretary (673 votes) over Manish Jha; Sobita Gautam becomes woman VP.
- Lamichhane declares 'social democracy' the party's guiding ideology, replacing 'constitutional socialism'; ~70% of delegates abstain from the office-bearer vote, exposing internal rifts.
- House sittings repeatedly postponed (June 24 to Friday) to accommodate the RSP convention; UML in Sudurpashchim threatens to quit the provincial government over an unrevised budget.
- NC's Gagan Thapa says members who fail to verify details will lose recognition; the Maoist chief whip demands the release of an arrested party leader.

ECONOMY

- NEPSE slides 26.16 points (0.96%) to 2,674.48 on June 23 with 12 of 13 sub-indices down; share-market tax revenue is off 37% over 11 months.
- Shuttered Ilam tea factories in Suryodaya resume work after Indian export restrictions ease, though export challenges persist.
- Hallmark gold bottoms near Rs 278,300/tola (June 25) before edging up to Rs 279,100 (June 26); silver slips toward Rs 4,180.
- An investigation opens after ~737 litres of petrol are stolen from an NOC tanker dispatched from Biratnagar.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Fallout from FM Khanal's China visit and the Susta border row continues to shape parliamentary debate.
- Protected-area tourism data show ~60% of foreign visitors head to national parks; 511,762 foreign tourists visited in FY 2024/25.
- Manaslu Circuit's Philim-Larkya Pass trekking route to close June 24-July 2 for monsoon-season trail upgrades.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- APF sets up temporary monsoon-response units at 54 disaster-prone sites with 8,180+ personnel on 24-hour standby.
- Eight killed and 105 injured in road accidents nationwide in 24 hours (June 23); Madhesh worst hit with five deaths.
- Terai heatwave warning as temperatures rise across Sudurpashchim and Lumbini; NOC petrol-theft probe underway.

DEFENCE

- Security posture toward India's SSB in Susta stays in focus after the border-remarks controversy; no major domestic military operations reported.
- APF monsoon deployment doubles as the week's principal security-forces mobilisation.

HEALTH

- Terai heatwave advisory issued for Sudurpaschim, Lumbini, Bagmati and Gandaki as southern-plains temperatures climb.
- Road-safety strain persists with 8 dead and 105 injured in 24 hours amid monsoon-onset conditions.

EDUCATION

- Education Minister Sasmit Pokharel defends the National Examination Board's timely, transparent Class 12 result publication.
- The FIFA suspension freezes ANFA's access to development and training programmes, hitting football education pipelines.

SOCIETY

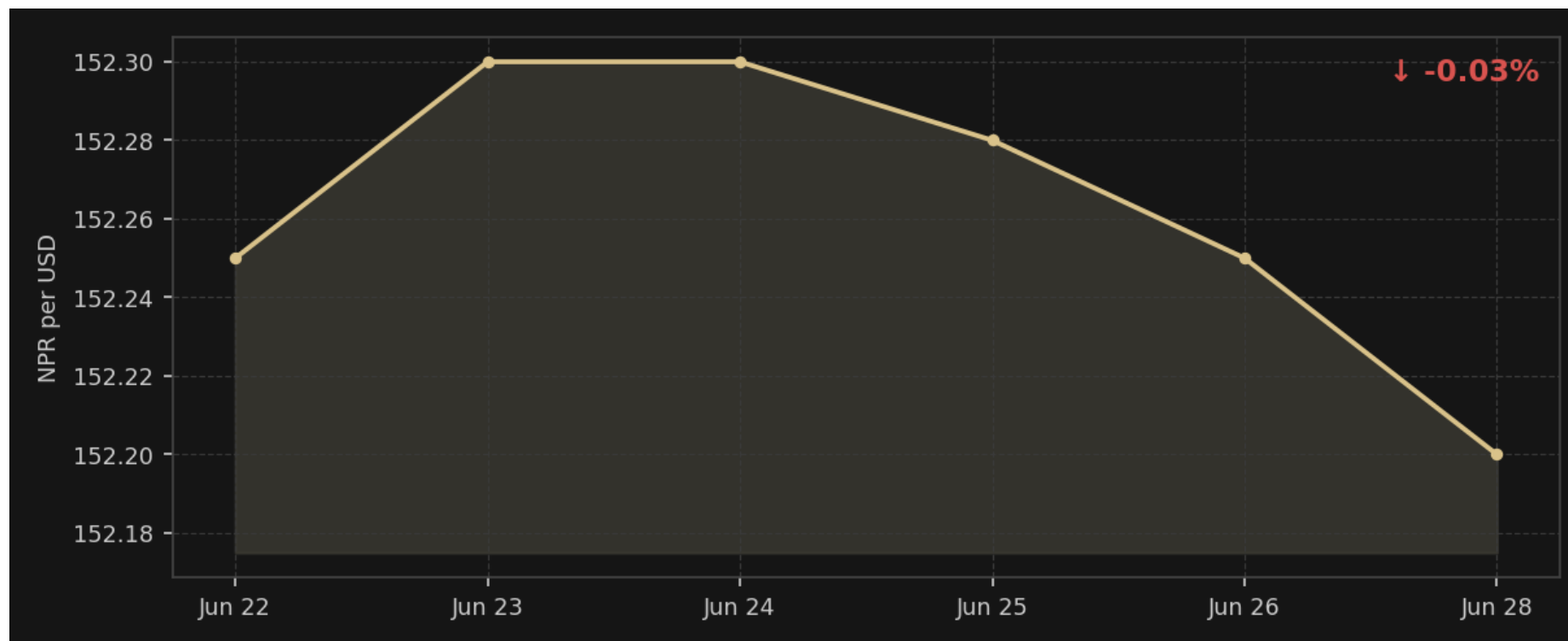
- FIFA suspends the All Nepal Football Association (June 24) over third-party interference by the National Sports Council — an unprecedented ban since Nepal joined FIFA in 1972; players protest at ANFA HQ.
- PM Balendra Shah attends and returns from the RSP convention in Chitwan; the Kathmandu Post calls it self-inflicted 'destruction'.
- Brazil, Switzerland and other sides advance at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, dominating domestic sports coverage.
- Bagmati province plans a special FY 2026/27 programme; monsoon trekking-route works announced.

Sr No	Date	Sector	News Headlines	Source
1	22 Jun 2026	Politics	RSP's first general convention opens in Chitwan with Lamichhane set to retain the chair	The Himalayan Times
2	23 Jun 2026	Economy	NEPSE falls 26.16 points to 2,674.48 as 12 of 13 sub-indices decline	Nepal News
3	23 Jun 2026	Politics	Lamichhane warns against factionalism at RSP convention closed session in Bharatpur	Nepal News
4	23 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Eight killed and 105 injured in road accidents across Nepal within 24 hours	Nepal News
5	23 Jun 2026	Politics	UML in Sudurpashchim threatens to quit provincial government over unrevised budget	Nepal News
6	23 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Manaslu Circuit's Philim-Larkya Pass route to close June 24-July 2 for trail upgrades	Nepal News
7	24 Jun 2026	Society	FIFA suspends ANFA with immediate effect over third-party interference	Kathmandu Post
8	24 Jun 2026	Politics	RSP deploys 80 EVMs for its Central Committee election with 384 candidates contesting	Nepal News

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9	24 Jun 2026	Politics	House of Representatives sitting postponed to Friday amid the extended RSP convention	Nepal News
10	24 Jun 2026	Health	Heatwave warning issued as temperatures rise across the Terai region	Nepal News
11	24 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Protected-area data show ~60% of foreign tourists visit national parks and reserves	Nepal News
12	24 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Investigation launched after 737 litres of petrol stolen from an NOC tanker in Biratnagar	Nepal News
13	25 Jun 2026	Society	How Nepal's football establishment destroyed itself: inside the ANFA suspension	Kathmandu Post
14	25 Jun 2026	Internal Security	APF establishes monsoon-response units at 54 sites with 8,180+ personnel on standby	Nepal News
15	25 Jun 2026	Economy	Shuttered Ilam tea factories resume work as Indian export restrictions ease	Nepal News
16	25 Jun 2026	Education	Education Minister Pokharel defends timely, transparent NEB result publication	Nepal News

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17	25 Jun 2026	Politics	Minister Timilsina says RSP convention will strengthen and unify the party	Nepal News
18	26 Jun 2026	Politics	Bipin Acharya, Lamichhane confidant, elected RSP general secretary with 673 votes	myRepublica
19	26 Jun 2026	Politics	RSP concludes convention amid shortcomings; ~70% of delegates abstain from leadership vote	The Himalayan Times
20	27 Jun 2026	Politics	RSP elects new leadership in a convention marred by delays and factional rifts	Kathmandu Post
21	26 Jun 2026	Economy	Hallmark gold ticks up Rs 800 to Rs 279,100/tola as silver slips to Rs 4,180	Artha Kendra
22	26 Jun 2026	Society	New RSP office bearers and central committee members take the oath of office	Radio Nepal

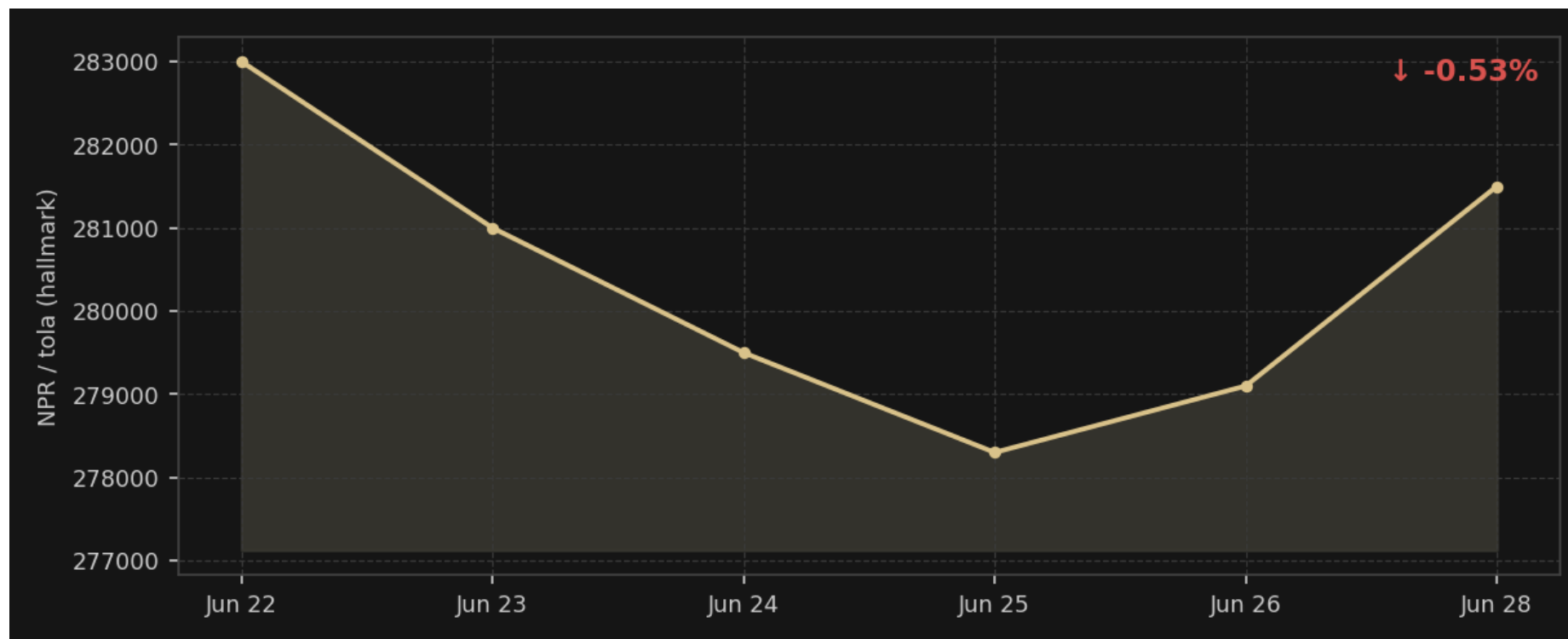
USD/NPR Exchange Rate



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

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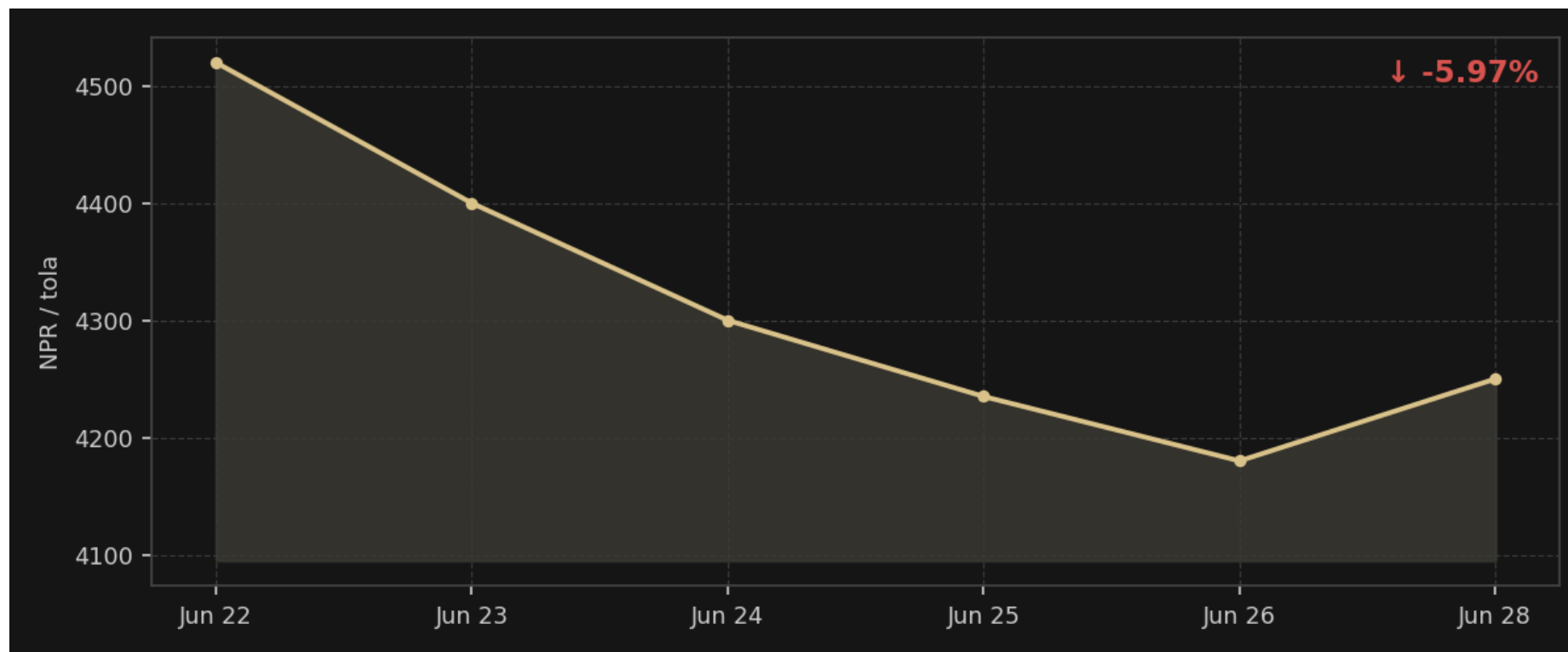
Gold Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola — Hallmark)



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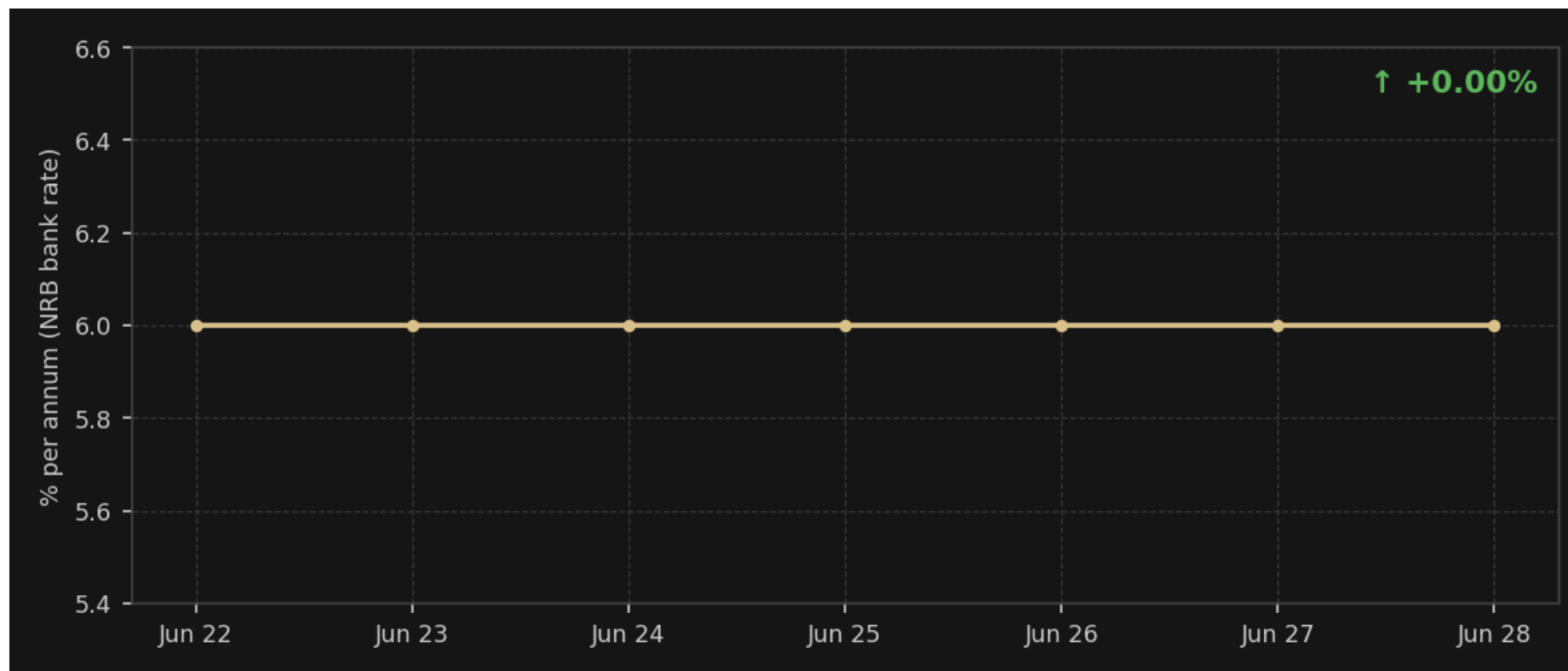
Silver Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola)



Silver eased through the week toward Rs 4,180/tola before a small recovery.

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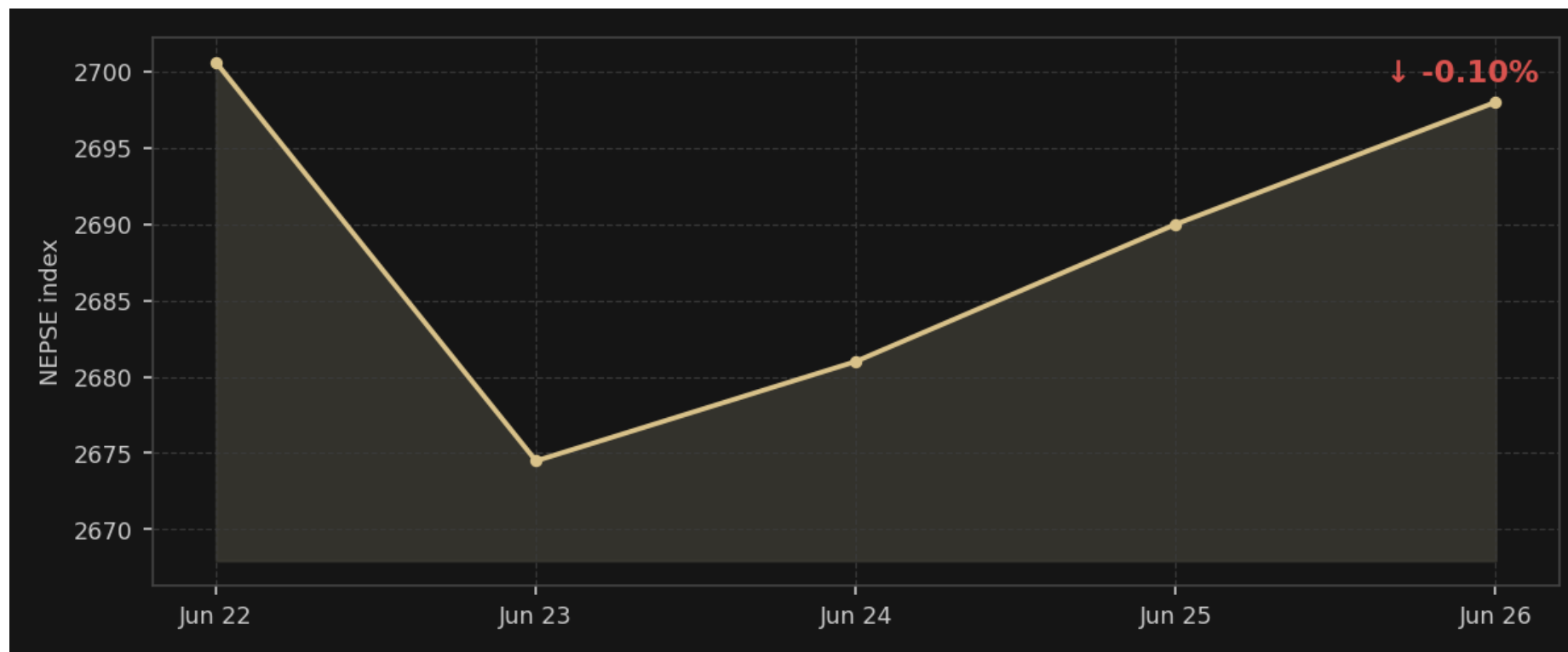
Nepal Rastra Bank — Bank Rate



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

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NEPSE Index



NEPSE dropped to 2,674.48 on June 23 (12 of 13 sub-indices down) before a modest recovery.

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