



NEPAL WEEKLY

29 June – 04 July 2026

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100
days in office

Govt marks 100 days; foreign-policy claims

NEPSE



NEPSE ends a seven-day losing streak

Blue Bus women's service



'Blue Bus' women's service set to launch

POLITICS

- The Shah government nears its 100-day mark and claims a foreign-policy 'shift', routing all envoy and high-level engagements through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and touting FM Khanal's India and China visits.
- The House passes the Public Procurement (Second Amendment) Bill; the National Assembly endorses four HoR bills (procurement, money laundering, cooperatives, health-science academies).
- The opposition sharpens attacks — UML's Oli says the party faces a 'coordinated attack', while NC's Angdembe defends federalism against 'political immaturity'.
- Provincial budgets advance: Lalitpur passes a Rs 7.49 bn budget; Lumbini and Sudurpaschim assemblies stay stalled in budget disputes.

ECONOMY

- NEPSE ends a seven-day losing streak, rebounding 44.59 points to 2,652.93 (July 1), then adding 8.78 to 2,661.71 (July 2) on improved liquidity.
- CAAN cuts domestic airfares after NOC lowers aviation-turbine-fuel prices by Rs 40/litre; fuel surcharges fall up to Rs 2,335 on longer routes.
- The Infrastructure Ministry allocates Rs 2 bn to finish Constituency Strategic Road projects across 39 districts.
- Hallmark gold eases toward Rs 290,300/tola; the Assembly deadlock keeps blocking the Rs 37.38 bn provincial budget debate.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- The government claims institutionalised, national-interest-focused diplomacy at 100 days, citing border, water, connectivity and digital cooperation.
- Chinese Ambassador Zhang Maoming urges fast-tracking Trans-Himalayan connectivity at a CPC 105th-anniversary seminar.
- The Nepal-Britain Chamber signs an MoU with the West London Chamber in London to deepen trade and investment ties.
- Saudi Arabia grants a royal pardon to 33 Nepali inmates; a Nepal-Saudi Parliamentary Friendship Group is formed.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- The Supreme Court refuses to release UML VP Bishnu Paudel, demanding the case files first.
- Former UML lawmaker Laxmi Mahato Koiri is jailed on a Janakpur High Court verdict; five are arrested in a foreign-job fraud case.
- Susta residents rally in Kathmandu for land certificates and citizenship after harassment by Indian security personnel.

DEFENCE

- No major domestic military operations reported; security agencies focus on monsoon-disaster readiness as flood and landslide risks rise.
- APF and police continue monsoon deployments across the plains and hills.

HEALTH

- The Health Ministry urges vigilance after bird flu (avian influenza) is confirmed in 100 locations across 11 districts, including the Kathmandu Valley.
- A Dhangadhi-Baitadi bus plunges about 100 m off the road, with the injury toll rising to 20.

EDUCATION

- Kathmandu University's 31st convocation confers degrees on 1,527 graduates; Education Minister Pokharel urges graduates to serve domestically.
- The postal-modernisation drive delivers 207,834 passports and 808,044 driving licences via the national network.

SOCIETY

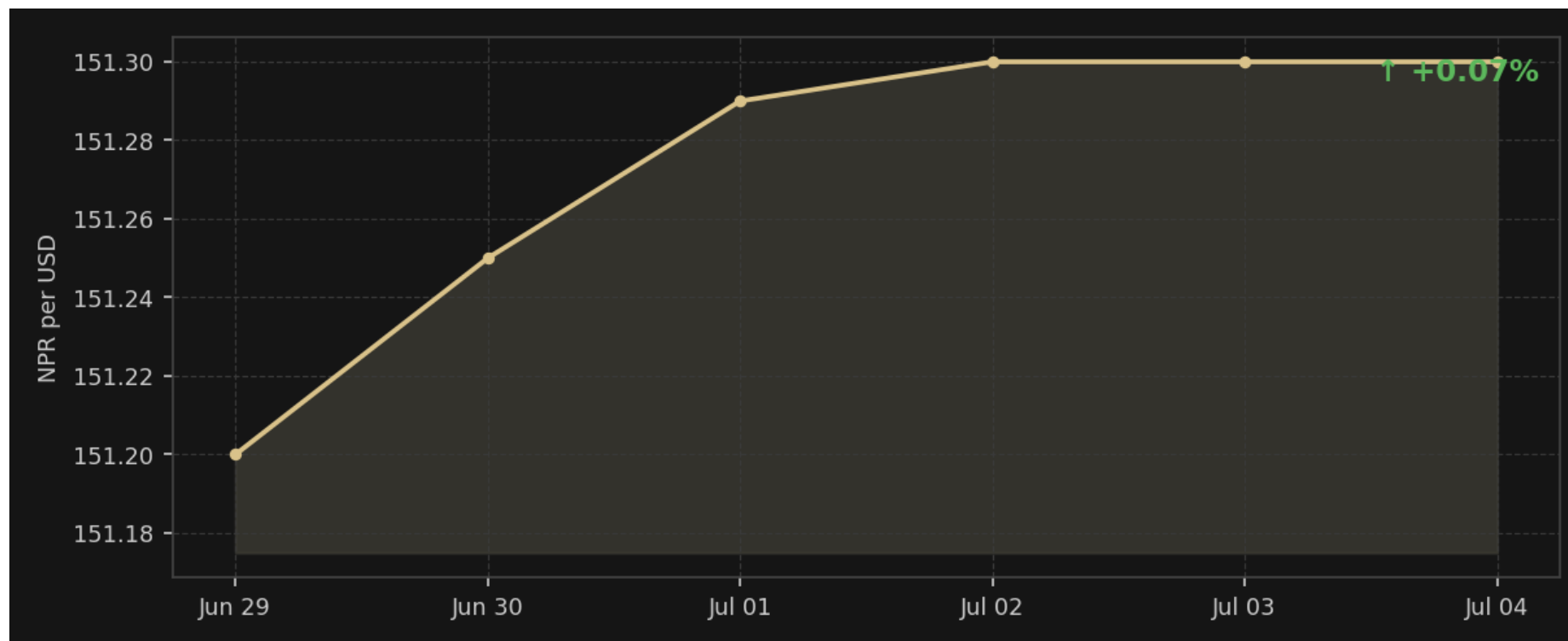
- Preparations advance to launch eight free 'Blue Bus' services for women's safe travel in the Kathmandu Valley from July 17.
- The CAN concludes the NPL third-edition player draft; Aasif Sheikh lands a record Rs 2 m contract with the Lumbini Lions.
- Nepal wins gold, silver and bronze at the 16th South Asian Bodybuilding Championship in Thimphu.
- KMC unveils a landfill co-investment plan with neighbouring municipalities to extend the Bancharedanda site.

Sr No	Date	Sector	News Headlines	Source
1	30 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Supreme Court refuses to release UML VP Bishnu Paudel, demands case files	Nepal News
2	30 Jun 2026	Politics	Speaker Aryal calls for a prosperous Nepal to bring citizens abroad back home	Nepal News
3	30 Jun 2026	Internal Security	Susta residents rally in Kathmandu for land certificates and citizenship	Nepal News
4	30 Jun 2026	Foreign Affairs	Saudi Arabia grants a royal pardon to 33 Nepali inmates	Nepal News
5	1 Jul 2026	Economy	NEPSE rebounds 44.59 points to 2,652.93, ending a seven-day losing streak	Nepal News
6	1 Jul 2026	Economy	CAAN cuts domestic airfares after NOC lowers aviation fuel prices by Rs 40/litre	Nepal News
7	1 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Speaker Aryal forms a Nepal-Saudi Arabia Parliamentary Friendship Group	Nepal News
8	1 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Five arrested in a foreign-job fraud case involving millions of rupees	Nepal News

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9	2 Jul 2026	Economy	NEPSE adds 8.78 points to 2,661.71 amid volatile trading and improved liquidity	Nepal News
10	2 Jul 2026	Society	Preparations advance to launch eight free 'Blue Bus' women's services from July 17	Nepal News
11	2 Jul 2026	Economy	Lalitpur Metropolis passes a Rs 7.49 bn budget for FY 2026/27	Nepal News
12	2 Jul 2026	Politics	House passes the Public Procurement (Second Amendment) Bill by majority vote	Nepal News
13	2 Jul 2026	Economy	Infrastructure Ministry allocates Rs 2 bn to complete constituency road projects	Nepal News
14	3 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Government claims a foreign-policy shift and diplomatic gains in its first 100 days	Nepal News
15	3 Jul 2026	Health	Health Ministry urges vigilance after bird flu is confirmed in 100 locations	Nepal News
16	3 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Former UML lawmaker Laxmi Mahato Koiri sent to Mahottari Prison	Nepal News

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18	3 Jul 2026	Society	Nepal wins gold, silver and bronze at the South Asian Bodybuilding Championship	Nepal News
19	4 Jul 2026	Politics	National Assembly endorses four bills received from the House of Representatives	Nepal News
20	4 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Nepal-Britain and West London chambers sign an MoU in London to deepen trade ties	Nepal News
21	4 Jul 2026	Politics	UML chair Oli says the party faces a coordinated attack by rivals	Nepal News
22	4 Jul 2026	Education	KU confers degrees on 1,527 graduates at its 31st convocation	Nepal News
23	4 Jul 2026	Society	Postal drive delivers 207,834 passports and 808,044 driving licences	Nepal News

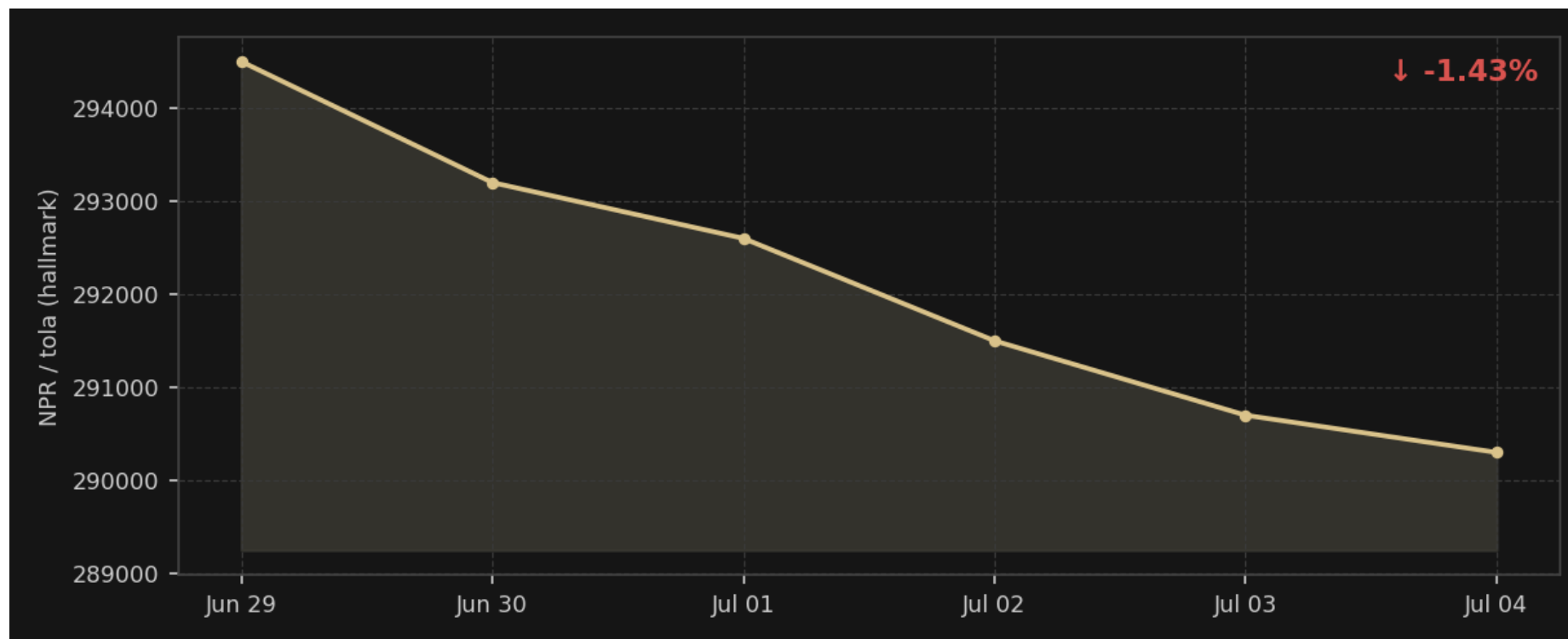
USD/NPR Exchange Rate



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

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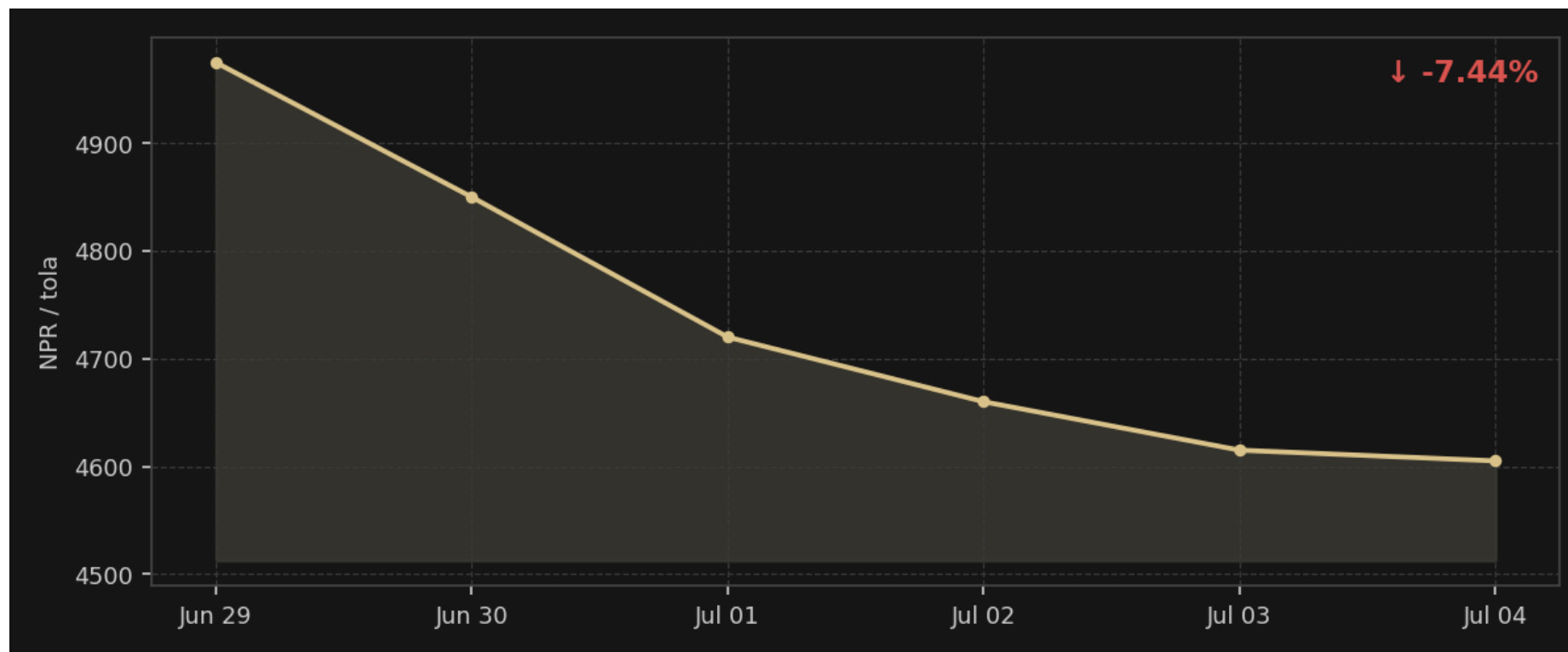
Gold Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola — Hallmark)



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

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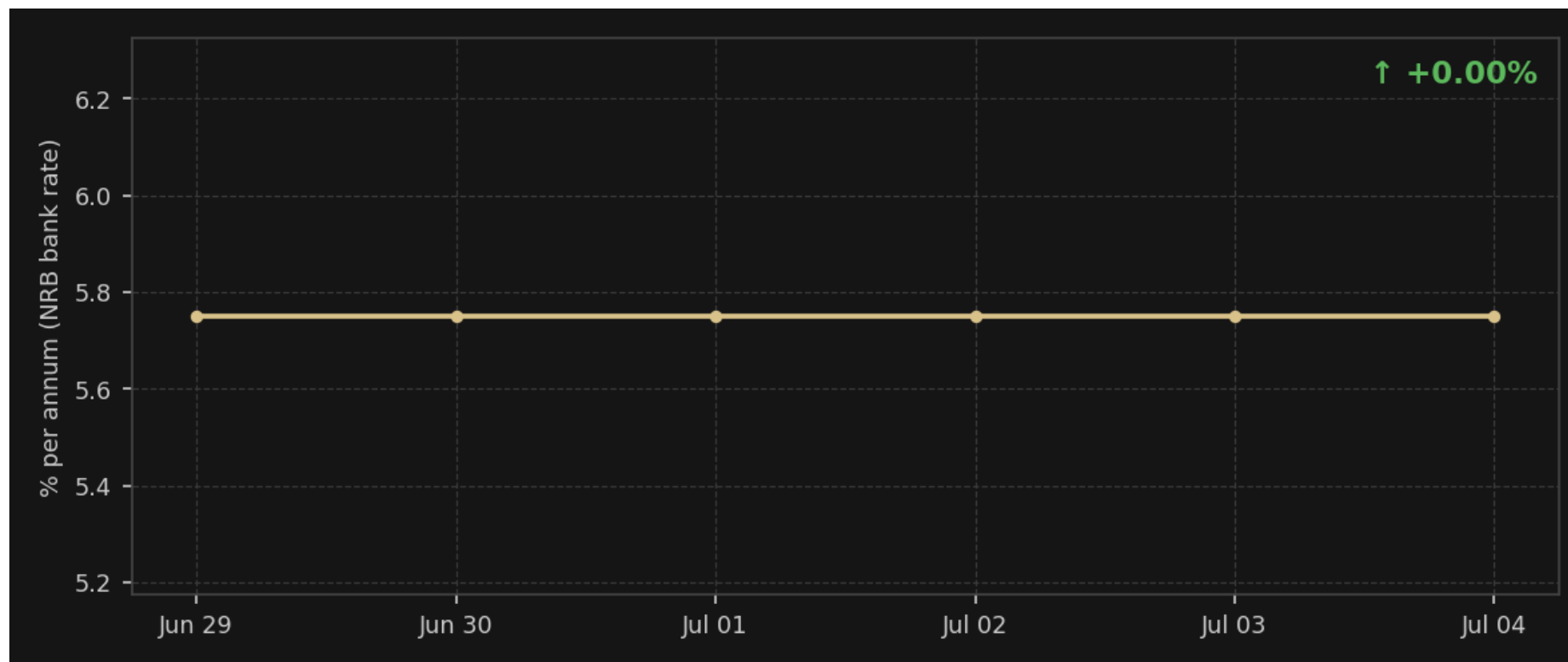
Silver Prices (in Nepali Rupees/Tola)



Silver eased from ≈Rs 4,975 toward Rs 4,605/tola.

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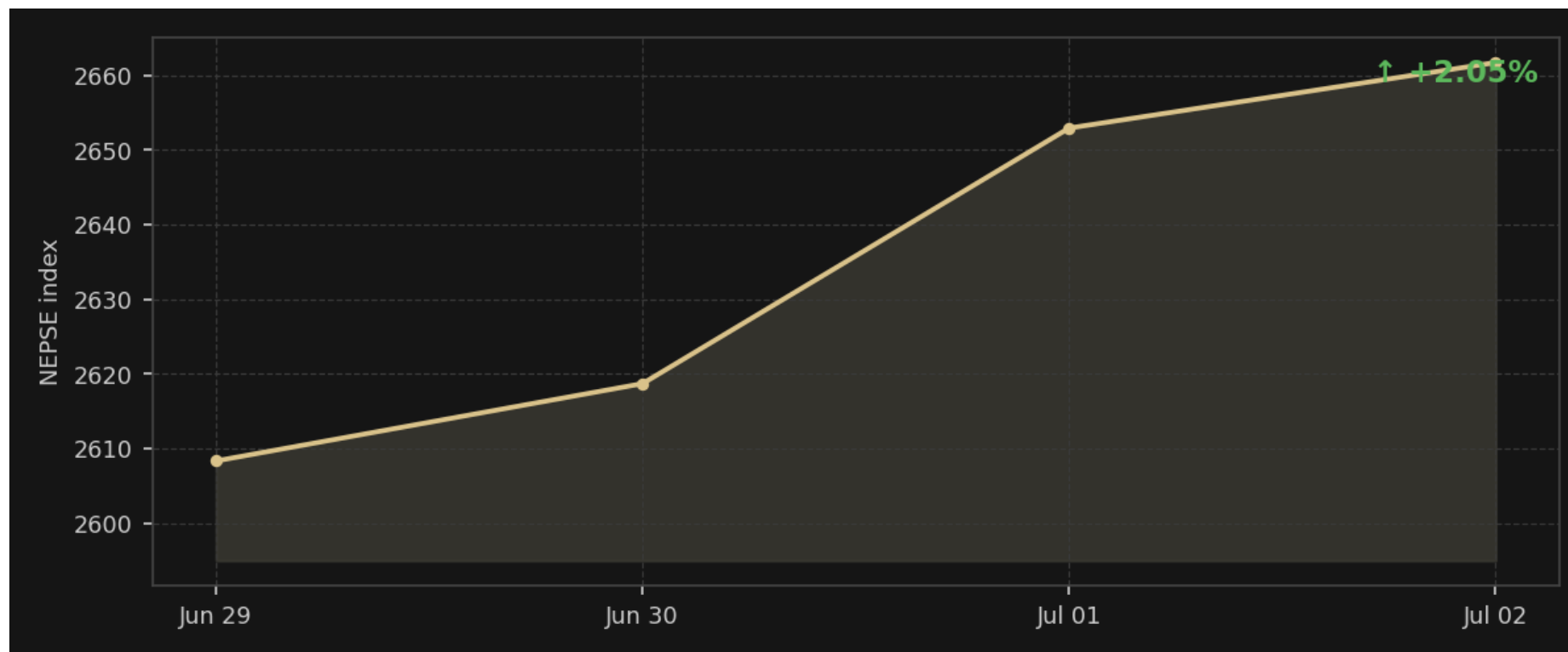
Nepal Rastra Bank — Bank Rate



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

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NEPSE Index



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