

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



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POLITICS

- King Salman sends an official cable of condolences to Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune following a tragic fire at a youth welfare center in Algiers.
- The Ministry of Municipalities and Housing reports the issuance and renewal of over 274,000 commercial licenses in H1 2026 to streamline digital business services.
- The Cabinet evaluates Vision 2030 social and administrative transformation benchmarks to strengthen municipal governance across regional provinces.

ECONOMY

- Riyadh Air opens global reservations and strengthens its Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet in preparation for daily direct flights between Riyadh and Mumbai.
- GASTAT registers a 2.7% month-on-month increase in the Saudi Construction Cost Index for June, driven by expanding infrastructure projects in Riyadh and Jeddah.
- The Ministry of Commerce logs over 91,000 commercial license amendments via the Balady digital platform to accelerate private-sector investment flows.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan holds emergency phone calls with Qatari, Jordanian, and Egyptian counterparts to coordinate regional de-escalation efforts.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly denounces hostile missile and drone attacks targeting civilian sectors in Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan.
- Houthi representatives issue explicit threats against Saudi commercial hubs following escalating confrontations over flight routes at Sanaa International Airport.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Saudi Air Defense units intercept a Houthi-launched ballistic missile attack directed at Abha International Airport in the southern region.
- Passports and border security directorates deploy integrated digital tracking networks to intercept cross-border residency and labor law violations.
- The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and Arab Parliament issue joint statements affirming full support for Saudi Arabia's territorial security against Red Sea threats.



DEFENCE

- Coalition military forces maintain heightened air-defense readiness across southern border sectors to neutralize incoming drone and missile swarms.
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- Defense analysts review US diplomatic frameworks evaluating potential PAC-3 MSE Patriot interceptor deliveries to bolster regional air defense coverage.
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- Royal Saudi Naval Forces step up smart radar surveillance sweeps near energy export terminals along the Gulf coast to insulate commercial navigation lanes.

HEALTH

- King Saud University Medical City achieves top global rankings in the SCImago Institutions Rankings 2026 for clinical research excellence.
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- Public health directorates expand mobile clinical units and automated triage systems to mitigate severe summer heatwaves in central and western provinces.
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- Food and Drug Authority inspectors step up purity audits across municipal water bottling plants, enforcing strict biosecurity compliance standards.

EDUCATION

- King Abdulaziz University earns shortlisting in two major categories for the Times Higher Education (THE) Arab Universities Awards 2026.
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- The national mathematics delegation captures six international honors, celebrating student achievement across regional scientific competitions.
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- Higher education boards authorize expanded Vision 2030 scholarship quotas for local scholars pursuing advanced AI and quantum computing degrees abroad.

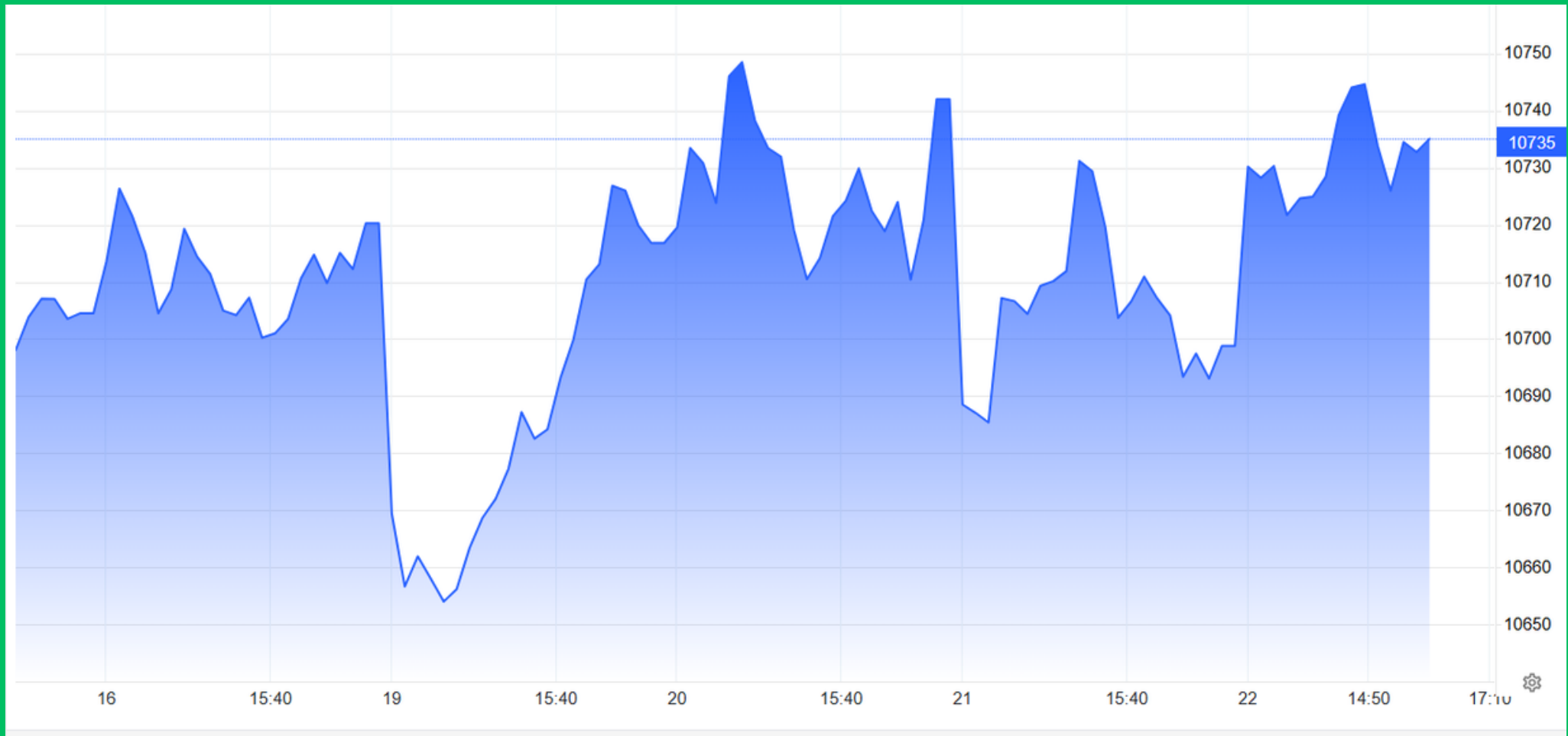
SOCIETY

- Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman extends warm congratulations to UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on Union Pledge Day.
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- AlUla Royal Commission expands its curated network of nature trails, offering immersive outdoor hiking routes across historical desert landscapes.
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- The Prince Mohammed bin Salman Global Center for Arabic Calligraphy expands its library collection in Madinah to over 2,000 rare manuscripts in 11 languages.

1	13 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Saudi-led coalition says intercepted Houthi missiles over southern region	NAMPA / AFP
2	13 Jul 2026	Defence	Houthis claim retaliatory missile and drone attacks on Abha International Airport	China Daily HK
3	13 Jul 2026	Defence	Saudi Arabia may receive US terms for developing nuclear weapons and air defenses	Militarnyi
4	14 Jul 2026	Economy	Riyadh Air strengthens fleet with 28 Boeing 787 Dreamliners and new 787-10 variant	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
5	14 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Houthis declare maritime embargo against criminal enemy Saudi Arabia	JNS News
6	15 Jul 2026	Politics	Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques chairs Cabinet session in Jeddah	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
7	15 Jul 2026	Health	King Saud University Medical City achieves advanced rankings in SCImago 2026	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
8	16 Jul 2026	Internal Security	Border security units intercept cross-border smuggling networks in southern provinces	Saudi Gazette
9	16 Jul 2026	Economy	GASTAT: Operating revenues index for short-term businesses rises 11.4%	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
10	17 Jul 2026	Society	AlUla offers nature lovers an immersive hiking experience through diverse trail networks	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
11	17 Jul 2026	Society	Talh honey harvest begins in Tabuk with strong production metrics	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
12	17 Jul 2026	Education	Saudi mathematics team clinches 6 international awards at global competition	Arab News
13	18 Jul 2026	Politics	King Salman condoles Algerian President on victims of assisted childhood institution fire	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
14	18 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Saudi Arabia strongly condemns Iran's continued flagrant aggression on Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
15	18 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	HRH the Crown Prince congratulates the UAE President on Union Pledge Day	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)

16	18 Jul 2026	Media	Lebanese media group Annahar launches AI-powered journalist 'Nahar'	Arab News
17	18 Jul 2026	Society	Jeddah to host World Boxing Event 'The Comeback' on July 25	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
18	19 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Saudi FM discusses regional escalation with Qatar, Jordan, and Egypt counterparts	Saudi Gazette
19	19 Jul 2026	Foreign Affairs	Senior Houthi official warns Saudi valuable targets within range over Sanaa airport row	China Daily HK
20	19 Jul 2026	Economy	Saudi Arabia issues, renews over 274,000 commercial licenses in H1 2026	Saudi Gazette
21	19 Jul 2026	Defence	Royal Saudi Naval Forces step up smart radar surveillance near energy hubs	Arab News
22	19 Jul 2026	Internal Security	OIC and Arab Parliament denounce Houthi threats, reaffirm support for Saudi Arabia	Saudi Gazette
23	19 Jul 2026	Society	Madinah expands public transport system to accommodate growing visitor numbers	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
24	19 Jul 2026	Economy	Saudi Arabia's Construction Cost Index rises 2.7% in June: GASTAT	Arab News
25	19 Jul 2026	Education	King Abdulaziz University shortlisted in two categories of THE Arab Universities Awards 2026	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
26	19 Jul 2026	Society	Ancient coins of AlUla bear witness to centuries of economic prosperity	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
27	19 Jul 2026	Health	KSrelief signs cooperation agreement to provide safe water and sanitation for Rohingya refugees	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
28	19 Jul 2026	Society	Prince Mohammed bin Salman Global Center for Arabic Calligraphy expands library to 2,000 papers	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)
29	19 Jul 2026	Environment	Saudi royal reserve records over 11,000 beehives across protected ecosystems	Arab News
30	19 Jul 2026	Society	Bird parks and enclosed wildlife attractions in Makkah emerge as popular family destinations	Saudi Press Agency (SPA)

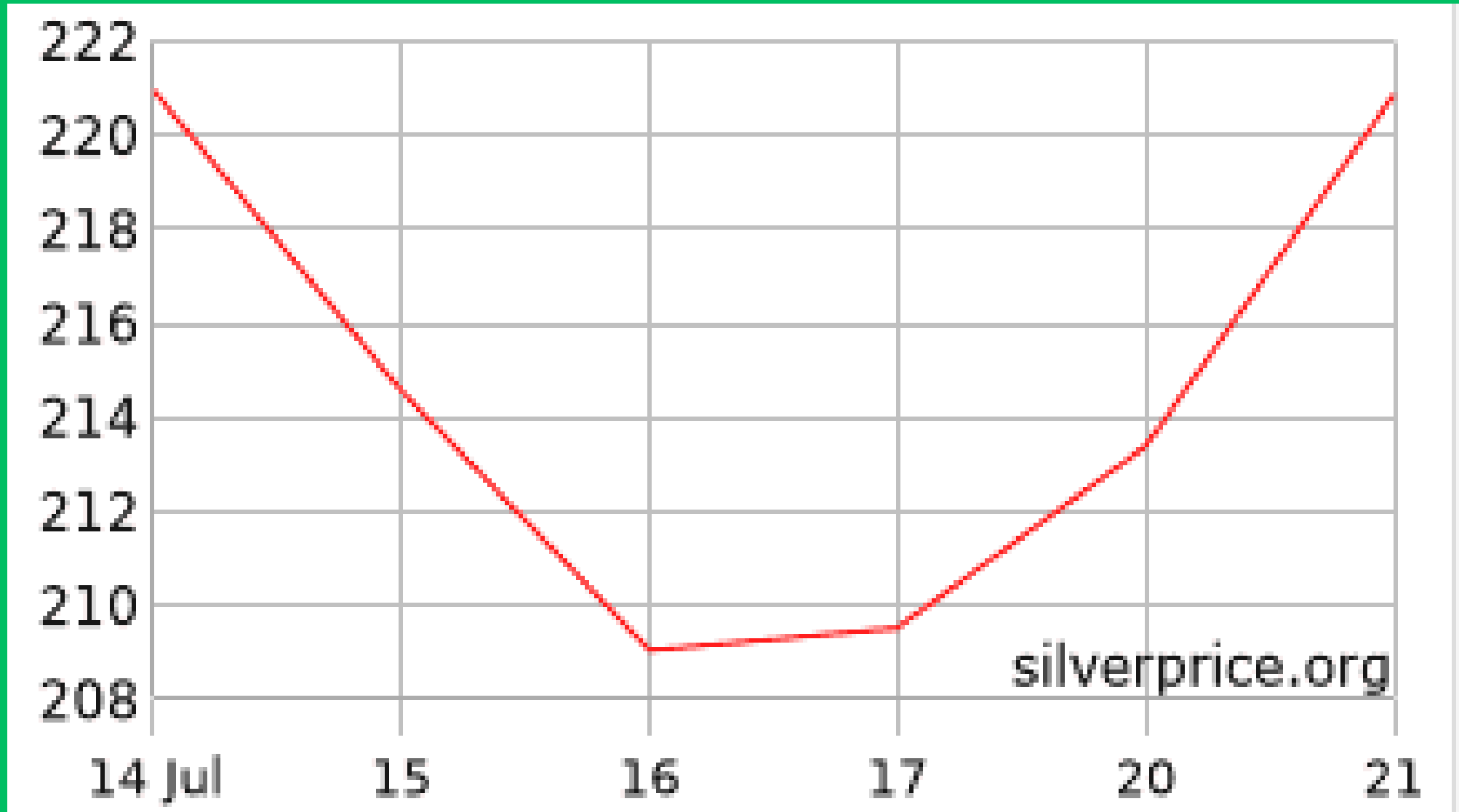
All-Share Index- Saudia Tadawul Riyadh



Gold rate per/ounce in Saudi Riyal



Silver rate per/ounce in Saudi Riyal



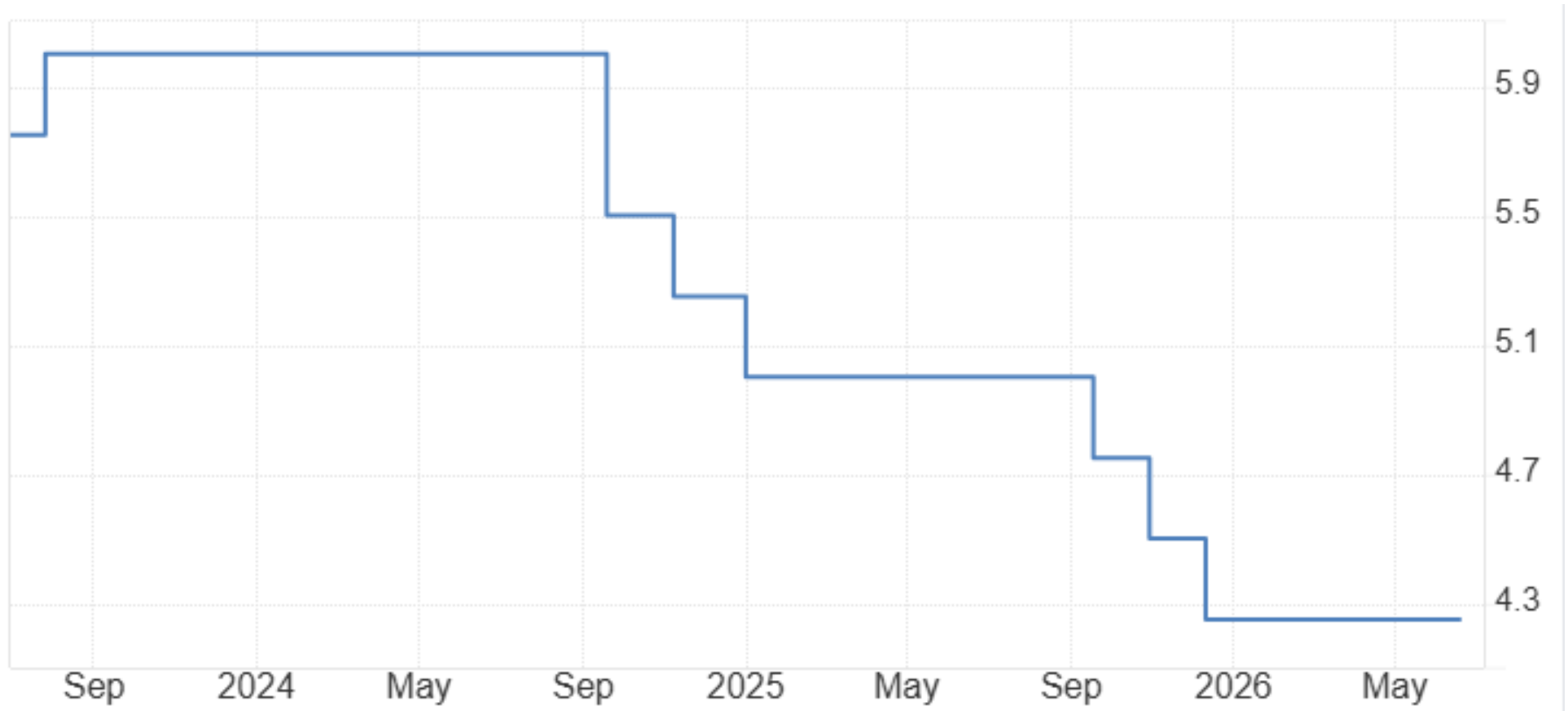


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Saudi Rial-Usd Exchange rate this week



Saudi Central Bank Repo Rate



Saudi monetary policy is guided by the Saudi Central Bank's Repo and Reverse Repo Rates, which generally track U.S. Federal Reserve policy due to the Saudi Riyal's peg to the U.S. Dollar