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## Policy must be forceful to anchor expectations, panel hears

The need for forceful monetary policy to anchor expectations was among the key lessons of the post-Covid-19 surge in inflation, an official from an advanced economy central bank told the Central Banking Summer Meetings. Speaking on June 11 during a panel on forecasting models, the official said central banks had done “very well” in responding to the surge. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/06/25)

## ECB seen cutting once more as officials strike cautious tone

Economists still expect the ECB to lower interest rates one more time this year, even after policymakers signaled they’re in no rush to ease further. Analysts continue to see a quarter-point reduction in Sept. according to a Bloomberg poll conducted after the ECB trimmed borrowing costs for an eighth time in a year in June. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 16/06/25)

## Tariffs do not solve tensions but erode global growth – Lagarde

Christine Lagarde has said countries should work together to preserve the benefits of globalisation. In a speech at the People’s Bank of China in Beijing on June 11, the European Central Bank president said coercive trade policies such as tariffs were “not a sustainable solution to today’s trade tensions”. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/06/25)

## ECB’s Guindos says risk of inflation undershoot very limited

The threat of inflation falling short of the European Central Bank’s 2% target is contained, Vice President Luis de Guindos told Reuters. While consumer-price growth is expected to slow to 1.4% in the first quarter of 2026, that won’t de-anchor expectations, the Spanish official said in an interview. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 16/06/25)

## Fed on hold leaves wall street asking what it will take to cut interest rates

With Federal Reserve officials signaling an extended hold on interest rates, investors and economists will look to Chair Jerome Powell this week for clues on what might eventually prompt the central bank to make a move, and when. A fourth straight meeting without a cut could provoke another tirade from President Donald Trump. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 15/06/25)

## Trump: Powell is a ‘numbskull’ for not cutting rates

Donald Trump on June 12 reignited his criticism of Jerome Powell, describing the chair of the Fed as a “numbskull”. The US president claimed that if the Fed lowered rates by 200 basis points it would save consumers \$600bn a year. Trump also mocked Powell’s reasoning and his voice. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/06/25)

## China’s factories slow, consumers unexpectedly perk up

China’s factory output growth hit a six-month low in May, while retail sales picked up steam, offering temporary relief for the world’s second-largest economy amid a fragile truce in its trade war with the US. The mixed data comes as China’s economy strains under US President Trump’s tariff onslaught and chronic weakness in the property sector. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 16/06/25)

## China’s fixed-asset investment up 3.7% in Jan-May

China’s fixed-asset investment went up 3.7% year on year in the first 5 months of 2025, data showed today. Excluding the property sector, the country’s fixed-asset investment grew 7.7% year on year during this period, the National Bureau of Statistics said. Infrastructure investment rose 5.6% year on year, while manufacturing investment increased 8.5%. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 16/06/25)

### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3600	(1.3587)	1.3601	(1.3588)
+USD/EUR	1.1562	(1.1575)	1.1563	(1.1576)
*GHS/USD	10.3448	(10.2449)	10.3552	(10.2551)
*GHS/GBP	14.0690	(13.9197)	14.0841	(13.9347)
*GHS/EUR	11.9614	(11.8597)	11.9732	(11.8704)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 16/06/25 (Rates for 13/06/25 in brackets)

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### **UK household inflation expectations fell before April CPI spike**

UK households had been expecting inflation to slow over the coming year, according to a Bank of England survey that was conducted before the sudden jump in consumer prices reported last month. The BOE's quarterly Inflation Attitudes Survey published on June 13, showed the public believed inflation would fall to 3.2%, down from 3.4% at the last survey in Feb. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 13/06/25)

### **Economists predict Germany will return to growth this year**

Germany's economy will return to growth in 2025 after 2 years of contraction, according to analysts who are a little more upbeat on the country's near-term prospects than other forecasters. Respondents see GDP in Europe's largest economy rising 0.2% this year. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 16/06/25)

### **Dollar steady with focus on Middle East conflict, central bank meetings**

The dollar held its ground in choppy trading on Monday, as investors monitored the fighting between Israel and Iran for signs that it could escalate into a broader regional conflict and braced for a week packed with central bank meetings. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 16/06/25)

### **Mexico's deputy governor hints at rate hold**

Mexico may benefit from pausing rate cuts, the deputy governor of its central bank has said. In an interview on June 11 in El Economista, Jonathan Heath said the bank's goal was to reach its 3% inflation target by the third quarter of 2025. He said another cut would not give it much room to manoeuvre if inflation were to rise further. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/06/25)

### **Norway trade surplus shrinks in May**

Norway's foreign trade surplus declined in May from a year ago as exports fell faster than imports, data from Statistics Norway shows today. The trade surplus dropped to NOK 46.1bn in May from NOK 52.3bn in the same month last year. The surplus also decreased from NOK 56.4bn in April. Exports fell 7.4 % annually in May, and imports were 5.0% lower. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 16/06/25)

### **Futures rise, oil erases gains on calmer sentiment: markets wrap**

Investors tempered the risk-off positioning that was triggered by the hostilities between Israel and Iran, with oil wavering and stocks staging a tentative rebound. As traders increasingly anticipate that the conflict between the two arch adversaries will remain contained, S&P 500 futures rose 0.5%, pointing to a recovery after the US benchmark shed more than 1% on Friday. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 16/06/25)

### **South Africa stocks suffer \$3.7bn losing streak from foreign investors**

Foreign investors have pulled \$3.7bn out of South African equities since Oct. in the longest such streak of outflows in five years, a report showed, as the continent's biggest equity market struggles to attract international portfolio flows. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 13/06/25)

### **Global watchdog removes Tanzania from financial crimes grey list**

The Financial Action Task Force, the global body that sets standards for combating money laundering, terrorist financing, and the financing of weapons of mass destruction, has officially removed Tanzania from its grey list of countries under increased monitoring, the Tanzanian Ministry of Finance said on Sunday [15/06]. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 16/06/25)

### **IMF graft audit team lands in Kenya ahead of fresh program talks**

An IMF mission is in Kenya for 2 weeks to assess the impact of corruption on public finances, with the findings expected to inform a new program requested by the government. The findings of the so-called governance diagnostic will be shared with Kenyan authorities for their input before the end of 2025. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 16/06/25)

### **BoG moves to curb rising NPLs with new regulatory measures for banks, SDIs and NBFIs**

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has issued an Exposure Draft proposing sweeping regulatory reforms to tackle the persistent challenge of non-performing loans within the banking and financial services sector. ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com) 16/06/25)

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