

# TREASURY COMMENTARY - 20th June 2025

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### USD/LKR volatility continued...

USD/LKR volatility continued and traded around 299.00 – 302.00 and LKR depreciated against USD by 1.70% year to date. Excess liquidity in the Call Money market has increased from the previous day.

	19.06.25		18.06.25	
Opening	300.40	300.60	300.80	301.00
Closing	300.70	300.80	300.45	300.55
	19.06	S.25	18.06.25	
Call Money Rate (%) Repo Rate (%)	7.55	7.75	7.55	7.75
	7.70	7.77	7.72	7.77
Liquidity (LKR)	115.13 Bn		101.14 Bn	

### TREASURY BILL latest Auction on 18.06.2025 This week Last week Year ago, 03 Months 07.55 07.55 9.39 **06 Months** 07.73 07.72 9.81 12 Months 07.94 07.94 9.90 TREASURY BOND latest Auction on 12.06.2025 Maturity date 15.10.29 15.12.32 Yield (w.a) % 9.41 10.29 Coupon rate (p.a)(%) 10.35 11.50

# BOND CURVE as at 19.06.25 11.50% 11.10% 10.70% 10.30% 9.90% 9.50% 9.10% 8.70% 8.30% 7.50% 1Y 2Y 3Y 4Y 5Y 6Y 7Y 8Y 9Y 10Y Dec-24 Current

CSE		
	19.06.25	18.06.25
Turnover	3,319Mn	3,899Mn
Net Foreign Inflow	77.7Mn	50.6Mn
S&P SL 20	5,019.15	5,094.31
ASPI	16,818.21	17,071.44

ECONOMIC	C INDICA	TORS			
		This We 13.06.2		Week ago	Year ago
AWPLR (%)		08.21		08.37	09.15
		Apr '25	Apr '25 Mar'25		Year ago
AWDR (%)		07.08		07.15	09.66
INFLATION (%)	)	May'2	5	Apr '25	Year ago
NCPI-YoY	PI-YoY -			-0.8	1.6
NCPI-Core		-		-0.1	3.1
CCPI -YoY		-0.7		-2.0	0.9
CCPI -Core		1.2		0.8	3.5
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Bench Mark	O/N	1M	зМ	6M	12M

Bench Mark Rates	0/N	1M	3M	6M	12M
USD SOFR	4.3100	4.3214	4.3236	4.2451	4.0571
EUR ESTR	1.9260	1.9270	1.9160	1.8610	1.7890
GBP SONIA	4.2163	4.2148	4.1395	4.0477	3.8865

## USD was set for ...

USD was set for biggest weekly rise in over a month, as uncertainties about a raging war in the Middle East and the repercussions it could have on the global economy fueled an appetite for traditional safe havens. Although the Federal Reserve earlier this week stuck with its forecast of two interest rate cuts this year, Chair cautioned against giving that view too much weight. The dollar index (DXY) comparing the U.S. currency against six others is poised for a 0.5% climb this week.

### EUR/USD continued...

EUR/USD continued its winning streak for the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive day, trading around 1.1510 during Asian trade.

## The GBP rose...

The GBP rose after the Bank of England kept rates steady, citing a weaker jobs market and higher energy prices, which investors took as a clearer sign of the trajectory for UK rates. The pound rose as much as 0.2% and was last 0.1% higher at 1.34325.

### The CAD weakened...

The Canadian dollar weakened to a near three-week low against its U.S. counterpart. The CAD was trading 0.3% lower at 1.3735 per USD.

### The JPY strengthened...

The JPY strengthened against the USD by 0.17% to 145.23. Also underpinning the yen's gains was hotter-than-expected inflation data that kept expectations for upcoming interest rate hikes alive.

### AUD & and NZD found some footing.

The AUD and NZD found some footing as the Israel-Iran conflict continued but did not escalate to U.S. involvement, offering a welcome reprieve to risk assets. The AUD to edge up 0.1% to 0.6487 & NZD was hanging on at \$0.6000.

### GOLD prices fell...

Gold prices fell and were on track for a weekly decline, as an overall stronger USD and the prospect of fewer U.S. interest rate cuts offset support from rising geopolitical risks in the Middle East. Spot gold slipped 0.5% to \$3,355.49 an ounce

### OIL prices pared gains...

Crude prices pared gains from the previous session and fell nearly \$2 after the White House delayed a decision on U.S. involvement in the Israel-Iran conflict, but they were still poised for a third straight week in the black.