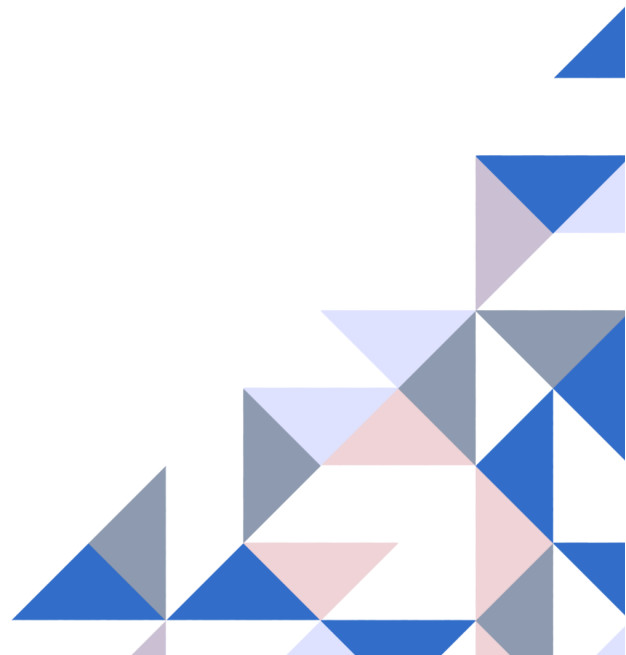
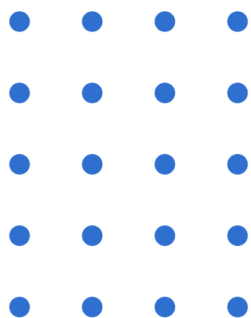




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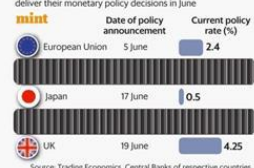
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Every month, *Mint's Plain Facts* section brings out an update on key global data to thread together the biggest developments in the world that are worth paying attention to. The accompanying analysis and charts explain how each story is creating ripples on the global stage, where it is headed in the coming weeks, and whether it can impact India.



### US, UK, Japan are expected to hold interest rates in June, India, EU may cut

Latest interest rate (in %) in select countries that are set to deliver their monetary policy decisions in June



### 1 Policy Outlook

**IN JUNE**, several major central banks are poised to announce monetary policy decisions, with many facing a delicate balancing act—managing persistent inflationary pressures while navigating the uncertainties of US tariff policies.

The US Federal Reserve, Bank of England and Bank of Japan are expected to keep interest rates steady, while the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and European Central Bank (ECB) may consider rate cuts to stimulate growth amid stable inflation.

The US Fed is expected to hold rates steady as it weighs the potential economic fallout from the tariffs against inflationary risks. The Bank of England, having eased rates in May to address growth concerns and softening inflation, may hold steady now but could start easing by August. The Bank of Japan is likely to pause in June to assess tariff-related uncertainties but may begin rate hikes later as inflation pressures build.

### 2 Trade Truce

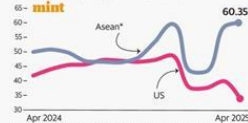
**AFTER EXCHANGING** steep reciprocal tariffs, the US and China agreed to a 90-day pause in their tariff war, including reduced tariffs during this period. The truce, reached following high-level talks in Switzerland, marks a significant de-escalation after US tariffs on Chinese imports peaked at 14.5% and China's tariffs on US goods reached 125%.

Currently, US tariffs on Chinese products average around 30%, while China's tariffs on US goods stand near 10%. Prior to the agreement, China experienced a sharp drop in exports to the US in recent months, alongside a notable rise in shipments to Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries, suggesting efforts to sidestep US tariffs.

While the terms of any final deal remain uncertain, this temporary truce has eased global tensions, with brokerages lowering the likelihood of a US recession.

### Amid the tariff war, Chinese exports to the US declined, but rose to Asean

China's goods exports (in \$ million), monthly



### 3 Post-Brexit Pact

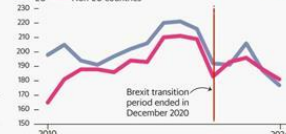
**FIVE YEARS** after leaving the European Union (EU), the UK and the EU have unveiled their first major post-Brexit deal. Unveiled at a London summit led by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, the agreement covers trade, defence, energy, migration, and youth mobility, aiming to improve cooperation and ease tensions.

While the EU remains a key trading partner, accounting for around 41% of UK exports and 51% of imports in 2024, the UK has diversified its trade portfolio, with non-EU countries now receiving 59% of its exports.

Nonetheless, UK exports to both the EU and non-EU markets have declined sharply since Brexit, underscoring the urgency of securing trade agreements with the EU and other partners like India.

### UK exports to both EU and non-EU countries have struggled to recover after Brexit

UK goods exports by year (£ billion)



### Global bond sell-off deepens as tariffs, high debt lead to worries

30-year bond yields (in %), daily



### 4 Bond Rout

**THE GLOBAL** bond market is facing a sharp sell-off, driven by fiscal concerns and a loss of confidence in long-term government debt. Moody's downgrade of the US credit outlook and renewed fears over soaring deficits—fuelled by Donald Trump's tax plans—have triggered a broad-based reassessment of risk. Investors are not only exiting the US Treasuries but also long-duration bonds in economies like Japan and Germany.

Yields on 30-year US bonds surged past 5% recently, while Japanese and German yields have also jumped. Structural shifts, such as reduced demand from Japanese insurers and looser fiscal policy in Europe, are compounding the pressure. Investors now favour shorter-duration bonds, viewing them as safer in uncertain times. Meanwhile, emerging markets like India and China are defying the trend, with yields slipping, thanks to domestic stability and tighter capital controls.

### 5 Listing Lift

**CHINESE BATTERY** giant CATL made a striking debut on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, raising \$4.6 billion in the largest global listing this year. Shares jumped over 16% from the listing price of HK\$263 on the first day, highlighting strong investor demand for the world's top EV battery maker.

With a near 38% share of the global EV battery market, CATL plans to use the proceeds to expand in Europe. However, it got entangled in escalating US-China tensions. The Pentagon designated CATL as a Chinese military-linked firm, and US lawmakers pressured Wall Street banks to avoid the listing, leading CATL to exclude US onshore investors entirely.

This move marks a shift from an era when Chinese giants like Alibaba thrived on Wall Street on debut. CATL's Hong Kong listing reflects a trend of mainland firms increasingly turning to Hong Kong for capital amid rising US regulatory scrutiny.

### CATL's share price closed over 16% higher than its listing price on day one

Intra-day share price of CATL on Hong Kong Stock Exchange (in HK\$), 20 May 2025

