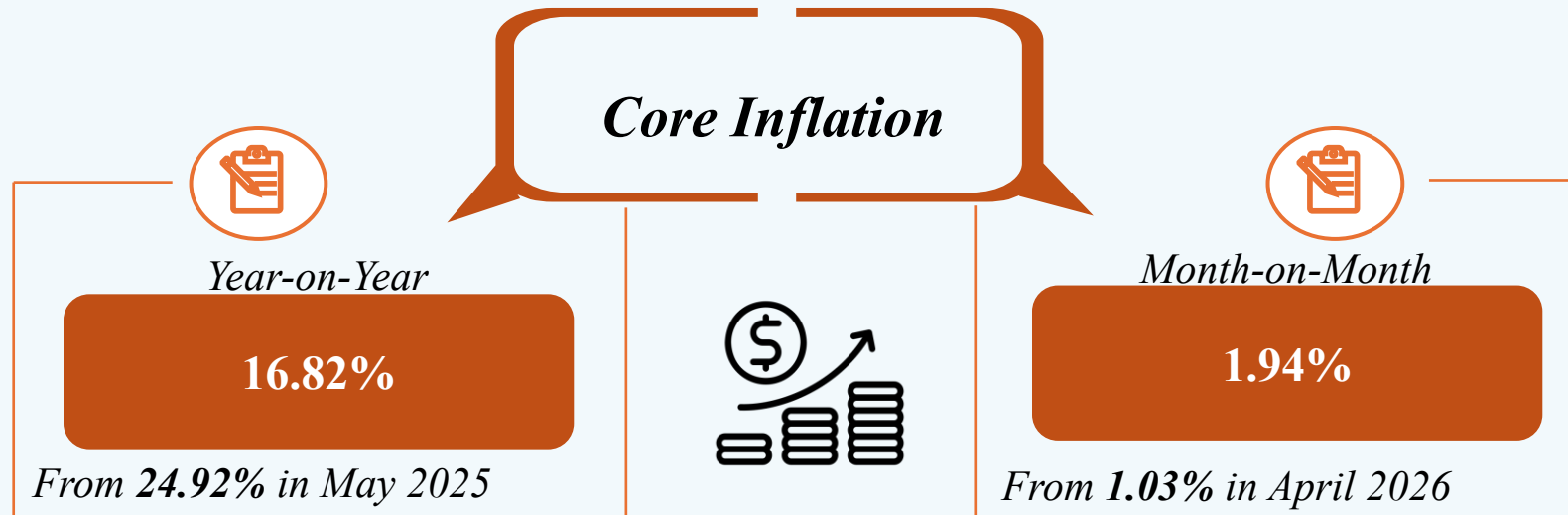


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Headline Inflation

- ❖ Headline inflation edged up year-on-year to 15.93% in May 2026 from 15.69% in April, but declined significantly compared to 26.06% in May 2025
- ❖ On a month-on-month basis, inflation also eased to 1.75% in May from 2.13% in April.

Key Drivers:

- ❖ Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages contributed the largest share to inflation (6.38% YoY; 0.70% MoM)
- ❖ The decline in month-on-month inflation reflects softer price pressures relative to April's energy-driven surge, although inflationary pressures remain elevated.

Food Inflation

- ❖ Month-on-month food inflation eased further to 2.98% from 3.63% in April, though food prices remain elevated.
- ❖ Year-on-year food inflation moderated to 16.96% from 24.55%, while the decline in month-on-month was driven by slower increases in the average prices of items such as Onions, maize, grains e.t.c.

Core Inflation

- ❖ Core inflation (YoY) slowed to 16.82% from 24.92% in May last year, indicating easing underlying price pressures.
- ❖ On a month-on-month basis, core inflation increased to 1.94% from 1.03% in April, indicating a rise in short-term price pressures across key sectors.

Outlook

- ❖ Year-on-year inflation remained elevated, while month-on-month continued to ease from March's spike in the wake of the US-Iran war, though still reflecting energy-driven volatility. The interim US–Iran ceasefire agreement and expected reopening of the Strait of Hormuz could help moderate short-term inflation pressures.