MonthlySSESSMENTS: June 2025 Kenya Polyethylene (PE) Prices

Polyethylene (PE) Trade to Kenya Stagnates Despite Elevated Shipping Costs in June

Prices Rise on Freight Cost Pressure: Exporters actively pushed PE offers in late June, with freight rates from India to Kenya at $60/ton and from China at $145/ton; firm crude prices and geopolitical tensions may drive further increases.

Demand Sluggish Across Key Regions: PE demand remained weak in June, with limited buying in Kenya, sluggish European markets due to high inventories, and African demand tapering off amid the rainy season.

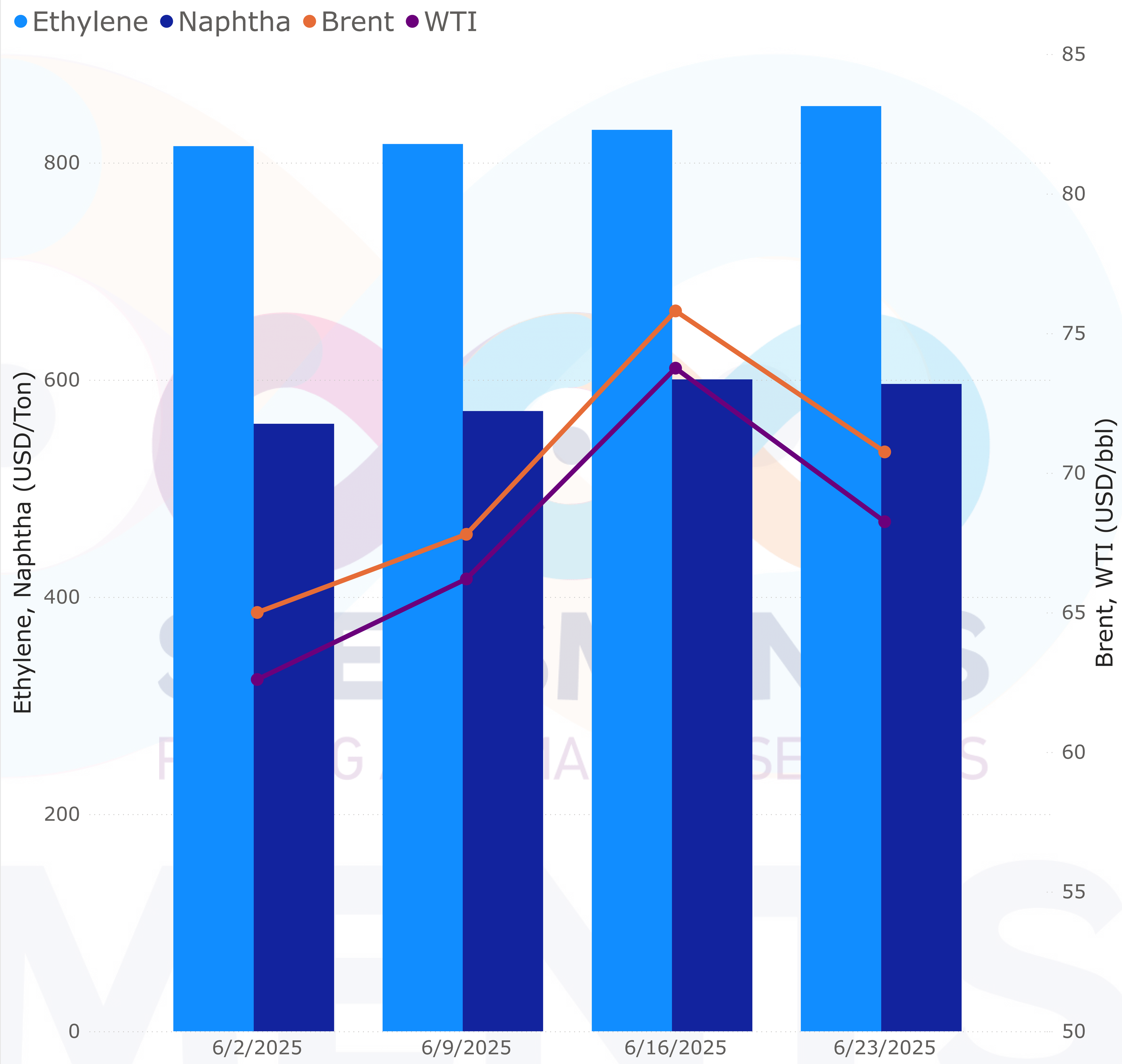
Outlook Uncertain Amid Mixed Signals: July forecasts suggest stable to firmer PE prices due to rising freight and crude costs, though weak downstream demand and seasonal slowdowns may cap any significant gains.

In the mid-to-late June period, a market source was actively pushing export offers for polyethylene (PE), driven by elevated freight costs to most global destinations. Freight rates from India to Kenya and the broader East African region typically hover around $60 per ton, while freight from China to Kenya is currently available at approximately $145 per ton. Despite the elevated freight rates—around $60/ton from India and approximately $145/ton from China—no polyethylene (PE) offers were reported from either country to Kenya during June. With firm crude oil prices and ongoing geopolitical instability in the Middle East, freight costs may rise further—adding additional upward pressure on PE pricing. Despite these cost drivers, overall demand for PE remains weak across international market.

Demand for polyethylene (PE) remained sluggish and underwhelming throughout June across all major regions. In Kenya, buyers resisted accepting increased prices, resulting in limited transactions. European demand was described as particularly weak due to high inventory levels and sluggish end-product sales, worsened by the onset of the summer holiday season. Similarly, African markets are expected to face a downturn as the rainy season sets in.

Looking ahead to July, the outlook for polyethylene is marked by caution and mixed expectations. Some market participants anticipate stable to firmer PE pricing—driven by strong crude oil values and the potential for further freight cost hikes—while others expect prices to remain relatively steady due to weak downstream demand. Seasonal slowdowns in Africa are likely to further suppress consumption during July and August.

Feedstocks & Monomers



CIF/CFR Kenya, LC A/S, USD/Ton

Product	Low	Average	High
HDPE Film	**1,010**	**1,027**	**1,040**
LDPE Film	**1,180**	**1,190**	**1,200**
LLDPE Film C4	**1,050**	**1,070**	**1,090**

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Import Market

June brought stability to the low end of Kenya's HDPE Film and LLDPE Film C4 prices, while their high ends experienced modest declines ranging from $20 to $25/ton, respectively. Similarly, LDPE Film prices slightly drop by $5/ton on the high-end of the price range. All changes on month-on-month comparison.

CIF/CFR Kenya, LC A/S, USD/Ton

Product	Previous Month Range	Current Month Range	M-o-M +/- (Low End)	M-o-M +/- (High End)
HDPE Blow Moulding	960 - 970	-	-960	-970
HDPE Film	1,010 - 1,060	1,010 - 1,040	0	-20
LDPE Film	1,180 - 1,205	1,180 - 1,200	0	-5
LLDPE Film C4	1,050 - 1,115	1,050 - 1,090	0	-25

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Import Market

Import polyethylene (PE) offers in June on LC at sight, CIF/CFR Kenya Main Port basis

Origin	Product	Low (USD/Ton)	High (USD/Ton)
Saudi Arabia	HDPE Film	1,040	1,040
United States	HDPE Film	1,010	1,015
Qatar	LDPE Film	1,180	1,180
Saudi Arabia	LDPE Film	1,200	1,200
Saudi Arabia	LLDPE Film C4	1,050	1,090

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