

DAILY FX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling gained against the dollar on Wednesday with dollar supply from diaspora remittances and offshore investors buying stocks exceeding dollar demand from merchandise importers. The pair opened at 101.70/101.95 and closed at 102.45/102.55.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	101.00	101.60			
GBP/KES	130.65	131.45	GBP/USD	1.2937	1.2916
EUR/KES	111.85	112.65	EUR/USD	1.1083	1.1081
INR/KES		1.4318	AUD/USD	0.6807	0.6821
			USD/INR	71.75	71.63
			Commodities		
			Gold	1470	1476
			Brent Crude	62.25	60.70

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	6.680%	6.390%
182 Days	7.774%	7.261%
364 Days	9.784%	9.787%

Top News:

- Gold prices inched up on Thursday, supported by concerns that U.S. bills on Hong Kong could increase tensions between the United States and China and delay an interim trade deal.
- Oil prices retreated on Thursday after gaining more than 2% in the previous session on bullish U.S. crude inventory data, as a fresh spat over fueled concerns of a further delay in any U.S.-China trade deal.

International Markets:

USD: The dollar rose on Wednesday and trade-exposed currencies fell after the U.S. president threatened a trade war escalation and China condemned a U.S. senate measure backing pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong. China's yuan slipped to a new two-week low in overnight trading after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to raise new tariffs on Chinese imports if ongoing trade negotiations fail.

GBP: GBP/USD stops the previous two day's downpour. With the Tory supporters paying little heed to the previous day's ITV debate, not to forget a surprise turnaround in the opposition Labour party loyalists, GBP/USD trades around 1.2930 while heading into the London open on Thursday.

EUR: EUR/USD is looking heavy ahead of the minutes of the European Central Bank's (ECB) October policy meeting, which are expected to show the members stand divided on which course to take. The currency pair carved out a bearish hammer candle on Wednesday, indicating the bounce from recent lows below 1.10 has run out of steam and warning of an impending downside move.

INR: The rupee on Thursday opened 3 paise down against the US dollar amid rising crude oil prices and fresh concerns over US-China trade tensions that supported demand for the safe-haven greenback. Oil prices surged more than 2 per cent on Wednesday after a better-than-expected US crude inventories report and as Russia said it would continue its cooperation with Opec to keep the global oil market balanced.

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