

DAILY FX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was firm against the dollar on Tuesday supported by inflows from diaspora remittances amid businesses closing ahead of the holiday season.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	100.55	101.15			
GBP/KES	130.75	131.60	GBP/USD	1.3007	1.2951
EUR/KES	111.85	112.70	EUR/USD	1.1132	1.1100
INR/KES		1.4370	AUD/USD	0.6965	0.6931
			USD/INR	71.16	71.11
			Commodities		
			Gold	1516	1493
			Brent Crude	68.00	66.53

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.200%	7.177%
182 Days	8.150%	8.125%
364 Days	9.815%	9.789%

Top News:

- Oil prices rose on Friday, hitting three-month highs after data showed record online spending by U.S. consumers, stoking faith in the world's no. 1 economy even before the hoped-for end to the trade war between Washington and Beijing.
- Gold prices edged lower on Friday on rising risk appetite buoyed by optimism over an interim U.S.-China trade deal, but bullion was still set to register its best week in more than four months.

International Markets

USD: The dollar rose against Japanese yen on Thursday as optimism around easing trade tensions between the United States and China sapped demand for the safe-haven currencies, even as the holiday-thinned trading kept large moves in the FX market in check.

GBP: GBP/USD stays mildly positive beneath familiar upside territory. Irish bridge gets acceptance if the UK is paying for it. EU's threat of using barriers to push the UK towards its terms seems to weigh on the Brexit optimism, more on that is awaited for fresh impulse. GBP/USD struggles around 1.3000 round-figure while heading into the London open on Friday. In doing so, the pair struggles to extend its recovery since Tuesday.

EUR: EUR/USD is gaining ground on broad-based dollar selling. The pair is closing on a crucial trendline hurdle at 1.1140. The Asian desks offered US dollars, helping EUR/USD rise from 1.1069 to 1.1119, possibly due to optimism on the trade front. US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday that he and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have a ceremony to sign the phase-one of the trade deal reached earlier this month.

INR: The rupee inched higher by 7 paise to 71.24 against the US dollar in Friday's trade following some selling in American currency by banks and exporters. The currency, however, kicked off the day almost flat 71.31 per dollar. Rupee continued to quote in a narrow range on Thursday but was weighed down in the latter half of the session following weakness in domestic equities.

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