

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was little changed on Monday, and it was forecast it to weaken due to a general increase in importer dollar demand.

Top News:

- Asian stocks ticked up to their highest in more than a month supported by broad gains on Wall Street on Tuesday, while the euro was stuck near a one-week low against the dollar amid talk of more sanctions against Moscow.
- Oil futures rose in early trading on Tuesday as the potential for more sanctions following alleged war crimes by Russian troops in Ukraine added to concerns about supply disruptions, while Iran nuclear talks stalled.

International Markets

USD: The DXY has observed decent buying interest towards 99.00 on the upbeat US Unemployment Rate. US jobless rate has reached near its pre-Covid-19 levels. Ukraine has accused Russia of brutal killings of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine.

GBP: Pound bulls seek a breakout of the symmetrical triangle at 1.3140 for a fresh impulsive wave. The asset has faced barricades near 200-EMA at 1.3135. The RSI (14) in a 40.00-60.00 range signals indecisiveness. The GBP/USD pair is oscillating in a tight range of 1.3086-1.3146 amid a contraction in the volatility. The cable is unable to attract volumes in the absence of a potential trigger that could dictate the prices.

EUR: EUR/USD has slipped near 1.0970 amid de-escalation in Russia-Ukraine peace talks. Moscow may find more sanctions from the West on the death of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine. The DXY is scaling higher amid rising odds of a 50 bps interest rate hike by the Fed. The EUR/USD pair has taken the bullet as the escalation in tensions between Russia and Ukraine has brought an intense sell-off in the shared currency, which has dragged the pair near 1.0970. The Russia-Ukraine peace talks were progressing as the officials from both nations were discussing the elements of the ceasefire special document. A verbal ceasefire was dictated but official confirmation was still the requirement.

INR: The Indian rupee was at 75.5125/75.5225 to the U.S. currency, against 75.5425/75.5525 in the previous session, as pick-up in exporter hedging, and the upbeat risk appetite supported.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	114.50	117.00			
GBP/KES	147.50	153.60	GBP/USD	1.3147	1.3155
EUR/KES	123.50	129.50	EUR/USD	1.0985	1.1080
INR/KES		1.5680	AUD/USD	0.7645	0.7540
			USD/INR	75.20	75.40
			Commodities		
			Gold	1929	1919
			Brent Crude	108.84	104.59

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.302%	7.283%
182 Days	8.164%	8.134%
364 Days	9.752%	9.767%

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