

The Kenya's shilling eased on Friday to a fresh all-time low, undermined by demand for dollars from the energy and manufacturing sectors, but it was expected to soon get some relief from inflows from remittances.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previou
USD/KES	118.50	126.00			
GBP/KES	139.00	148.55	GBP/USD	1.1795	1.1730
EUR/KES	122.00	130.50	EUR/USD	1.0350	1.0245
INR/KES		1.5685	AUD/USD	0.6695	0.6655
			USD/INR	80.45	80.15
			Commodities		
			Gold	1761	1752
			Brent Crude	96.23	93.94

T-Bills Rates:

0.1720/	
9.173%	9.139%
9.706%	9.691%
10.186%	10.109%
	9.706%

Top News:

- Oil prices rose nearly 1% on Monday, extending gains from the previous session as China eased some of its strict Covid-19 protocols, fueling hopes of a recovery in economic activity and demand at the world's top crude importer.
- Hong Kong's Hang Seng popped as Japan's benchmark index was dragged lower by tech giant SoftBank Group in a mixed Asia-Pacific session after closing the previous week with a big rally.

International Markets

<u>USD</u>: The dollar fell across the board for a second straight day on Friday, as investors favored riskier currencies following signs U.S. inflation is cooling that boosted the case for the Federal Reserve to ease off its hefty interest rate hikes.

GBP: A breakout of the rising channel has underpinned the Cable bulls. Advancing 20-and 50-EMAs add to the upside filters. The RSI (14) has shifted into the bullish range of 60.00-80.00, which indicates more upside ahead. The GBPUSD pair has witnessed a decline below the critical support of 1.1800 in the Tokyo session. The asset has turned sideways amid the unavailability of any potential trigger. However, the risk profile is continuously solid post the release of the US inflation report.

EUR: EURUSD is facing hurdles while overstepping the immediate resistance of 1.0350.Fed's continuation of rate hiking at an ongoing pace may infuse fresh blood into the US dollar. ECB could control inflation by recession in Eurozone which may bring volatility in Euro. EURUSD to focus on Eurozone GDP release for further cues. EURUSD is facing barricades around the immediate resistance of 1.0350 in the Tokyo session. A meaningful drop in October's inflation report released last week was expected to compel the Federal Reserve to calm down its current pace of hiking interest rates

<u>INR:</u> The Indian rupee declined to the U.S. currency, against the previous session, on dollar demand from speculators and importers. Benchmark 10-year bond IN072632G=CC was quoted at 99.73 rupees, with yield down 1 bps at 7.2975% ahead of the October inflation data

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