

The Kenya's shilling weakened to a new all-time low on Friday due to rising demand for dollars from oil and manufacturing companies and other importer.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	120.80	126.40			
GBP/KES	143.00	152.80	GBP/USD	1.2090	1.2145
EUR/KES	123.00	130.90	EUR/USD	1.0385	1.0484
INR/KES		1.5685	AUD/USD	0.6745	0.6795
			USD/INR	80.55	80.61
			Commodities		
			Gold	1752	1755
			Brent Crude	81.28	85.26

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.237%	9.191%
182 Days	9.733%	9.721%
364 Days	10.219%	10.181%

Top News:

- Oil futures fell more than \$2 a barrel on Monday, with WTI hitting an 11-month low, as protests in top importer China over strict Covid-19 curbs fueled demand concerns.
- Hong Kong stocks led losses in a negative Asia-Pacific session on Monday amid unrest in China over its continued zero-Covid policy. Oil futures hovered around new 2022 lows as demand concerns from the world's second-largest consumer of oil weighed on prices.

International Markets

<u>USD</u>: Most Asian currencies fell on Monday as worsening civil unrest in China over its strict anti-COVID policy rattled sentiment, while the dollar rose as fears of a Chinese economic slowdown drummed up safe haven demand.

GBP: GBP/USD bears are moving in with eyes on the trendline support. Bears need to break 1.2050 lows to make way for the 38.2% ratio. GBP/USD is down on the day so far, losing 0.15%, with the price falling from a high of 1.2074 to a low of 1.2051 so far. The sour tone of OBR forecasts has weighed on GBP in the spot market since the Autumn Statement and now the US Dollar is edging higher across the board in a risk-off start to the week.

EUR: EUR/USD is expected to resume its downside journey after surrendering the day's low at 1.0340 as market mood sours. The long-term US Treasury yields have dropped further below 3.65% as anxiety ahead of Fed Powell's speech soars. As the Fed is utterly dedicated to bringing price stability, a slowdown in the growth rate is highly recommended. The EUR/USD pair has faced barricades around 1.0360 after attempting a recovery post a sheer fall to near day's low at 1.0340. The asset has sensed selling interest as a rebound in the risk-off impulse has weakened risk-sensitive currencies.

INR: The Indian rupee INR=IN was trading marginally weaker versus the U.S. dollar, quoting at 81.72, tracking losses on most Asian currencies on concerns over the protests in China. The benchmark BSE Sensex .BSESN rose 107.69 points, or 0.17%, to 62,401.33, while the broader NSE index .NSEI gained 24.9 points, or 0.13%, to 18,537.65. The gains came after the indexes opened lower on weak global sentiment due to protests in major Chinese cities against the country's strict zero-COVID policy

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