

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenya's shilling slid to a fresh low against the dollar on Wednesday as importers, particularly oil marketers, sought to complete orders before Christmas, while inflows from remittances and aid agencies offered insufficient support.

Top News:

- The U.S. dollar remained weak on Thursday after sliding against major peers overnight for the first time this week as investors fretted about the potential for recession in the United States.
- Oil prices steadied in early Asian trade on Thursday after sinking to their lowest level this year as U.S. production and gasoline inventories ticked up at the same time concerns grew that economic slowdowns would weaken fuel demand.

International Markets

USD: Most Asian currencies crept lower on Thursday as optimism over loosening anti-COVID curbs in China was offset by mixed economic signals from Japan and uncertainty over a U.S. recession.

GBP: GBP/USD takes offers to reverse the previous day's corrective bounce. Slump in UK's house prices, easing momentum in labour market keeps bears hopeful. US Dollar remains sluggish pre-Fed blackout of policymakers, downbeat Treasury yields. Second-tier data, risk catalysts are the key to fresh impulse. GBP/USD renews its intraday low around 1.2180 as it braces for the first weekly loss in five during early Thursday. The Cable pair's latest downside could be linked to the corrective bounce in the US Dollar. However, fears surrounding the British economy appear to be a major challenge for the pair traders.

EUR: EUR/USD reverses the previous day's rebound during the first weekly loss in three. Downbeat oscillators direct intraday sellers towards one-week-old ascending trend line. Rising wedge keeps bears hopeful, 100-SMA adds to the downside filter. EUR/USD takes offers to reverse the previous day's recovery around 1.0500, snapping a two-week uptrend during early Thursday.

INR: USD/INR picks up bids to reverse the previous day's pullback from monthly high. Seven-week-old descending trend line, bearish MACD signals tease sellers. Sustained trading beyond 200-SMA keeps buyers hopeful of witnessing fresh record top. USD/INR remains firmer around a one-month high as it jostles with a short-term key resistance line near 82.65 during early Thursday.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	120.80	126.70			
GBP/KES	145.50	154.60	GBP/USD	1.2240	1.2180
EUR/KES	125.40	133.30	EUR/USD	1.0535	1.0520
INR/KES		1.5785	AUD/USD	0.6735	0.6745
			USD/INR	81.20	81.25
			Commodities		
			Gold	1782	1772
			Brent Crude	77.85	79.47

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.275%	9.237%
182 Days	9.752%	9.733%
364 Days	10.225%	10.219%

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