

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenyan shilling weakened slightly on Thursday, as persistent demand for dollars from importers in the oil market weighed on the local currency.

Top News:

- Asian shares turned lower, and the dollar regained some of its footing on Friday, as disappointing earnings from U.S. tech giants undermined sentiment ahead of a key U.S. non-farm payrolls report.
- Oil prices were little changed on Friday, with major benchmarks headed for their second straight week of losses, as the market awaited further signs of fuel demand recovery in China to offset looming slumps in other major economies.

International Markets

USD: The dollar was at its lowest level in over nine months in early European trading on Thursday, after the Federal Reserve's latest interest rate decisions and guidance brought the end of the current policy tightening cycle into view.

GBP: GBP/USD bulls face the task of getting back over the line ahead of the NFP. Bears are taking on a key layer of support with eyes to 1.2170. GBP/USD is on the defensive following a recent break of daily structure that led to a colossal sell-off in the London and New York equities opening hours. GBP/USD fell from a high of 1.2401 to a low of 1.2222 by the close of New York. Cable is printing fresh lows in Tokyo of 1.2205 as traders look ahead to the Nonfarm Payrolls today in the US session while the price is destined for lower according to the following analysis.

EUR: EUR/USD is gauging a cushion around 1.0900 despite the negative market mood. A bear cross, represented by the 20- and 50-EMAs around 1.0927, adds to the downside filters. The RSI (14) has shifted into the bearish range of 20.00-40.00, which indicates more weakness ahead. The EUR/USD pair is attempting to build a cushion below 1.0900 in the Asian session. The major currency pair has shown wild moves in the past two trading sessions led by Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate decision-inspired volatility. And is likely to continue further ahead of the United States Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data.

INR: The Indian rupee INR=IN weakened 0.01% versus the U.S. dollar, ahead of U.S. jobs report and amid concerns over equity outflows.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	125.50	131.60			
GBP/KES	152.00	161.00	GBP/USD	1.2250	1.2450
EUR/KES	135.60	143.50	EUR/USD	1.0950	1.1055
INR/KES		1.6230	AUD/USD	0.7115	0.7187
			USD/INR	81.45	81.21
			Commodities		
			Gold	1914	1952
			Brent Crude	81.97	83.55

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.581%	9.538%
182 Days	9.997%	9.954%
364 Days	10.55%	10.504%

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