

# DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenyan shilling weakened on Thursday, hurt by demand for hard currency importers.

Kenya expects to finish talks for a trade and investment deal with the United States by the end of this year and to sign the agreement by April 2024, Trade Minister Moses Kuria said.

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	130.50	136.00			
GBP/KES	160.80	167.50	GBP/USD	1.2340	1.2360
EUR/KES	142.00	147.50	EUR/USD	1.0885	1.0955
INR/KES		1.6725	AUD/USD	0.6725	0.6775
			USD/INR	81.17	81.15
			Commodities		
			Gold	1990	1980
			Brent Crude	75.75	76.03

## T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.780%	9.742%
182 Days	10.285%	10.216%
364 Days	10.777%	10.747%

## Top News:

- Asian shares were lower on Friday as lingering banking stability concerns gripped Wall Street, while bonds bet the recent slew of rate hikes by Central Banks will be among the last of the cycle, allowing for policy relief later in the year.
- Oil prices fell on Friday, extending the previous day's losses, on worries about potential oversupply after U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said refilling the country's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) may take several years.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar pared earlier losses on Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve sounded close to calling time on interest rate hikes, while the Swiss National Bank and Bank of England pushed ahead with further rate increases.

**GBP:** GBP/USD holds lower grounds near intraday bottom after reversing from seven-week high. Fears of tough banking regulations, Fed's efforts to tame ballooning balance sheet weigh on sentiment. Fed's dovish hike and downbeat yields join hawkish bias surrounding BoE, Brexit optimism to keep buyers hopeful. UK Retail Sales, PMIs for US/Britain could offer an active day ahead. GBP/USD pares weekly gains at a nearly two-month high as bulls run out of steam amid mixed risk catalysts and anxiety ahead of the top-tier UK/US data on Friday. With this, the Cable pair retreats from a seven-week high to print the first daily loss in three, down 0.16% intraday as it flirts with the daily lo near 1.2260.

**EUR:** EUR/USD remains pressured after reversing from seven-week high, traces dicey markets. Comparatively more hawkish ECB talks than Fed, mixed data keep Euro buyer's hopeful. Failure to cross key technical hurdle, fears of strong rules for financial markets tease bears. Preliminary PMIs for Germany, Europe and the US will be important to watch for fresh impulse. EUR/USD depicts sluggish markets on early Friday as it stays defensive near 1.0830-20 after reversing from a seven-week high the previous day, printing mild losses of late.

**INR:** The Indian rupee strengthened 0.02% versus the U.S. dollar, as mixed global cues kept risk assets in check, with most Asian currencies and stocks declining.

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