

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenya's shilling eased on Wednesday due to demand for dollars from the energy sector that outpaced inflows from remittances.

Top News:

- Oil prices were in a holding pattern on Thursday, as a larger-than-expected draw in U.S. crude stocks and hopes for China demand contended with worries that more aggressive U.S. interest rate rises would slow economic growth and dent oil consumption.

International Markets

USD: The dollar was steady on the day but down from three-month highs reached earlier on Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell offered no major surprises on his second day of testimony before Congress and as investors waited for jobs data on Friday.

GBP: GBP/USD is struggling to cross the immediate resistance of 1.1850 as the dismal market mood is solidifying further. An increase in US taxes will deliver an expression of contracting fiscal policy that might contribute to restricting inflation. The BoE could consider a pause in the policy-tightening spell amid the vulnerable UK manufacturing sector. The GBP/USD pair is juggling near the immediate resistance of 1.1850 in the Asian session. The Cable is gathering strength to scale above the afore mentioned resistance. However, the odds are favouring for resumption of the downside as the US Dollar Index is expected to remain in the driving seat ahead of the release of the United States Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data.

EUR: EUR/USD struggles for clear directions after challenging the bears at two-month low. Trend reversal suggesting candlestick, rebound from 100-DMA join sluggish oscillators to lure buyers. Previous support line from the last December challenges Euro buyers. EUR/USD treads water around 1.0550, despite fading the previous day's bounce off the lowest level since January 2023, as mixed technical details challenge traders during early Thursday's sluggish trading session.

INR: USD/INR extends the previous day's pullback from one-week high, pressured around intraday low of late. US Dollar bulls take a breather at three-month high as traders await the key employment data amid mixed feelings. Cautious optimism in Asia adds strength to the Indian Rupee's rebound. Second-tier data, risk catalysts eyed for intraday directions. USD/INR clings to mild losses around 81.85-90 during early Thursday in Europe, extending the previous day's pullback from a one-week high.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	130.50	138.80			
GBP/KES	155.30	164.80	GBP/USD	1.1895	1.1845
EUR/KES	138.20	146.60	EUR/USD	1.0595	1.0565
INR/KES		1.7150	AUD/USD	0.6655	0.6645
			USD/INR	81.00	81.10
			Commodities		
			Gold	1815	1811
			Brent Crude	82.69	83.55

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.698%	9.655%
182 Days	10.165%	10.117%
364 Days	10.690%	10.676%

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