

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling slouched against the dollar on Monday, as manufacturers and importers sought hard currency.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	145.00	149.70			
GBP/KES	182.00	187.90	GBP/USD	1.2540	1.2560
EUR/KES	155.90	161.30	EUR/USD	1.0770	1.0780
INR/KES		1.8050	AUD/USD	0.6470	0.6480
			USD/INR	82.45	82.40
			Commodities		
			Gold	1920	1927
			Brent Crude	90.92	90.77

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	14.2337%	13.9851%
182 Days	14.3686%	13.9388%
364 Days	14.8603%	13.7650%

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- China's economy will grow less than previously thought this
 year and next as a struggling property market dogs what was
 once the world's growth engine, according to a Reuters poll
 of economists who said the risks were skewed to further
 downgrades.

International Markets

<u>USD</u>: The positive streak of the US Dollar Index (DXY) finally ended after several consecutive days of gains. The pullback was triggered by some improvement in risk sentiment. The Nasdaq increased by 1.14%, while the S&P 500 climbed 0.67%. As a result, the DXY retreated from above 105.00 to 104.55. US Treasury yields moved sideways, with the 10-year yield hovering around 4.28%.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair attracts some dip-buying after filling the weekly bearish gap during the Asian session on Monday and climbs further beyond the 1.2500 psychological mark, hitting a fresh daily top in the last hour.

EUR: EUR/USD struggles to continue the winning streak with a mild negative bias, trading around the 1.0740 aligned to the 1.0750 psychological level. The pair experienced upward support due to a pullback in the US Dollar (USD).

<u>INR</u>: The Indian rupee is likely to open higher on Tuesday on the back of a dip on the dollar index and bets that the central bank will not allow the currency to weaken much from the current level.

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