

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was unchanged on Thursday, with dollar inflows from tea exporters matching importer demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.50/129.80

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.10	129.80			
GBP/KES	167.50	170.50	GBP/USD	1.3161	1.3288
EUR/KES	140.50	143.20	EUR/USD	1.1049	1.1065
INR/KES		1.5585	USD/INR	83.7320	83.7260
			AUD/USD	0.6885	0.6894
			Commodities		
			Gold	2664.34	2656.03
			Brent Crude	77.51	74.73

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7183%	15.7463%	-
182 Days	16.5888%	16.6157%	-
364 Days	16.7999%	16.8130%	-
KES INFLATION	3.600%	4.40%	31 st Oct. 24
KES CBR	13.00%	13.00%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices inched up in early Asian trading hours on Friday, holding on to their strong weekly gains, as investors weighed the Middle East conflict and the potential disruption in crude flows against an amply supplied global market.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks retreated on Friday while oil prices headed for their sharpest weekly gain in more than a year, as escalating tensions in the Middle East kept markets on edge ahead of a U.S. jobs report later in the day

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar rose Thursday, benefiting from robust employment data as well as the uncertainty caused by the Middle East turmoil.

GBP: GBP/USD trades on a firmer note around 1.3125 in Friday's early Asian session. The US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data will be in the spotlight on Friday. BoE's Bailey said he sees a chance of a more aggressive rate reduction. The GBP/USD pair posts modest gains to near 1.3125, snapping the three-day losing streak during the early Asian session on Friday. However, the upside for the major pair might be limited as traders brace for the highly anticipated US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data, which is due later on Friday.

EUR: EUR/USD continues to lose ground as the ECB is widely expected to deliver a 25-basis point rate cut in October. The risk-sensitive Euro struggles due to safe-haven flows amid rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. The US Dollar receives support as recent US data challenge dovish expectations for Fed monetary policy. EUR/USD continues its losing streak for the sixth successive session, trading around 1.1030 during the Asian hours on Friday.

INR: Rupee paused its slide and traded flat at 83.96 against the US dollar in early deals on Friday amid retreating crude oil prices and a weak American currency against major Asian rivals.

Source: Reuters.

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