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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was little changed against the U.S dollar on Friday, data from the London Stock Exchange Group showed.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.30/129.60

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.30	129.60			
GBP/KES	174.10	176.20	GBP/USD	1.3598	1.3569
EUR/KES	148.25	150.20	EUR/USD	1.1585	1.1559
INR/KES		1.5160	USD/INR	85.49	85.57
			AUD/USD	0.6523	0.6505
			Commodities		
			Gold	3427.99	3423.31
			Brent Crude	74.87	74.85

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	8.1789%	8.2816%	
182 Days	8.4948%	8.5433%	
364 Days	9.7500%	9.9985%	
KES INFLATION	3.800%	4.110%	
KES CBR	9.75%	10.00%	
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
ECB RATE	2.65%	2.90%	
BOE RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
RBI RATE	6.00%	6.25%	

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Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$72.15 during the Asian trading hours on Monday. The WTI price extends the rally to the highest since February after Israel attacked two natural gas facilities in Iran, raising fears that a wider war in the region could disrupt supplies in the region.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies drifted lower on Monday, amid heightened risk aversion over the Israel-Iran conflict and a series of major central bank meetings this week. The Japanese yen, which usually benefits from haven demand, weakened amid some caution before the conclusion of a Bank of Japan meeting on Tuesday. The central bank is widely expected to leave interest rates unchanged.

International Markets

USD: The U.S dollar firmed before a Federal Reserve meeting this week. Still, recent weakness in the dollar saw most currencies sitting on some gains in the past month.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair remains on the defensive below a three-year top touched on Friday, though it lacks bearish conviction and oscillates in a narrow band around mid-1.3500s during the Asian session. Traders seem reluctant and opt to wait for this week's key data/central bank event risks before positioning for the next leg of a directional move for spot prices.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades with a mild negative bias below mid-1.1500s through the Asian session on Monday amid a modest US Dollar (USD) uptick, though it lacks bearish conviction. Spot prices remain close to the highest level since October 2021, around the 1.1630 area touched last week as traders now look to the crucial FOMC policy decision on Wednesday before placing fresh directional bets.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) posts a fresh two-month low, slightly above 86.20 against the US Dollar (USD) at the start of the week. The USD/INR pair faces selling pressure as the US Dollar ticks up amid an increase in its safe-haven demand, following the conflict between Israel and Iran.

Source: Reuters.

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