



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

**Local Markets:**

The Kenyan shilling was flat on Wednesday, 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	171.95	174.10	GBP/USD	1.3432	1.3470
EUR/KES	147.05	149.00	EUR/USD	1.1493	1.1533
INR/KES		1.5065	USD/INR	86.03	85.77
			AUD/USD	0.6508	0.6531
			Commodities		
			Gold	3371.84	3392.49
			Brent Crude	77.01	76.10

**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%	

**Top News**

**Oil:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$73.00 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The WTI price edges higher amid fears that the Israel-Iran crisis could spiral into a broader conflict involving the United States (US).

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Most Asian currencies weakened on Thursday amid heightened uncertainty over U.S. involvement in the Israel-Iran conflict, while the dollar firmed after the FED Reserve remained non-committal to further interest rate cuts.

**International Markets**

**USD:** The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is extending its gains for the third successive session and trading higher at around 99.10 during the Asian hours on Thursday.

**GBP:** GBP/USD remains subdued for the third consecutive session, trading around 1.3410 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The pair faces challenges as the US Dollar (USD) gains ground amid increased safe-haven demand, driven by escalating tensions between Israel and Iran. Moreover, the Bank of England is widely anticipated to keep its interest rates steady at 4.25% at its June meeting scheduled later in the day.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair extends the decline to near 1.1465 during the Asian session on Thursday. The Euro (EUR) weakens against the Greenback amid the risk-off mood due to rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Traders await the speeches from the European Central Bank (ECB) policymakers later on Thursday for fresh impetus, including Christine Lagarde, Joachim Nagel and Luis de Guindos.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) ticks up against the US Dollar (USD) on Thursday to near the two-month high around 86.57, posted the previous day. The USD/INR pair trades firmly amid widening conflict between Iran and Israel, and the shallow interest rate cut path guided by the Federal Reserve (Fed) on Wednesday after leaving interest rates steady in the current range of 4.25%-4.50% for the fourth time in a row.

Source: Reuters.

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