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GLOBAL MARKETS

Local Markets:

Kenyan shilling has remained relatively stable against the dollar in recent months, generally trading within a narrow range. The shilling's recent stability has been supported by robust diaspora remittances, healthy foreign exchange reserves and managed import demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 129.00/129.80

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

| Currency | Buying | Selling | Currency | Today | Previous |
|----------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|----------|
| USD/KES | 129.00 | 129.80 | | | |
| GBP/KES | 172.50 | 173.80 | GBP/USD | 1.3420 | 1.3395 |
| EUR/KES | 149.00 | 150.00 | EUR/USD | 1.1585 | 1.1587 |
| INR/KES | | 1.3710 | USD/INR | 94.90 | 95.15 |
| | | | AUD/USD | 0.7049 | 0.7088 |
| | | | Commodities | | |
| | | | Gold | 4198.19 | 4347.94 |
| | | | Brent Crude | 91.36 | 93.28 |

Benchmark Rates:

| Tenor | Current | Previous | |
|---------------|---------|----------|--|
| 91 Days | 8.5588% | 8.3884% | |
| 182 Days | 8.5252% | 8.2500% | |
| 364 Days | 8.7629% | 8.6266% | |
| KES INFLATION | 5.6% | 4.4% | |
| KES CBR | 8.75% | 9.00% | |
| FED RATE | 3.75% | 3.75% | |
| ECB RATE | 2.00% | 2.40% | |
| BOE RATE | 3.75% | 4.00% | |
| RBI RATE | 5.25% | 5.25% | |

Top News

Oil: Oil prices rebounded in Asian trade on Wednesday, as fresh U.S. strikes on Iran over the downing of an American helicopter reignited supply concerns and cast doubt on a fragile ceasefire.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks fell on Wednesday, pressured by heightened risk aversion after a renewed military flare-up between the U.S. and Iran, while a recovery in technology stocks also fizzled out.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar on Tuesday eased slightly, as investors remained cautious a day ahead of a key inflation reading that could significantly impact interest rate expectations. Meanwhile, hopes for a peace deal between Washington and Tehran took a hit after President Donald Trump vowed a response to an Iranian attack that brought down an American helicopter.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair struggles to capitalize on its recovery gains recorded over the past two days, from a three-week low, and oscillates in a narrow band during the Asian session on Wednesday. Spot prices currently trade around the 1.3365-1.3370 area, nearly unchanged for the day, as traders opt to wait for further developments surrounding the Middle East crisis and the release of the latest US consumer inflation figures.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades in a tight range around 1.1545 during the Asian trading session on Wednesday. The major currency pair consolidates as the US Dollar trades calmly ahead of the United States Consumer Price Index data for May, which will be published at 12:30 GMT

INR: The Indian Rupee opens almost flat against the US Dollar on Wednesday. The USD/INR pair consolidates around 95.42; however, the outlook of the pair has turned bullish as Middle East tensions have flared up again, following the United States (US) retaliation against Iran over the shooting down of an American helicopter

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