
***Local Markets:***

Kenyan shilling is expected to hold steady against the US dollar. The shilling's stability is attributed to support by robust diaspora remittances, healthy foreign exchange reserves and managed import demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 129.00/129.60

***Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:***

| *Currency* | *Buying* | *Selling* | *Currency* | *Today* | *Previous* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **USD/KES** | 129.00 | 129.60 | | | |
| **GBP/KES** | 172.10 | 173.60 | **GBP/USD** | 1.3420 | 1.3467 |
| **EUR/KES** | 148.60 | 147.85 | **EUR/USD** | 1.1450 | 1.1480 |
| **INR/KES** | | 1.3750 | **USD/INR** | 95.00 | 94.85 |
| | | | **AUD/USD** | 0.6961 | 0.6989 |
| | | | **Commodities** | | |
| | | | **Gold** | 4051.66 | 4114.80 |
| | | | **Brent Crude** | 79.51 | 76.55 |

***Benchmark Rates:***

| *Tenor* | *Current* | *Previous* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **91 Days** | 8.8250% | 8.8275% | |
| **182 Days** | 8..9711% | 8.8438% | |
| **364 Days** | 8.9923% | 8.9932% | |
| **KES INFLATION** | 6.68% | 5.59% | |
| **KES CBR** | 8.75% | 8.75% | |
| **FED RATE** | 3.75% | 3.75% | |
| **ECB RATE** | 2.25% | 2.00% | |
| **BOE RATE** | 3.75% | 3.75% | |
| **RBI RATE** | 5.25% | 5.25% | |

***Top News***

**Oil**: Oil prices surged more than 3% in Asian trade on Monday after renewed fighting between the U.S. and Iran revived fears of a major disruption to global crude supplies, with Tehran announcing the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asian stock markets fell on Monday with South Korean shares tumbling more than 5%, as renewed tensions in the Middle East drove oil prices sharply higher, dampening investor appetite for risk and dragging technology stocks lower.

***International Markets***

**USD:** The dollar rose against most of its peers as a renewal of hostilities in the Middle East fanned inflation fears and raised prospects for interest rate hikes among global central banks.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair finds some support near 1.3370 after a modest gap-down opening on Monday, though it lacks bullish conviction and remains below 1.3400. Nevertheless, spot prices, for now, seem to have stalled the pullback from a nearly four-week high, around the 1.3450 area, touched on Friday amid mixed fundamental cues

**EUR**: The Euro holds opening losses at around 1.1390 against the US Dollar during the mid-Asian trading session on Monday. The major currency pair faces selling pressure as the US Dollar starts the week on a strong note due to an increase in the appeal of safe-haven assets.

**INR:** The rupee weakened further to open 37 paise lower on July 13 after the United States and Iran traded heavy missiles and drone strikes over the weekend, pushing up Brent crude prices to near $80 a barrel, dampening investor sentiment.

**Source: Reuters**.

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